

## **2021 Older Adults and Opioid Webinar Series**

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 2021. These webinar recordings can be accessed here and/or on YouTube:

[What Is Really in the Medicine Cabinet? The Unspoken Impact of Prescribing Opioids to Older Adults](#)

**Presenter:** Tisha M. Smith Ed.D, MSPP, Addiction Services Director, Monroe County  
Department of Public Health  
Date Recorded: Friday January 22, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET

## Challenges Facing Older Adults Due to the Opioid Epidemic

**Presenter:** M. Ann Olin, MA, CRC, CASAC, CCM, Program Manager, Geriatric Addictions Program, Lifespan of Greater Rochester

Date Recorded: Wednesday April 21, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET

Older adults are facing many challenges due to the opioid epidemic, from their own addiction, to their adult children's addiction, to not being prescribed medications when most needed. We will discuss these challenges and provide an overview of Lifespan's Geriatric Addictions Program. We will also hear from an older adult about their experience with opioids and their journey to recovery.

## Opioid Overdose Prevention - Narcan Training

**Presenter:** Charlotte Crawford, RN, MSN, MBA, Chief Executive Officer, Lake Plains Community Care Network

Date Recorded: Tuesday June 8, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:15pm ET

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.

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