Free Community Conversations on Opioids

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To parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, youth leaders, and every adult in our community:

Whether you're raising children, teaching them, coaching them, or simply care about the young people and adults in our community, this conversation is for you.

Substances are more available to young people today than ever before, and we believe the best protection for our children starts with informed, connected families. We'd like to invite you to a free community conversation about opioids. Please join us at whichever session is most convenient:

- **Tuesday, November 10, 5-6:30 or as long as you want**, 548 Front St., Fairplay
- **Friday, November 13, 5-6:30 or as long as you want**, Bailey Community Center 38 Main Street.

Many of us have heard about fentanyl and how dangerous it can be. What fewer people know is that new synthetic opioids, some even stronger than fentanyl, are now appearing in the illicit drug supply. Understanding what's out there is one of the most important things we can do for our kids.

Even if your child has never shown any interest in drugs, they may hear about them from friends, classmates, or social media. Pills that look like real prescription medicine can be counterfeit and contain fentanyl, and a single one can be deadly. Knowing what young people their age may come across helps you recognize warning signs, answer their questions honestly, and keep the conversation open. Kids who feel they can talk to a parent or an adult without being judged are more likely to reach out when it matters most.

These evenings aren't meant to frighten or lecture. They're open, honest conversations about how opioids affect the brain and body, what addiction really is, whether they were first prescribed for pain or used to get high. Everyone arrives with a different story. Some of you may simply want information. Some may be in recovery, some may be struggling right now, and some may have lost someone they love. Wherever you are, you are welcome. This will be a safe, supportive, judgment-free space where we can learn from one another.

Free naloxone (Narcan), the medication that can reverse an opioid overdose, will be available to take home. We'll also show you how to use it. It's simple, and it could save a life.

We hope you'll join us. Questions?

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