

# COMMUNITY SUBSTANCE MISUSE & RECOVERY SUMMIT

**FREE** One day in person summit in Western Kentucky to improve understanding of Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, and Harm Reduction principles, priorities, and practices including reducing stigma and partnerships between public health and public safety. This summit will be recorded by the MSU Production Department and posted on Purchase Area Health Connections website [www.purchasehealthconnections.com](http://www.purchasehealthconnections.com).

**MAY 16th 8am-4pm, Murray State University Paducah Campus, 4430 Sunset Ave, Paducah, KY 42001**

**7:30a-8a Registration and light breakfast sponsored by Mercy Health Lourdes**

**8am-8:15am Welcome**

<b>8:15am-10:30am</b>	<p><b>"Building on Public Health/Public Safety Partnerships"</b> Donnie Varnell, Dare County Sheriff's Office Investigator, NC, SBI Special Agent In-Charge, Retired</p> <p><b>"Clarifying Ways to Understand, Communicate About and Respond to the Overdose Crisis"</b> Donald McDonald, MSW, JBS International</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify how current and prospective programs that involve Law Enforcement reduce ODs • Describe successes of public safety/public health partnerships in North Carolina • List steps to involve Law Enforcement in Harm Reduction Programs • Recognize how to reduce the damage caused by stigma</li> <li>• Provide ways of understanding and communicating about the overdose and addiction crisis that help create consensus and cut through the noise: this includes understanding why people use substances, why some people experience problematic use and overdose, what treatments prove effective, and how diverse recovery pathways can come together to effect positive change. Explain evidence supported ways to diminish stigma through communicating science, using non-stigmatizing language, and engaging in ethical storytelling. Introduce resources that will help individuals and organizations to participate productively in the national conversation about overdose and addiction.</li> </ul>
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**10:30-10:45 Break**

<b>10:45am-12pm</b>	<p><b>"All Pathways to Recovery: The Importance of Supporting What Works for the Individual."</b> Brandon Fitch, Turning Point RCC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the variety of pathways that support a person's recovery. • Identify how each pathway can contribute to SAMHSA's "Unified working definition of recovery." • Understand that recovery from substance use disorder and mental health is not linear and requires a person centered approach.</li> </ul>
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**12-12:30pm Lunch Sponsored by Anthem Medicaid**

<b>12:30pm-1:30pm</b>	<p><b>"Recovery Ready Communities"</b> Dallas W. Hurley, JD Senior Project Director, Recovery Ready Communities</p>	<p>To explain and highlight the Recovery Ready Communities Certification Program. Recovery Ready Communities Certification Program is designed to provide a quality measure of a city or county's substance use disorder (SUD) recovery efforts. This includes specific measures in Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, and Harm Reduction.</p>
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**1:30-1:45 Cookie Break sponsored by Purchase Area Health Education Center**

<b>1:45-2:45</b>	<p><b>"Suicide Prevention"</b> Grace Donaldson &amp; Gracie Martin, 4RBH Regional Prevention Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise your awareness about suicide • Learn facts about suicide that dispel myths and misconceptions • Learn the warning signs • Learn the three steps anyone can take to save a life</li> </ul>
<b>2:45pm-4pm</b>	<p><b>"Public Health and Public Safety Partnership Panel"</b> Drug Court, Pretrial Services, McCracken County Sheriff's Dept &amp; Paducah Police representatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversion and Deflection Programs in the Purchase Area • Senate Bill 90 explanation • What is the executive Order on Marijuana and how may it apply • Good Samaritan Law explanation • How public health and public safety is/and can work together</li> </ul>

**Approved for 6.75 hours for County Elected Officials Training Incentive Program**  
**Pending Continuing Education for Nurses, SW, LMFT, CADC, LPC, and Psychology. Seeking FRYSC.**  
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