

September 2018



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| | *Pre-registration required | | | | 31 Overdose Awareness Day PRO-ACT: West Chester Kacie's Cause: Oxford & Kennett Square | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 1:30pm-3:30pm Overdose Prevention Task Force meeting @ GSC Room 149 | 5 | 6 6:30pm-8:30pm Anonymous People Screening @ Exton Library Struble Room | 7 11:30am-1:30pm *Kratom Lunch and Learn @ GSC Room 175 Professionals Only | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 1:00pm-2:30pm *Overdose Prevention Task Force Presentation @ GSC Room 175 | 12 | 13 | 14 5:00pm-10:00pm Awesome FEST @ East Goshen Park | 15 |
| 16 1:35pm PRO-ACT National Recovery Day at the Phillies Game @ Citizen's Bank Park | 17 12:00pm-1:30pm *PA Youth Survey (PAYS) "Lunch and Learn" @ GSC Room 175 | 18 | 19 | 20 9:00am-12:00pm *First Responder Vicarious Trauma Training @ Public Safety Training Center 12:45pm-1:45pm Medication Safety @ Surrey Services | 21 1:00pm-4:00pm *Medication Assisted Treatment Training @ GSC Room 171 Professionals Only | 22 PRO-ACT's Recovery Walks! Walk for Recovery @ Penn's Landing |
| 23 | 24 Start Date for Window Display in Senator Dinnimans Office 9/24/2018-10/9/2018 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:00am HSI Stomp Out The Stigma Walk/Run @ Chester County Assistance Office | | | | | | |

Location Addresses

313: 313 W Market St, West Chester, PA 19382

Chester County Assistance Office: 100 James Buchanan Rd, Thorndale, PA 19372

Citizens Bank Park: Citizens Bank Park, North Pattison Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19148

Exton Library: 450 Exton Square Pkwy, Exton, PA 19341

East Goshen Park: 1661 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380

GSC: 601 Westtown Rd, West Chester, PA 19382

Penn's landing: On the Delaware River from Market St. to Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19103

Public Safety Training Center: 137 Modena Rd, Coatesville, PA 19320

Surrey Services: 60 Surrey Way, Devon, PA 19333

International Overdose Awareness Day- August 31st

On this day, the County will be joining communities around the world in encouraging residents, businesses and organizations to raise awareness of overdose, reduce the stigma surrounding overdoses and drug related deaths, remember the lives lost to overdose and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends who have lost a loved one. Several Chester County organizations will be holding events on August 31st in honor of "International Overdose Awareness Day". Events include:

- August 31st- To mark the occasion, 144 pinwheels will be displayed in front of the Chester County Justice Center on Market Street in West Chester and the Chester County Government Services Center on Westtown Road, representing the 144 lives lost to overdose in Chester County in 2017. In addition, citizens are invited to participate in a moment of silence on August 31st at 9:30 a.m. to remember those lost to overdose and the loved ones left behind.
- August 31st- Candlelight Vigil hosted by Kacie's Cause, at First Baptist Church, 415 W. State Street, Kennett Square, Pa 19348 from 7:00pm-8:00pm. This event will include featured speakers, a lighting of candles and "open mic" share for the attendees.
- August 31st- Candlelight Vigil hosted by Kacie's Cause, at The Green of Oxford Presbyterian Church, 3rd Street, Oxford, Pa 19363 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. This event will include featured speakers, a lighting of candles, ABE the pony, the Kacie's Cause Mascot, and "open mic" share for the attendees.
- August 31st- "Building Community, Sharing Hope" hosted by Pennsylvania Recovery Organization-Achieving Community Together (PRO-ACT), at Charles A. Melton Center, 501 E. Miner Street, West Chester, Pa 19380 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. This event will include a free buffet dinner, free Narcan®, several keynote speakers, recovery resources, and a moment of silence with a luminary ceremony to remember the victims of the disease of addiction.

Tuesday, September 4th - Overdose Prevention Task Force Quarterly Meeting

**Government Services Center, Room 149
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pa 19380
1:30pm-3:30pm**

The Chester County Overdose Prevention Task Force (ODPTF) was formed in March 2015 to coordinate overdose death prevention efforts between various organizations. The Task Force is led by: Chester County Department of Drug & Alcohol Services, Chester County District Attorney's Office, Chester County Health Department, Chester County Human Services, and Good Fellowship Ambulance and EMS Training Institute. The mission of the ODPTF is to prevent overdose deaths in Chester County through a multidisciplinary, coordinated effort between government departments, community organizations, and treatment providers.

Thursday, September 6th - Screening of Anonymous People

**Exton Library, Struble Room
450 Exton Square Pkwy, Exton, PA 19341
6:30pm-8:30pm**

The Anonymous People is a documentary which follows over 23 million Americans who are living in long-term recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. Please join us on September 6th at 6:30pm for a screening of Anonymous People, which will be followed by a group discussion.

Friday, September 7th - Kratom Lunch and Learn (Professionals Only)

**Government Services Center, Room 175
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pa 19380
11:30am-1:30pm**

As a result of the increasing use of Kratom by our clients, Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services is working with Ken Dickinson, BS, MS, RPh, HonDSc to provide an in-service on the drug. The training will offer information how Kratom works, what its effects are and how best to address its use with our clients. To register, please click this link: <http://scheduleme.link/3121/>.

Tuesday, September 11th - Chester County Overdose Prevention Task Force presents "Opioids: Past, Present, and Future"

**Government Services Center, Room 175
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pa 19380
1:30pm-3:00pm**

The presentation will cover the opioid epidemic in Chester County and how we got here, information on the life-saving drug Naloxone, and how to access treatment services in Chester County. To register, please click this link: <http://scheduleme.link/3161/>. *County employees must register through wellness.

Friday, September 14th - Awesome Fest: Created by Teens, for Teens

East Goshen Park

1580 Paoli Pike, West Chester, Pa 19380

5:00pm-10:00pm

FREE Event including: Body Art, Open Mic, Yoga, Bhangra Dance, Kick Ball & Dodge, Ball Fitness Workshops, Rhythm of Life Drumming, Teen Film Review, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Star Wars, The Last Jedi Screening AND MUCH MORE!

Sunday, September 16th – PRO-ACT National Recovery Day at the Phillies Game

Citizen's Bank Park

Citizens Bank Park, North Pattison Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19148

1:35pm

Enjoy a fun filled day of Phillies Baseball! Come see the Phillies take on the Miami Marlins and home during Recovery Day at the Baseball Game! For the 13th consecutive year, PRO-ACT will attend the annual event developed to gain visibility for recovery in celebration of SAMHSA's National Recovery Month. Tickets are \$20 each and include a donation towards recovery support services. Tickets are available on at: <https://www.councilsepa.org/cart/products/Donate-to-The-Council/Baseball/National-Recovery-Day-at-the-Baseball-Game.html>.

Monday, September 17th - PA Youth Survey (PAYS) Lunch and Learn *BYO Lunch

Government Services Center, Room 175

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pa 19380

12:00pm-1:30pm

PAYS is a biannual survey of our youth on their behavior, attitudes and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and violence. To register, please click this link: <http://scheduleme.link/3141/>.

Thursday, September 20th - First Responders Vicarious Trauma Training (First Responders Only)

Public Safety Training Center

137 Modena Rd, Coatesville, PA 19320

9:00am-12:00pm

Exposure to trauma through the course of your work can have personal and professional implications, especially for professionals who work with clients at risk for overdose. Trainers from the Center for Excellence in Advocacy will facilitate a discussion about responses to trauma exposure, such as vicarious trauma, burnout and compassion fatigue. Participants will gain self-care strategies and identify organizational practices that support staff as they respond to people in crisis. To register, please click this link: destraining.chesco.org.

Thursday, September 20th - Medication Safety Presentation

Surrey Services

60 Surrey Way, Devon, PA 19333

12:45pm-1:45pm

Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services will present on medication safety. The department recently purchased [Deterra Drug Deactivation](#) bags which are a means to safely dispose of old or expired medication. Additionally, the department purchase [Pill Pods](#) which are a means to secure any prescription medication which are kept in home by an individual. The department encourages everyone to remove their unused/expired medications from their households, and secure any needed prescription medications kept in the home as a prevention initiative.

Friday, September 21st – Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Training

Government Services Center, Room 171

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pa 19380

1:00pm-4:00pm

This training will include: a brief overview of the overdose deaths here in Chester County as well as what the TASK force is currently working, an overview of how medication assisted treatment (MAT) works and examples of the types of MAT and how to access such treatment services in Chester County. To register, please click this link: <http://scheduleme.link/3111/>.

Saturday, September 22nd – PRO-ACT Recovery Walk

Penn's landing

On the Delaware River from Market St. to Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19103

Registration Starts at 7:00am

Walk Starts at 9:00am

The recovery walk seeks to:

- End the stigma surrounding recovery
- Provide an unwavering voice that says Recovery Works!
- Increase awareness of the benefits of recovery
- Be an advocate for the recovery community with elected officials
- Stand against discriminatory public policies
- Support quality treatment
- Provide support to families in recovery
- Put a positive face on recovery
- Honor those who haven't survived this chronic disorder

Monday, September 24th – Window Display in Senator Dinnimans Window

1 N Church St, West Chester, PA 19380The window display is coordinated by the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services. The display strives to education on recovery as well as community resources.

Sunday, September 30th – Stomp Out The Stigma 5K Run 1K Walk

Chester County Assistance Office

100 James Buchanan Rd, Thorndale, PA 19372

Starts at 9:00am

This event is coordinated by Human Services Inc. and strives to break the stigma surrounding substance use disorder.