



When the Prescription Becomes the Problem

A Community Response to the Opioid Epidemic

September 22, 2016 | 7:30am to 4:30pm
Hurst Conference Center



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Agenda

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM

Welcome & Introductions

Betsy Price, MAYOR OF FORT WORTH

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

“Addressing the Epidemic of Prescription Opioid Abuse”

Lieutenant Helen Hernandez,

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR THE DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES (DFC) SUPPORT PROGRAM

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

“Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic”

Sam Quinones, AUTHOR & JOURNALIST

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

“The Illusion of Opioids”

Dr. Don Teater,

FORMER MEDICAL ADVISOR, NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunchtime Documentary Screening

“Chasing the Dragon:

The Life of an Opiate Addict”

Presented by John R. Parker,

US ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

“Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative”

Leonard Campanello,

CHIEF OF POLICE, GLOUCESTER, MA

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

“Treating Addiction and Saving Lives: The Use of Medical Assisted Treatment & Naloxone”

Dr. Kelly Clark,

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, CLEANSLATE
PRESIDENT-ELECT, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Evaluations and CEUs



“The Illusion of Opioids”

Dr. Don Teater,
FORMER MEDICAL ADVISOR,
NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

The medical use of opioids has skyrocketed in the past 20 years. Many in the medical and public health communities do not have a good understanding of opioids or effective pain treatment. This lack of knowledge has led to millions becoming addicted and tens of thousands dying each year. This workshop will clarify the benefits and risks of opioids and other pain medications, enabling providers and public health workers to better address the ongoing epidemic.

Dr. Don Teater is a board-certified Family Physician. Since March of 2013, he has also worked as the Medical Advisor at the National Safety Council, addressing the national epidemic of opioid abuse, addiction, and overdose. He continues to work two days per week treating those addicted to pain medications, and providing primary care to those with severe mental illness in western North Carolina.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Participants will be able to identify two factors in the increase in addiction to opiate pain medications.
2. Participants will be able to identify two side effects of opiate pain medication.



“Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict” Documentary Screening

Presented by John R. Parker,
US ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

An opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic is sweeping the country, impacting all segments of society. To help raise awareness of this epidemic and to help educate young people on the dangers of addiction, the FBI and DEA have released the documentary “Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict,” a compilation of heart-wrenching, first-person accounts by addicts and their family members about their experiences with addiction.

Mr. Parker has been serving as an United States Attorney since December 2014. As an U.S. Attorney, he is responsible for all federal criminal prosecutions and civil litigation involving the United States in the Northern District of Texas which covers 100 counties, over 95,000 square miles, and has a population of approximately eight million people. Mr. Parker oversees a staff of approximately 100 attorneys and 115 support staff assigned among five division offices.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Participants will be able to identify one risk factor in the use of opiates medications.



“Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative”

Leonard Campanello,
CHIEF OF POLICE, GLOUCESTER, MA

This workshop focuses on the role of law enforcement in response to the growing epidemic of opioid use disorders. Chief Campanello created The Gloucester Initiative in May 2015 as a way to help drug addicts in his community. His policy, a radical shift in policing procedure, calls for police to help drug addicts by placing them in treatment rather than jail cells. As a result, the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.) was started to support local police departments as they work with opioid addicts.

Leonard Campanello is Chief of the Gloucester Police Department in Maryland. Chief Campanello has worked to end the stigmas associated with addiction by adding law enforcement’s voice to those suffering with substance use disorders. He is the co-founder of the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative, which facilitates the proliferation of the Gloucester Program to more than 100 communities in 22 states and partners with 250 treatment centers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Participants will be able to identify one method Law Enforcement uses in addressing the opiate epidemic.



“Treating Addiction and Saving Lives: The Use of Medical Assisted Treatment & Naloxone”

Dr. Kelly Clark, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER,
CLEANSLATE PRESIDENT-ELECT, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE

Opioid addiction is a chronic brain disease. Like all chronic diseases, it requires individualized treatment including biological, psychological, social, and spiritual care. This workshop will provide an overview of best practices for use of the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, as well as cover the use of rescue care with Naloxone.

Dr. Kelly Clark is Chief Medical Officer for CleanSlate Centers, a multi-state medical outpatient practice treating more than 5,000 opioid-addicted patients with national guidelines-driven care. Dr. Clark is President-Elect of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and has focused her career on issues of the opioid addiction epidemic as well as issues of payment reform. She was previously Chief Medical Officer of the Behavioral Health Group, headquartered in Dallas.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Participants will be able to identify all three FDA approved medications in the treatment of opioid addiction.
2. Participant will identify two benefits and two risks in the use of naloxone for overdose rescue.

Presenters



“Addressing the Epidemic of Prescription Opioid Abuse”

Lieutenant Helen Hernandez,

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR THE DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES (DFC) SUPPORT PROGRAM

Prescription opioid abuse and the heroin epidemic claim the lives of tens of thousands of Americans each year. The President has made it clear that addressing this epidemic is a priority for his Administration, and has escalated the fight against the epidemic on three different fronts: expanding access to treatment, preventing overdose deaths, and increasing community prevention strategies. This workshop will provide an overview of the Administration’s focus on addressing the opiate epidemic.

LT Helen Hernandez is currently serving with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy for the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program. In 2010, LT Hernandez enlisted in the U.S. Public Health Service and was stationed at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as a Public Health Advisor for the DFC Program.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Participants will be able to identify two strategies the White House is promoting to reduce overdose deaths and increase community prevention efforts.



“Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic”

Sam Quinones, AUTHOR & JOURNALIST

Dreamland recounts twin stories of drug marketing in the 21st Century: A pharmaceutical corporation flogs its legal new opiate prescription painkiller as non-addictive. Meanwhile, immigrants from a small town in Nayarit, Mexico devise a method for retailing black-tar heroin like pizza in the US, and take their system nationwide, riding a wave of addiction to prescription pills from coast to coast. The collision of those two forces has led to America’s deadliest drug scourge in modern times.

Sam Quinones is a Los Angeles-based freelance journalist and author of three books of narrative nonfiction. He is a veteran reporter on immigration, gangs, drug trafficking, and the border. His latest book is *Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic* (Bloomsbury, 2015). Quinones’ previous two highly acclaimed books grew from his 10 years living and working as a freelance writer in Mexico (1994-2004). Mr. Quinones is formerly a reporter with the L.A. Times, where he worked from 2004 to 2014.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Participants will be able to cite an explanation of cause for the spread of opiate use across the US.

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413.341.1787 | cleanslatecenters.com



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addiction is a chronic brain disease – one that can be successfully treated utilizing appropriate medical and psychological protocols – the Enterhealth team created a unique program that would lead to personalized plans for each patient and yield results that were at least three times more effective than traditional programs.

855.393.8656 | enterhealth.com



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817.292.4600 | mesasprings.com



MHMRTC has been a provider of quality mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services in Tarrant County since its inception in 1969. It is the second largest community center in Texas, offering services in the areas of mental health, intellectual & developmental disabilities, addiction, early childhood intervention, criminal justice system support, homelessness, and veterans. All of these services are provided in collaboration with our community partners in the public and private sectors.

817.569.4300 | mhmrarrant.org



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Santa Fe Youth Services, a division of Youth Advocates Program, provides innovative and accessible prevention, intervention and counseling services to the community that promotes social, emotional and mental health of youth and families most in need. We implement evidence-based programs that have been critically evaluated and proven effective by research projects and are nationally recognized as model programs.

817.492.4673 | santafeyouth.org



Starlite Recovery Center offers help for everyone whose lives are impacted by addiction and alcoholism. Our goal of promoting an abstinent lifestyle is predicated upon intervention and education which demonstrate to the addicted individual the path of success and how others achieved it. Starlite provides programs that deliver a comprehensive, individualized continuum of care for chemically dependent persons and/or their family members who have been affected by the diseases of alcoholism and/or drug addiction.

800.292.0148 | starliterecovery.com



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877.847.9355 | texashealth.org



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858.481.4411 | casapalmera.com



Choices Private Recovery (Choices) is tailored to each client's individual and family needs by recognizing alcohol and drug dependence is a disease and abstinence is the best way to manage the condition. Choices employs a holistic rehab approach with a cognitive variation of treatments, allowing each client to work daily renewing their mind, body and spirit. Our treatment programs is unique, and is tailored to meet individual recovery necessities.

844.742.4642 | choicesprivaterecovery.com



CLEARFORK
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Clearfork Academy is a Christ-centered recovery community that serves adolescent males (13-17 years old) entangled in the physical, mental, social, and spiritual bonds of chemical dependency. We offer a structured and therapeutic environment where teens can experience freedom from addiction.

817.714.1311 | clearforkacademy.com



The mission of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States those organizations involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States. Additionally, the DEA recommends and supports non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on the domestic and international markets.

214.366.6900 | dea.gov



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817.335.6429 | excelcenterfortworth.com



Children are usually the first hurt and the last helped in the midst of the disease of addiction. Including parents and guardians in the recovery process for their children creates the best possible opportunity for healing for the whole family. We believe in strong partnerships and work with numerous treatment programs, agencies and professional organizations to help create a network of support for children who love someone addicted to alcohol or other drugs.

866.831.5700 | hazeldenbettyford.org



Valley Hope opened its doors in 1967 in the small town of Norton, Kansas. Today, we operate 16 treatment centers in seven states across the Midwest and have helped thousands of people find recovery from addiction to alcohol or drugs. As a non-profit organization, we're dedicated to providing proven, high-quality treatment at an affordable price.

800.544.5101 | valleyhope.org



Keller ISD is a publicly-funded school district with 39 campuses responsible for educating 33,621 students in the Northeast quadrant of Tarrant County. Keller Independent School District covers 51 square miles and includes portions of 10 different cities. Keller ISD believes

cooperation and collaboration with the community is vital in assuring that students have all the resources made available to them to achieve educational excellence. Keller ISD is home to the Stay on Track Coalition.

817.744.1000 | kellerisd.net



La Hacienda is dedicated to serving the needs of alcohol and chemically dependent individuals and their families. With over 40 years as a highly reputable treatment facility, we also focus on working closely with referring professionals to ensure the most effective and successful solutions to recovery. Our goal to provide you with the information, tools, and programs you will need to make recovery a reality.

800.749.6160 | lahacienda.com



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800.884.1727 | lakeviewhealth.com



LOCKMED Medical Product Company is an emerging Medical Technology Company with a charitable mission.

The company is focused on developing products to safeguard prescription drugs to help reduce the problem of prescription drug abuse. LOCKMED has additionally taken the lead in educational efforts on the need to safeguard medications in the home. The company has built a coalition in the form of partnerships with over 70 Drug Task Forces and Community Coalition groups on a national level to highlight this issue.

888.458.2746 | lockmed.com



MedMark Treatment Centers recognizes the unique challenges associated with recovering from opiate addiction or dependency. Our treatment professionals

guide patients through the recovery process in a supportive and non-judgmental manner. MedMark clinics also provide physical evaluations, drug screenings, case management services, relapse prevention education, and after-care planning. Additionally, certain clinic locations offer methadone detox, buprenorphine maintenance, and group counseling. All of our services focus on helping you achieve long-term sobriety to enhance your wellbeing and improve your quality of life.

866.840.6658 | medmarktreatmentcenters.com



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817.625.4254 | ntachc.org



Oxford House is a concept in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. In its simplest form, an Oxford House describes a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home. This publicly supported, non-profit 501(c)3 corporation is the

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800.689.6411 | oxfordhouse.org



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855.637.8505 | phoenixhouse.org



MEMBER AGENCY
Stay on Track Coalition

The Prevention Resource Center serves as the central data collection repository and substance abuse prevention training liaison for Region 3. PRC3 is a program of The Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse and serves 19 North Texas

counties: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise. Our goal is to identify local community and county resources in order to create a data repository that will facilitate the development of a Regional Needs Assessment.

800.246.HOPE (4673) | prc3.org



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Providing expert professional alcohol and drug addiction treatment in a warm, supportive environment is both our core philosophy and our passion. Working closely with your clinical team, you will receive highly individualized treatment

for your substance use problems. Best practices demand that treatment for drug addiction be customized in order to provide the best chance for recovery. Concurrent treatment for any dual diagnosis needs, such as anxiety, trauma issues, disordered eating and depression are integrated into your care plan.

866.568.5661 | ranchatdovetree.com



Providing hope, conquering addiction, healing families.



Recovery Resource Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with more than 50 years of experience providing hope, conquering addiction and healing families. We are the link between substance abuse services and the

adults, youth and families who are in need. Recovery Resource Council has an extensive history of providing case management and behavioral health services to those seeking help with substance abuse and mental health issues.

817.332.6329 | recoverycouncil.org



The Right Step has facilities all across Texas and offers a full continuum of addiction treatment services. Our programming includes medical detox; inpatient drug rehab; outpatient

treatment; continuing care options; and specialized programs for women, adolescents and LGBTQI individuals. We provide comprehensive assessments conducted by medical and psychological professionals to determine the appropriate level of care and best program and approaches for your needs.

888.550.9475 | rightstep.com



The Fort Worth Safe Communities Coalition brings together a dynamic group of more than 130 people (and growing) representing more than 50 Fort Worth organizations to work collaboratively on safety promotion and injury reduction. We have eight prevention task forces, including the Drug Overdose/Opiate

Abuse Task Force, which were created based on community data, needs and recommendations from the steering committee.

817.250.4876 | fwscc.org



The Mission of Santé Center for Healing is to address addictive behaviors and associated conditions with an integrated addiction treatment model, drawing from traditional and innovative approaches. Our services are open to individuals and families who seek recovery from addictive behaviors, with a focus on treating the addicted professional. We provide treatment with integrity, promoting wellness for the

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About Challenge of Tarrant County

Challenge of Tarrant County has become synonymous with education, advocacy and program development in our community's efforts to prevent and treat the disease of addiction. Community members may not be as familiar with our agency name as they are with the programs we have designed, funded, implemented and sustained in Tarrant County and across the state of Texas. Here are a few of the institutions and programs we have helped create:



Because We Care is a community-wide substance abuse prevention effort focused on children of all ages throughout Tarrant County. The program addresses the issue of responsibility for drug prevention that belongs to all of us—parents, educators, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, and community leaders.



FOL is an established college community coalition designed to strengthen the culture of health and wellness at Weatherford College by increasing and enhancing the knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviors regarding alcohol use and drug abuse in order to empower individuals to achieve responsible, healthy lives.



SMART, the first college coalition partnership project funded through DSHS, fosters the health and wellness of the University of Texas at Arlington community by promoting responsible, educated decision-making. The coalition works to reduce risky alcohol consumption and drug abuse in order to empower individuals to achieve responsible, healthy lives.



Power2Choose is a community coalition and social norming campaign that empowers TCU students to take charge of their choices in life and most specifically those related to wellness. The campaign explores the impact high-risk decisions and alcohol use have on everyday social interactions, academic performance and athletic performance and challenges students to make the choice that best catalyzes the future of their dreams.



Stay on Track is a city-wide coalition forming to address underage drinking, high-risk binge-drinking and prescription drug misuse and abuse in the Keller area. The coalition engages the city of Keller to prevent substance use among youth ages 12 to 24 by strengthening collaboration among community sectors and promoting overall community awareness through family education, social norming messages and civic events.



SMART Arlington is a Drug-Free Community Coalition that engages the City of Arlington

to prevent substance use among youth ages 12 to 17 by strengthening collaboration among community sectors. To reach this objective, the coalition promotes overall community awareness through family education, social norming messages and civic events.



Created by Challenge through the Closing the Addiction Treatment Gap (CATG) Initiative, Treat Texas seeks to mobilize public support for expanding addiction and recovery services by increasing public funding, broadening insurance coverage, and advocating for sound public policy on Substance Use Disorders.



Substance Abuse Information Index (SAID) collects and disseminates state and local data to demonstrate the nature and extent of the substance abuse problem in Tarrant County. The project produces the Drug Impact Index, a valuable research document for needs assessment, program development and grant writing endeavors.



Family Drug Court addresses child welfare cases where parental substance use disorder is the primary factor. The project is built around strong community collaboration with the ultimate goal of providing safe, nurturing, permanent homes for children while simultaneously providing parents the necessary support and services to engage in long term recovery.



TYTAP is an evidenced-based Tobacco Prevention Program for persons who have received citations for underage possession of tobacco. TYTAP uses motivational enhancement strategies with participants

in increasing tobacco knowledge and building skills to quit tobacco use. The program uses self-awareness activities, environmental awareness activities and behavior disruption activities to promote long-term tobacco cessation.



The Challenge Institute provides a variety of training programs to help professionals, parents, students, elected officials and the community at large increase their knowledge and effectiveness in addressing substance use disorder issues and recovery. The Institute also provides technical assistance to community organizations and coalitions to meet specific organizational needs.

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