



CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Recovery Works!

The mission of Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services is to ensure that quality alcohol and other drug intervention and treatment, as well as alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention programs are provided for citizens in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services
Recognizes:

Red Ribbon Week

October 23-31, 2019



SEND A MESSAGE. STAY DRUG FREE.

Chester County's Department of Drug & Alcohol Services is recognizing the Red Ribbon Campaign, which is sponsored by National Family Partnership. The campaign aims to increase community awareness on drugs. According to National Family Partnership, the campaign was originally started in 1985 as a response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique (Kiki) Camarena. Angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America.

[Click here to see how you can get involved!](#)

[PRO-ACT Calendar](#)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Chester County PRO-ACT Vision Team Malvern 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM	2 Family Education Program 7-9PM Malvern	3 Working Through Recovery Samara House 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM	4	5
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TRICK OR TREAT....

What's Hiding in Your Medicine Cabinet?

Is it **candy** or **medicine**?

POISON Help
1-800-222-1222

For a poison emergency, or just a question, call your poison control center at **1-800-222-1222**. Reach poison experts, 24/7. Free and confidential.

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With Halloween approaching, it is a good time to talk about medication safety. You may ask, "why?". The reason being many medications can potentially look and even taste like candy to children. Therefore, it is important to keep medication safety in mind.

Below are some safety tips:

- Dispose of unneeded or expired medications at a safe location such as a [medication collection site](#).
- Keep medications in a secure location such as a [pill pod](#) or locked cabinet.
- Never share prescribed medication with family or friends, even if they are experiencing the same symptoms as you.

For more prevention tips, check out the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](#).

DEA Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, October 26th



Chester County's Department of Drug & Alcohol Services is raising community awareness for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day taking place on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Organized nationwide by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), National Prescription Drug Take Back Day provides local sites for safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

From **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th**, prescription drug disposal sites will be set up throughout Chester County, in locations including Berwyn, Coatesville, Downingtown, and Kennett Square. In addition to the temporary boxes, there are over 25 permanent medication collection boxes in Chester County.

To find a temporary location near you, [click here](#).

To find a permanent location near you, [click here](#).

Community News, Events, and Trainings

A Brother's Love

A live, online sibling support group which is professionally facilitated to help surviving siblings navigate sibling loss.

The group meets the second Tuesday each month.

Center for Families- Foundations for Parents

Monday Nights

6:30pm and ends at 8:00pm

101 Phoenixville Pike, Malvern, Pa 19355

Center for Families- Serenity for Parents

Wednesday Nights

6:30pm and ends at 8:00pm

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Chester County PRO-ACT "Overcoming Addiction"

Every Wednesday, 10:30am-11:30am

The Coatesville Center for Community Health, 1001 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA

All recovery pathways welcome.

Chester County PRO-ACT "Working through Recovery"

Every Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Samara House, 423 Lincoln Hwy E., Coatesville, PA 19320

All recovery pathways welcome.

For Jonathan's Sake Parent Grief Support Group

Coordinated by the Adolescent Awareness Foundation and The Jonathan Moules Memorial Steps4Hope Foundation, For Jonathan's Sake is a therapeutic grief support group for parents who have lost a child to the disease of addiction.

The 2019 group meets on Tuesdays September 18th-November 6th.

335 St. Johns Circle, Phoenixville, Pa 19460

Grandfamilies Support Group

September 9, 23, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18, 2019

Alternate Monday's: 6:30pm- 8:00pm

Coatesville Bible Fellowship Church, 6 N. 4th Ave, Coatesville, Pa (Follow walkway to enter at center red door facing Lincoln Highway)

Food & Drinks Provided

Childcare provided for children 5-17 years old.

Registration Required

Justice for Families Support Group 2019

The group is held first the Tuesday of every month

2019 Dates: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3

7:00pm-8:00pm

Coatesville Bible Church, 6 N. 4th Ave., Coatesville, Pa 19320

Kacie's Cause Community Newsletter

The 501(c)3 organization is dedicated to Kacie Erin Rumford, her memory, her love of all of us and her desire to change this world to be a better place to live ... from her family and friends who love her.

Kacie's Cause Grief Support Group

Held 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of each month.

6:00pm-7:30pm

2 Station Way Road, Chadds Ford, Pa (Across from Hank's Place)

PRO-ACT Substance Use Disorder Family Education Program

First three Wednesday's of each month

Malvern, Pa

**Call for more information*

Would you like your community news, event, or training to be shared?

Email: kgenthert@chesco.org



Family Member Resource Tool Kit

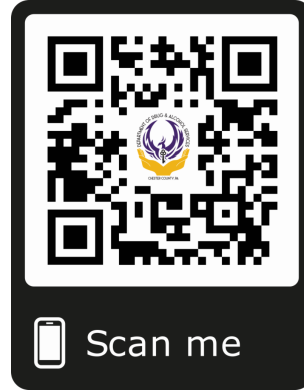
Finding support for substance use and related issues can be challenging. This Resource Guide, developed by the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services' Advisory Council, was created to guide you in connecting to the services needed. Compiled with the assistance of individuals and family members who have lived experience as well as representatives

from recovery and treatment organizations, the guide includes resources for every step of the treatment and recovery journey. Our hope is that it will help you, your loved one and your family, find support healing and the rewards of sustained recovery for each person and family member impacted. [Click Here to Download the Tool Kit](#)

Know Someone Who Needs Help with Addiction?

Addiction affects families, friends, employers, and everyone around the individual but it can be treated and people can live a life of recovery. If you or someone you know needs help in dealing with their addiction

there is hope, please call Pennsylvania addictions hotline at 1 – 800 – 662 – 4357 (HELP) or for more information go [online](#).



Join our Team!

The Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services is seeking an Administrative Clerk which will provide administrative support and clerical duties for the case management unit. For more information, [visit the job posting](#).

Information Opportunity! Did you know.....

There are several other county departments who send out community newsletters and announcements just like this one. If you're interested, sign up [here](#).

