

Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services: Kicks off plan to fight opioid crisis

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(WAUKESHA, WI) – Today, Waukesha County officials are announcing a work plan to combat opioid overdose deaths in Waukesha County. The plan will train first responders and other key community sectors using four main prevention and treatment strategies:

- A county-wide environmental scan to identify risk and protective factors
- Free community-level trainings on the administration of the opiate reversal agent Naloxone (Narcan) and distribute free kits containing Naloxone
- Opiate overdose prevention education sessions in the county
- County Crisis Worker outreach to users who have experienced an overdose

Waukesha County will publicly kick off education and training components of the plan starting tomorrow in honor of National Prevention Week, including:

- **May 16 at 6:00 pm** – [Overdose Awareness & Prevention: A Family Education Event](#)

at the WCTC Richard T. Anderson Education Center (800 Main St., Pewaukee)

- **May 21 at 4:00 pm** – Free Naloxone trainings and kits will be available every 30 minutes at the [3rd Annual Jump for Archie](#)
- **June 1 at 5:30 pm** – The first in a series of monthly Naloxone administration

trainings and kits will be at the Waukesha [Alano Club](#). Subsequent trainings will take place the first Thursday of each month

- **August 31** - A candlelight vigil will be held on International Overdose Awareness Day

About the WI Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths Prevention Project

Waukesha County's plan is funded by the state's participation in the Wisconsin Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths Prevention Project (WI-PDO), a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). More information about the WI-PDO grant is available at www.samhsa.gov.

More training and event information is online at www.waukeshacounty.gov/overdoseprevention. Follow Waukesha County's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Twitter at [@WaukeshaCoHHS](https://twitter.com/WaukeshaCoHHS).