

Forum for clergy and faith leaders

What you need to know about OPIOIDS

Thursday, Sept. 26, 12-2:30

Church of the Ascension, 370 Main St., Wakefield

- A panel will present facts about opioid use and prevention (there will also be education about vaping and marijuana).
- Law enforcement and recovery counselors will speak.
- Family members impacted by opioid use will share stories.
- Attendees will be shown how to use Narcan and each faith community will be given a dose of Narcan.
- The panel will offer to come to your house of worship and make a presentation at a coffee hour or other congregational gathering.

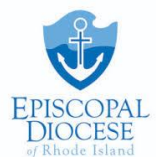
Lunch will be provided.

You are welcome to bring clergy colleagues from your town.
Other lay leaders are also invited.

The program is free of charge, but pre-registration is requested.

Register online at the Chariho Youth Taskforce Website: charihoyouth.org

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A few facts

- Drug overdoses in Rhode Island are a public health crisis.
- The highest overdose death numbers in our region from 2014-2018 were in Westerly (28), North Kingstown (26), and South Kingstown (20), and all towns reported deaths by overdose.
- Treatment is available and recovery is possible.
- Mental health well-being is linked to substance abuse. Washington County has the highest suicide rate in RI.

The state has an excellent website that is filled with resources

Preventoverdoseri.org

There are regional coalitions that are eager to work with churches. Our churches are in the regions of the *South County Prevention Coalition* and the *Kent County Prevention Coalition*. The website for all of these coalitions is

riprevention.org