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County Executive Ryan McMahon Announces County Health Department to Begin Free Naloxone Trainings

First session to be held April 4th at North Syracuse Public Library

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II announced that the Onondaga County Health Department will begin conducting free naloxone training sessions across the County. The trainings are supported by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

County Executive McMahon said, “Opioid related overdoses continue to be a serious public health concern in Onondaga County. The crisis has affected individuals across all populations in Onondaga County.” McMahon continued, “Our team, with cooperation from our community partners, have undertaken a multi-pronged approach to address all aspects of the opioid epidemic within Onondaga County including, treatment, prevention, crisis and these free trainings.”

During the sessions, participants will learn how to recognize, respond to, and reverse an opioid overdose using naloxone. Naloxone will be distributed to those who have a need for a naloxone kit and meet any of the following factors:

- You yourself are at risk for an opioid overdose
- You have no insurance
- You are living or interacting regularly with an opioid user
- You are experiencing another hardship

If you don't meet these criteria, naloxone can be obtained at local pharmacies at low or no cost through the New York State N-CAP program. Individuals and families who experience the tragedy of an overdose can save lives by being trained and prepared. If you are part of an organization or business that

would like to be trained, please reach out to Mariah Senecal-Reilly at the Onondaga County Health Department at 315-435-3280.

The first community training will be held on April 4th at 6:30pm at the North Syracuse Public Library at 100 Trolley Barn Ln, North Syracuse, NY 13212. For future training opportunities please refer to <http://ongov.net/health/opioids/NaloxoneTraining.html>

Please register at <http://www.ongov.net/health/opioids/NaloxoneTrainingPublic.html>.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

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