



Family and Consumer Advocacy and Support Group

Report of progress- November 12, 2019
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Mission Statement

Our mission is to support the segments of the Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force by improving the delivery of services for those affected, advocating for our loved ones while fortifying the community response of attaining our common goal of eliminating addiction, illness and death from opiate use.

We envision a joint effort to:

- show respect for all people
- minimize health, legal and social harms associated with substance use
- provide comfort and compassion to those affected by addiction
- advocate for available, affordable, comprehensive therapeutic services for the addicted
- educate the public
- focus on prevention
- reduce harm among families and individuals
- pursue legal enactments to further our goal.
- eradicate this public health crisis from our community and our homes



Primary Goals

Save Lives.

Eliminate addiction, illness and death from opiate use.

Advocate for our loved ones.

Overdose Awareness

Front Park August 3, 2019



Current Focus

- Educate all shareholders on disease management and related deaths of despair
- Encourage health and medicine to make immediate engagement of evidence based recovery a priority
- Engage the Judiciary and Nurses
- Encourage data integrity
- Continue to Raise Awareness
- * Next event- Tree of Hope December, 2019
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Evidence Based Treatment

- Evidence-based research shows positive recovery includes:
 - Long-term treatment
 - Family Involvement
 - Job-Skills Development
 - Personal Coping Skills Development
 - We have a deficit in every area identified

Data Collection

- Flawed Data brought us this epidemic
- Opinion and intentional false information continue the downward spiral of this disease
- It's easy to make inaccurate assumptions of data representations

Continue to :

- Advocate for Services for Loved Ones
- Lobby our Cause
- Pursue Legal Consequences for Drug Dealers
- Encourage Cooperation between all Segments of the Task Force
- Support Recommendations from all Task Force Segments for improved Service Delivery



This is an Insidious Disease

**Many families
are grieving the loss of
their loved one
long before they die.**

Information Sites

Public Service Announcement

https://youtu.be/kA__eLdgJtM

Facebook: Opioid Epidemic Family section

Website:

<https://www.opioidaffectedfamilies.com/>



We are Grateful

We are a group of passionate,
professional, trained individuals
who are willing to support
Objectives to save our families

Thank you for your support

We Are
Not
Alone

