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TO
STOP
ADDICTION
BEFORE IT STARTS**



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September Features Events to Stop Opioid Addiction

September is Recovery Month, a reminder that there is hope for addicts to stay sober as well as hope to stem the tide of opioid misuse.

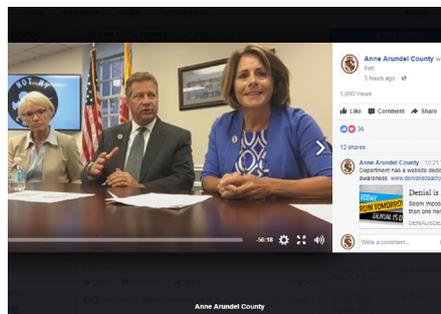
There are several events where you can get involved, starting with "Breaking the Silence: An Opioid Addiction Workshop" in Annapolis on Sept. 13. The event will be tailored to the faith community so they can spread the word and increase awareness.

There will also be several opportunities to attend "Not My Child" presentations

throughout the month at a library near you. Just go to www.aacounty.org/heroin for all of the details.

At the end of the month Recovery Anne Arundel will hold its annual Recovery Walk in Annapolis on Sept. 23. This is a great chance to come out and support the people in your community who are suffering.

It will take everyone in this community to successfully fight a problem that has destroyed lives and destroyed families. Don't stand by and let it happen.



Facebook Live Sessions Answer Addiction Questions

The "Not My Child" team has taken its show online with five episodes of Facebook live. You can view the previous episodes and become an expert on how to respond to the addiction crisis by getting all of the answers from the professionals.



Drive-thru Flu Shots are Coming Soon

The drive-thru flu shot vaccine clinic is returning on Sept. 30. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis. Flu shots are free to everyone 6 months of age and older. It's never been this easy!

Watch Week in Review



My community organization has new officers or contact information

I want to volunteer for the Citizens Emergency Response Team

Zoning cases before the Board of Appeals

What road construction projects are underway?

I need recycling bins!

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Where is my nearest Farmer's Market?

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From the County Executive



This month we are dedicating most of our constituent newsletter to the opioid crisis. I firmly believe that the only way we will end this epidemic is to spread awareness and educate non-users.

I hope you will take advantage of this information, because seemingly every family in our county, state, and nation has been touched by addiction in some way.

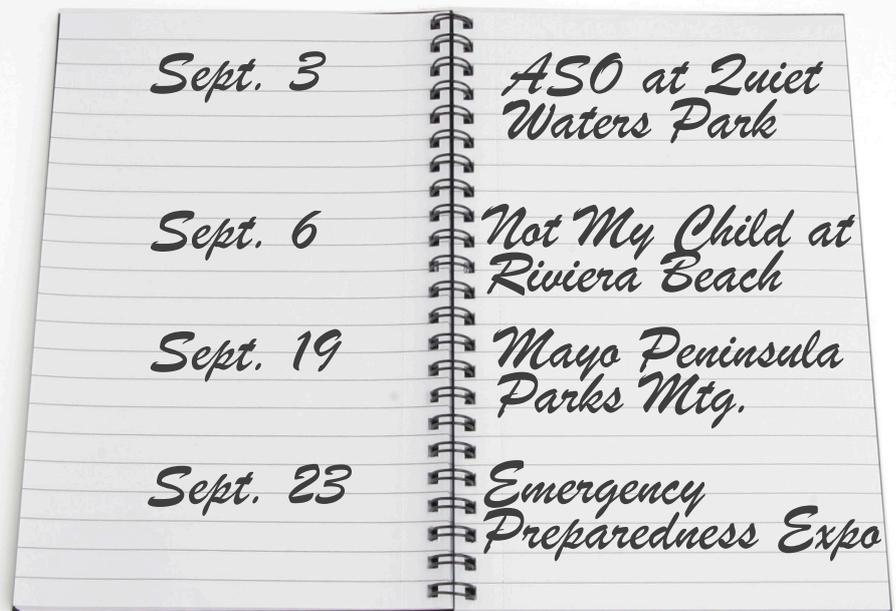
Opioids destroy lives and destroy families. That is why my administration has devoted so much time and energy to finding solutions.

The numbers are not getting any better, but we have had some successes. We have added treatment options and resources. Our Safe Stations program has been a great success, leading 158 people into treatment since its inception in April. This program allows anyone who wants to get help to walk into a fire station anywhere in the county without any danger of being arrested.

We have also flooded the airwaves with information. We have used radio ads, social media, videos, you name it. We are willing to try absolutely anything to stem the tide of abuse and death.

In fact, Anne Arundel County has become a model for other jurisdictions. We don't plan to let up because every effort can save a life. Please lock up your prescriptions, talk to your children about drugs, and help a friend or family member get help.

Community Calendar



Helpful Safety Tips

If you know someone who is struggling with addiction, there are a lot of ways you can help. There are two first steps: Call our 24-hour help line at 410-768-5522, or visit our website at www.aacounty.org/heroin. You can also go to a narcotics anonymous meeting with someone, or offer to drive them. You don't want to confront someone without first consulting a professional, and most people are not going to seek help until they are ready. It is also a good policy to lock up prescription medications or avoid taking them altogether. You can also consult with your doctor before taking medications. There are numerous treatment providers in the county, including Pathways at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Gaudenzia, Hope House and so many more. Our Health Department can help with placement and financial aid.