



# Orleans United Drug Free Communities Coalition Update

December, 2017

## The Opioid Crisis in America

Did you know that 90 people die each day from opioid overdose, including prescription pain killers and heroin? New statistics from the 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health Survey show that over 18.5 million persons 12 and older have misused prescription drugs in the past year. Misuse includes use of a medication in ways or amounts other than intended by a doctor, by someone other than for whom it is prescribed, or for the experience or feeling it causes. While this public health crisis might be something you hear about in the news or from others, do you know the facts about opioids? The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health, has the information you need to help educate yourself and others about the danger of opioids. Please check out the following website: [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov) so you can get resources available to help make a difference.

**Free Family Roller Skating**  
Wednesday, December, 27, 2017  
Orleans YMCA, Medina  
1-4pm

## Holley Central School District

Holley High School has a job skills development program for students age 16-21. This program allows the students to learn important job skills, while being able to work in their community. Students are accompanied by a job coach during their shift. The coalition has collaborated with Holley CSD and in October, two young men and their job coach started coming on Wednesdays for 1 hour. They are very helpful with various coalition tasks and activities and seem to enjoy helping us out. It is a win-win situation for all.

## Coalition Spotlight

Medina Area Association of Churches (MAAC) has served Medina and the surrounding towns for over 30 years. MAAC celebrates what we can do together in service as a Christian community. MAAC is comprised of representatives from churches with a board of directors who direct and staff a variety of ministries and services provided for the area. These ministries include: Medina Clergy Fellowship, MAAC Clothing Depot, MAAC Christmas Program and the Medina Area Christian Theater. Some outreach ministries include: Emergency Relief Fund, High School Scholarships, and Lenten Luncheons. Today, we are acknowledging MAAC for their continued support to the community as well as their dedication to Orleans United DFC Coalition.



*Be Responsible  
and Stay Safe This  
Holiday Season!*

**THE BEST  
GIFT  
YOU CAN  
GIVE  
YOUR FAMILY**

**ORLEANS UNITED DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES COALITION**

Billboard on East Center Road, Medina



### E-Cigarettes added to Clean Indoor Air Act

On October 23rd, Governor Cuomo signed legislation adding electronic cigarettes to the Clean Indoor Air Act, which bans their use everywhere that smoking tobacco products are prohibited. E-cigarettes often contain toxic chemicals in addition to nicotine that could lead to long-term health effects for e-cigarette users and bystanders. This new legislation will protect New Yorkers from the potential harm and further enhance tobacco control measures.

2017 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey was administered in Medina, Lyndonville, Holley and Kendall School Districts. This fall, 14 youth from Orleans County Christian School took the survey as well. We are anxious to receive the results and share it at the Orleans United coalition meeting on February 15, 2018 at the Hoag Library, Albion at 8:30am.

### Opioid Awareness Event

An Opioid Awareness Event was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> in Medina with over 100 attendees present. The message was loud and clear from several of the speakers that we need to come together as a community and do something and the time is now. Narcan Training was also provided. If you know an individual or a group that would like this training, please contact Sherri Bensley at 585-331-8742.



The *National Night Out Committee* needs some more members/volunteers. Our next planning meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 18, 2018.** If you are interested in joining in on the fun, contact Sarah at [sstendts@gcasa.org](mailto:sstendts@gcasa.org).



**2018 National Night Out**  
**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

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#### Save the Date:

Orleans United Drug Free Communities  
Coalition Meeting  
Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Hoag Library  
Registration: 8:00am Meeting: 8:30am

**Happy Holidays from Pat, Sarah and the Orleans United Community Board Members**