

# D.A.V.E. - DRUG ADDICTION OVERDOSE EDUCATION, INC.

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## Free Narcan Training/Kit Distribution Coming to Pottstown and Surrounding Areas

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*Training will put the lifesaving antidote to an opioid overdose into the hands of the family and friends of those who struggle with the disease of addiction, and provide essential information on available supports and assistance.*

Warminster, PA – Opioid/heroin overdoses are up by a startling rate across Montgomery County. Statistics released by the District Attorney's office state that the County has seen a 138% increase in overdoses since last year.

In an effort to save lives, D.A.V.E. – Drug Addiction oVerdose Education, Inc. is teaming up with the Montgomery County Health Department and the Montgomery County Drug and Alcohol Program to provide a free Narcan Training and Kit Distribution Session. The Training will be held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on Monday, November 7, 2016 at the Pottstown Borough Hall located at 100 E. High Street, Pottstown, PA.

Narcan is a safe, prescription-only medication that temporarily restores breathing during an overdose from heroin or other opioids. This life-saving antidote has been available to the public since the fall of 2014, but because of barriers related to awareness, availability and cost, it has been difficult for the family members and friends of those who struggle with addiction to obtain the antidote.

Reservations are required for the event and sign-ups are limited. To register, individuals should send their name to [davewarriors73@gmail.com](mailto:davewarriors73@gmail.com) and indicate that they are interested in attending the Pottstown event. Once the event is full individuals can join a waiting list for a future event.

Since January 2015, D.A.V.E has distributed over 500 kits containing 1,110 doses of Narcan to the friends and family members of those struggling with addiction. The November 7<sup>th</sup> session will mark the 14<sup>th</sup> session for the group and its 4<sup>th</sup> session held in Montgomery County. The Narcan Kits for this session are being provided by the Montgomery County Health Department.

D.A.V.E. – Drug Addiction oVerdose Education, Inc. was founded by Cathy Messina in memory of her son David Messina of Bucks County who lost his fight with addiction on February 26, 2014 at the age of 21. On that same night another one of her son’s overdosed and survived. Messina has made it her mission to help save lives by getting Narcan into the hands of the friends and family members of those who struggle with the disease of addiction, reduce the stigma of addiction and give a voice to the discussion of addiction as a disease in a manner which supports those who struggle and their families. The group believes that addiction is chronic but very treatable, and the lives of those impacted are worth saving. D.A.V.E. is committed to helping keep people alive until they can help themselves. More information about the group and its work can be found at [www.facebook.com/drug.addiction.overdose.education](http://www.facebook.com/drug.addiction.overdose.education).

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# FREE NARCAN TRAINING & KIT DISTRIBUTION

Monday, November 7, 2016

7:00-9:00 PM

Pottstown Borough Hall

*100 E. High Street*

*Pottstown, PA 19464*



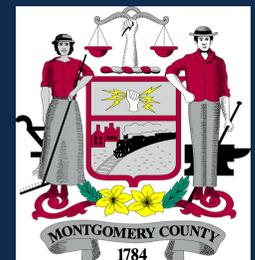
Learn how to recognize and respond to an overdose, receive a free overdose kit, and learn ways to access treatment. Space is limited. R.S.V.P today with your name and the training location to [davewarriors73@gmail.com](mailto:davewarriors73@gmail.com).

Special thanks to our partner Elvis Rosado, Coordinator of Education - Prevention Point Philadelphia for providing this training.

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D.A.V.E. is an independent 501(c)3 dedicated to reducing the stigma felt by those whose lives are impacted by addiction, and saving lives through education and the distribution of Narcan. More information on D.A.V.E. can be found by visiting: [www.facebook.com/drug.addiction.overdose.education](http://www.facebook.com/drug.addiction.overdose.education)