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DuPage Narcan Program Hosts “Save a Life” Overdose Prevention Event

Aug. 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day

DuPage County— In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day, the DuPage Narcan Program (DNP) has partnered with the Path to Recovery Foundation (PATH) to host a free Overdose Prevention Bystander Training between 6 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 31, at 912 Honorary Sindt Memorial Court in Naperville. Community members will learn about the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, how to use the lifesaving antidote Narcan and learn about community resources. To learn more about community trainings or to request Narcan, visit hopedupage.org/170/DuPage-Narcan-Program.

Last year, in 2020, DuPage County experienced an all-time high of 112 opioid-related overdose deaths. Additionally, 194 opioid-overdose reversals were performed with the use of Narcan (naloxone) by individuals participating in the DuPage Narcan Program. Fentanyl continues to be a significant public health concern in DuPage County and is driving the increase in opioid-related overdoses and deaths.

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on August 31 each year. Its purpose is to raise awareness of overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends. In honor of Overdose Awareness Day, organizations and support groups are hosting events, including guest speakers and Narcan trainings.

The DNP serves as a vital resource in DuPage County to train individuals on the use of Narcan as well as providing supplies of Narcan to individuals who are more likely to witness an overdose. The trainings offered to the community provide an overview of the opioid epidemic in DuPage County, how to recognize and respond to an overdose, how to use the life-saving antidote Narcan, and education on community resources.

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Additional resources are available, including:

The Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances. If someone you know is suffering from an opioid use disorder or other substance use disorders, call the Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances at 1-833-2FINDHELP to speak with a trained professional for support and advice or to be directed to customized resources or visit HelplineIL.org.

SAMHSA's National Helpline. A confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations.

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