

Camden County Board of Freeholders Presents: Opiate and Heroin Crisis Community Summit

May 19, 2014 · 5:30 - 9:00 PM
Collingswood Grand Ballroom

Program:

5:30 PM - Registration, Resource Expo & Light Dinner

6:30 PM - Welcome & Panel Discussion

Hear the devastating effects of heroin and prescription pill abuse in Camden County directly from the experts. Our panel will include medical and prevention experts, law enforcement, and a parent advocate who will answer questions and provide practical advice for parents and families.

7:30 PM - Keynote Speaker - Tony Hoffman

Tony Hoffman traveled the country as a top-ranked BMX racer until he started partying and using drugs and alcohol. A downward spiral of addiction ultimately tore him away from his family and led him to prison. In recovery since 2007, Tony re-entered pro BMX, competing nationally and at the Olympic level. Tony is the founder of a nonprofit called Project Freewheel where he shares his story with thousands of kids each year encouraging them to make positive choices and mentoring them through camps and engaging them in the sport of BMX.

Panelists:

Diane Litterer (moderator) – CEO & Executive Director, New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN)

Diane Litterer, MPA, CPS, has been in the field of public health for over 20 years and has developed state-of-the-art prevention programs that have received federal, state, county and local funding. Diane manages several statewide initiatives including the Addiction Training and Workforce Development Project, which provides training for the addiction field; the Military Family Project serving service personnel and their families; the Training and Technical Assistance program for 17 Regional Coalitions throughout New Jersey and the CDC Community Transformation Grant that is addressing chronic disease prevention throughout 13 targeted counties. Additionally, Diane oversees NJPN's Annual Addiction Conference, the largest addiction conference in New Jersey, which welcomed over 800 attendees in 2013.

Diane builds capacity among professionals to increase the use of evidenced-based programs and practices and to implement effective environmental strategies that create healthier communities. She is recognized as a state leader in public health and sits on several state work groups including the State Epidemiology Outcome Workgroup (SEOW); the Environmental Strategies Workgroup of the State Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Planning Stakeholders Group; the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Professional Advisory Committee (PAC); Prevention Strategic Planning Committee and the DMHAS Stakeholders Committee. Diane works to foster collaboration, maximize resources and strengthen the field of prevention.

Harry Earle – Chief of Police, Gloucester Township Police Department

Harry Earle is the Chief of Police of the Gloucester Township Police Department, Camden County, New Jersey. Chief Earle has served as the Chief of Police since 2010 where he implemented community and problem solving policing models with a focus on overall crime prevention through new programs targeting at-risk youth. Chief Earle has served with the Gloucester Township Police Department since 1988 and has worked as a Patrol Officer, D.A.R.E. Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Platoon

Commander, Operations Commander, and Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Earle holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Chief Earle is the Vice President of the Camden County Chiefs of Police Association, and serves on numerous boards including the Camden County Police Academy Advisory Board, New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission/Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, and the New Jersey Human Trafficking Commission. Chief Earle has lectured on the topics of police professionalism, bullying, peer mediation, violence prevention in schools, community policing, and prevention of child sexual exploitation. Chief Earle is married with three children and enjoys camping, the shore, and just being involved in his children's lives.

Patricia DiRenzo – Parent Advocate

Patricia DiRenzo has been a Legal Secretary for over 30 years. For the last 42 months, since the passing of her son Salvatore from a heroin overdose, Patty has dedicated her life to fostering change in the manner drug addiction is viewed, treated and handled at all levels of our society, especially by public safety and health officials. Patty has been at the forefront of change in New Jersey with her strong advocacy for the passage of the Overdose Prevention Act. She will continue to be an advocate in the hope of saving lives and lifting the stigma associated with the disease of addiction.

Dr. Michael DeShields – Addiction Medicine

Dr. DeShields is a well-regarded leader in the field of addiction medicine. Besides being Lighthouse's Medical Director, Dr. DeShields has served as the president of the American Society of Addictions Medicine (ASAM), New Jersey Chapter, and as a consultant for the organization. In his role as consultant, Dr. DeShields mentors physicians new to the process of Suboxone detoxification, one of the medications for opiate detoxification. He has a private practice in addiction medicine in Camden County, NJ.

Dr. DeShields is board certified in internal medicine and in addictions by ASAM. He is a graduate of the Temple University School of Medicine and has been a part-time associate professor of medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry.

Frank Greenagel – Recovery Counselor and Adjunct Professor, Rutgers University

Frank Greenagel, LCSW, LCADC, ACSW, ICADC, CJC, MPAP Candidate; Task Force Chairman, oversees recovery housing and coordinates student as well as alumni activities at both the Rutgers University New Brunswick and Newark campuses. Rutgers Alcohol and Drug Assistance Program and Recovery Housing won the 2011 NAADAC Organization of the Year Award and has been featured in the New York Times. Greenagel is an adjunct professor at the Rutgers School of Social Work and also at the School of Communication. He was appointed to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 2011.

Greenagel is a US Army veteran and maintains a private practice in New Brunswick. He spent three years teaching English at Elizabeth High School and six years working as an outpatient counselor at Hunterdon Drug Awareness. He is an Instructor at the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies. He is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Affairs and Politics. He conducts trainings and gives keynote speeches around the country.