



Tri-Municipal Opioid Outreach and Awareness Project Overview

Why should we pay attention?

- Over 4000 opioid-related deaths in Canada in 2017.
- Accidental opioid-related deaths involving fentanyl increased by 81% between 2016 and 2017.
- 20-29 year olds are the largest proportion of opioid-related overdoses.
- 330 opioid-related overdose deaths from January to June 2018 in Alberta.
- 3 or 4 grains of fentanyl are enough to kill an average adult.
- Youth say that opioids are easily available.

Why do we need to learn more?

- The problem is not openly discussed.
- High level of stigma around drug-use and accessing the available naloxone kits.
- People don't know how to access naloxone kits.
- People don't know how to use naloxone kits.
- Family members feel isolated.

Project Objectives

The project will cover the communities served by the Tri Municipal Drug Strategy Council, which include: The Town of Stony Plain, City of Spruce Grove and Parkland County. The overall objective of the project is to increase inclusion for those with lived experience and their families, by enhancing a sense of belonging and reducing stigma.

The project will do this by providing:

1. Education and awareness about opioids and their impact to the community.
2. Information on resources that are available such as naloxone kits, methadone or counselling.
3. An opportunity for those who have lived experience to share their stories through participation in a community forum and a PhotoVoice project.

We hope this project will help those with lived experience feel a sense of belonging in their community. We hope the community will understand the opioid situation better and to be able to assist someone experiencing an overdose.

What can you do?

Upcoming Events

Three information sessions:

The Mustard Seed is presenting a community discussion on how opioids exist beyond the inner city and how drugs affect you and your community. To register click on link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/opioid-awareness-community-disc...>

October 18, 2018 – 7pm, Stony Plain Alliance Auditorium 4900 53 Ave, Stony Plain, AB

StreetWorks is presenting two community discussions about the fentanyl crisis, how to prevent overdoses from happening, and how to use the lifesaving drug naloxone. To register call Stony Plain FCSS: 780-963-8583

October 25, 2018 – 7pm Border Paving Athletics Center 9 Tri-leisure Way, Spruce Grove, AB

November 8, 2018 – 7pm Keephills Library 15-51515 RR 32a beside Keephills Community Center to register call Stony Plain FCSS or Keephills Library: 780-731-0000

Other activities that the project will include are:

- Possible school sessions.
- PhotoVoice video project.
- Talking Circles with video screening.
- Large Community Forum with guest speakers and panelists, including service providers, and community leaders.
- Vigil held for those impacted by opioid use and addiction.

Stony Plain Family and Community Support Services is coordinating this project with our partners Tri-Municipal Drug Strategy Council and Spruce Grove Family and Community Support Services. Funding has been contributed from the Alberta Rural Development Network's Opioid Outreach Program.

