

The Opioid Epidemic

What it means for our community

Wednesday, Dec 6, 2017

5:30 pm Resource Fair

7:00 pm Program

Rockville High School

70 Loveland Hill Rd, Vernon, CT

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COALITION

In collaboration with:



**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Panel Discussion

Guest Speaker & Panelist

John Lally, APRN & Executive Director of Today I Matter



John Lally, APRN, is a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner from Ellington with a private practice in East Windsor and is a member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He is Executive Director of Today I Matter, a non-profit organization started in tribute to his son, Timothy, who died last year from a heroin overdose. His group is dedicated to reducing the shame and stigma of mental illness and addiction, while promoting the mental, emotional, and physical health of the community. He has been featured on area television news programs, and has spoken for the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, as well as many local town forums regarding the current opiate epidemic.

Moderator

Dan Corcoran, NBC Connecticut News



Dan Corcoran is a reporter and weekend anchor for NBC Connecticut, reporting from New Haven. Dan is always on a mission to find stories that have an impact on NBC Connecticut viewers and the community where he lives.

Panelists

Chief James Kenny, Vernon Police Department



Chief Kenny began his career with the Glastonbury Police Department in 1985 as an officer. He rose through the ranks to Lieutenant and then retired after being appointed Captain of the Vernon Police Department. He was appointed as the Vernon Chief of Police in 2007 and continues to hold this position today.

Panelists (continued)

Robert F. Carroll, MD, MBA, FACEP, Chair & Senior Medical Director-Department of Emergency Medicine Eastern CT Health Network (ECHN)



Dr. Carroll is Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine and oversees both Manchester Memorial and Rockville General Hospital Emergency Departments. He has been very involved in caring for patients with substance abuse issues and has worked with the Manchester Police Department in the development of the Manchester HOPE initiative (Heroin/Opioid Prevention and Education).

Karen Colt, LADC, Director- Natchaug Hospital's Rivereast Treatment Center



Karen Colt is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor and is the Program Director of Natchaug's Rivereast Day Treatment Program in Vernon. In her nearly 20 years of work in the field of substance abuse and mental health, she has had the opportunity to work with children, adolescents and adults in outpatient, ambulatory, residential, and inpatient programs. She is an advocate for Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorders and a strong proponent of making Narcan widely available in the community.

Steven Jackson, CAC, MATS, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.



Steven is a Certified Addiction Counselor and Medication Assisted Treatment Specialist. He currently works as the Coordinator for Hockanum Valley Community Council's Suboxone Program in Vernon. He has been active in the field of non-profit social services for nearly a decade, working in both intensive inpatient and outpatient addiction treatment settings. Steven is also active on Vernon ROCKS Coalition, serving as a substance abuse expert.

Matthew Gedansky, State's Attorney, Judicial District of Tolland

Matthew has been the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Tolland since 2003. In this role, he is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal and motor vehicle violations arising within the district's 13 towns. Matthew has been with the State's Attorney office since 1991.

Resource Fair

Activities

- Hidden in Plain Sight demonstration: Search a mock teen bedroom with products teens use to hide substances, by CT Association of Prevention Professionals
- NARCAN training/demonstration, by Perception Programs, Inc.
- NARCAN education/demonstration, by Rockville Pharmacy

Information Booths

- Connecticut Clearinghouse
- Today I Matter
- Vernon Youth Services Bureau
- UCONN Recovery Community
- ERASE, Inc.
- Become Part of the Solution
- Community Health Resources
- North Central District Health Department
- Vernon ROCKS Coalition
- CT Community for Addiction Recovery
- Vernon Social Services
- Hartford Dispensary
- Eastern CT Health Network
- Breaking the Cycle
- CAPP - Hidden in Plain Sight
- Perception Programs, Inc.
- The Bridge Family Center
- Hockanum Valley Community Council
- Rockville Pharmacy
- Vernon Police Department
- RiverEast
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- First Choice Health Centers
- Vernon Parks & Recreation
- *And other local organizations*