

In Nov. 2021, the CDC released provisional data indicating there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the US during 12-month period ending in April 2021, an increase of 28.5% from the 78,056 deaths during the same period the year before. Deaths increased from synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl), methamphetamines, cocaine, and semi-synthetic opioids (such as prescription pain medication). Older adults are included in these numbers but often overlooked as a vulnerable population in this area. Co-sponsored by the FLGEC and the WNY R-AHEC, this Zoom webinar series will highlight unique approaches to care of special populations as well as the current challenges providing services to older adults.

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The FLGEC collaborated with the Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center (WNY R-AHEC) to host a series of online education sessions in 2022. These webinar recordings can be accessed [here](#) and/or on YouTube:

In the US, 174 people die every day from an opioid-related overdose. Naloxone is a highly effective drug that can reverse an opioid overdose if administered in time, typically by someone



The opioid epidemic continues to exist, stressing the importance of early recognition of an individual experiencing an overdose. Now more than ever the importance of having Narcan readily available and the knowledge on the use of Narcan can and will save lives. Understanding how the Good Samaritan Law will impact those administering the medication will alleviate the fear in providing care. Understanding the importance in call 911 for all overdoses, as this is frequently the individual's first introduction to potential care for their substance use disorder. Reporting the use of Narcan will provide important data to the State, which in turn can turn into increased funding to address this issue.

- Thursday June 15, 2023, 12pm - 1pm
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- <https://youtu.be/fUoeRVbhPPM>