



## 2021 Older Adults and Opioid Webinar Series

The FLGEC collaborated with the Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center (WNY R-AHEC) to host a series of online education sessions in 2021. These webinar recordings can be accessed here and/or on YouTube:

### [What Is Really in the Medicine Cabinet? The Unspoken Impact of Prescribing Opioids to Older Adults](#)

- **Presenter:** Tisha M. Smith Ed.D, MSPP, Addiction Services Director, Monroe County Department of Public Health
- **Date Recorded:** Friday January 22, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET
- This will be a discussion about the trends and fallout related to prescribing opioids in this country and why people are being prescribed the medications. We will also explore some of the unintended consequences of prescribing opioids. We will also discuss local resources for help with opioid addiction in Monroe County.

### [Unknotting Stigma](#)

- **Presenter:** Erin Pownall Burns, BS, Enthusiast and Coach, Certified Peer Recovery Advocate
- **Date Recorded:** Friday February 26, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET
- This session will highlight the impact of stigma on those who live with an addiction including the negative impact on health outcomes. Case examples will help participants conceptualize stigma in a tangible way.

### [Domestic Violence: An Epidemic Within a Pandemic](#)

- **Presenter:** Lisa Nolan, Director of Prevention Education, Willow Domestic Violence Center
- **Date Recorded:** Tuesday March 9, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET
- Domestic and intimate partner violence is a complex and wide reaching issue which impacts everyone in our communities. Survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence face barriers throughout the community and within the systems we work. It is critical for providers to understand what domestic and intimate partner violence actually looks like and the unique challenges facing survivors. Providers will learn how to identify some red flags, resources available to survivors and how to support someone through their journey.

## Challenges Facing Older Adults Due to the Opioid Epidemic

- **Presenter:** M. Ann Olin, MA, CRC, CASAC, CCM, Program Manager, Geriatric Addictions Program, Lifespan of Greater Rochester
- **Date Recorded:** Wednesday April 21, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET
- Older adults are facing many challenges due to the opioid epidemic, from their own addiction, to their adult children's addiction, to not being prescribed medications when most needed. We will discuss these challenges and provide an overview of Lifespan's Geriatric Addictions Program. We will also hear from an older adult about their experience with opioids and their journey to recovery.

## Opioid Overdose Prevention - Narcan Training

- **Presenter:** Charlotte Crawford, RN, MSN, MBA, Chief Executive Officer, Lake Plains Community Care Network
- **Date Recorded:** Tuesday June 8, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET
- The opioid epidemic continues to exist, stressing the importance of early recognition of an individual experiencing an overdose. Now more than ever the importance of having Narcan readily available and the knowledge on the use of Narcan can and will save lives. Understanding how the Good Samaritan Law will impact those administering the medication will alleviate the fear in providing care. Understanding the importance in call 911 for all overdoses, as this is frequently the individual's first introduction to potential care for their substance use disorder. Reporting the use of Narcan will provide important data to the State, which in turn can turn into increased funding to address this issue.

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