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### Shining A Light on the Opioid Crisis

**Norristown, PA (February 19, 2019)** – The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Office of Drug and Alcohol, through its contracted provider, Be a Part of the Conversation, is hosting free community forums about the opioid crisis.

*Shining a Light on the Opioid Crisis* is an educational and interactive program and will feature a panel of experts in the addiction treatment field, ethical prescribers, and those who have experienced an addiction to prescription drugs who have also been impacted by this national health crisis.

There are two events scheduled; the first has been rescheduled due to inclement weather to Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Human Services Center, Community Room - 1430 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19401. The second event is Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Montgomery Township Community Center. The events are free. Please register to attend by visiting: [www.shiningalight-montco.eventbrite.com](http://www.shiningalight-montco.eventbrite.com)

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in deaths resulting from heroin and prescription opioids. This epidemic has spread across Pennsylvania, as currently one in four families struggle with a substance abuse problem. It is vital that we come together as a community and learn all we can about opioids, both prescribed (such as Vicodin) and illicit (such as heroin), and their potential for addiction.

For more information, visit: [www.montcopa.org/overdoseprevention](http://www.montcopa.org/overdoseprevention)