Partnership for a

Drug-Free New Jersey



May 23, 2018
The College of New Jersey School of Education, Room #212
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Moderator: Maureen Gerald, CEO & Founder of Momentum, Counseling, Coaching, & Consulting Welcome: Dr. Steven Peskin, Executive Medical Director, Population Health, Horizon BCBSNJ Nicholas J. Kolen, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DEA-NJ Marygrace Billek, Director, Mercer County Department of Human Services Sandy Gibson, PhD, LCSW, Assoc. Prof. TCNJ, Clinical Coord., Dept. of Counselor Education

Mercer County Knock Out Opioid Abuse Town Hall Panel



Angelo J. Onofri, Mercer County Prosecutor

Prosecutor Onofri has served as Mercer County prosecutor since December 2016, after filling the role of acting prosecutor beginning in March 2015. Through the implementation of the Narcan and One Voice programs in Mercer County, he

is collaborating with law enforcement, health care and community organizations to provide first responders with the overdose antidote, make treatment and recovery resources available to those suffering from addiction and their families, and host community forums in an effort to combat the epidemic through education, awareness, prevention and treatment.



Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson

Ms. Reynolds-Jackson is in her first term in the assembly. Her career as a social worker and her commitment to public service had previously led her to nearly eight years on the Trenton City Council. A product of the

Trenton public school system, Ms. Reynolds-Jackson has earned advance degrees from Trenton State College/The College of New Jersey and Central Michigan University. Her work has focused on enforcing business and landlord responsibility, demanding accountability for students, and working with the police regarding crime prevention.



Dr. Rachael Evans

Dr. Evans has served as chief medical officer at Henry J. Austin Health Center since 2017, and she has provided direct care in the women's health, general medicine and pediatric departments at the health center since 2012. She

spearheaded Henry J. Austin's medication-assisted treatment program, one of only a few in New Jersey that offers treatment for opioid dependencies in the setting of primary care. Dr. Evans obtained her undergraduate and medical degrees from New York University and completed residency training in family medicine at the University of New Mexico.



Barbara Sprechman

Barbara is assistant executive director for Mercer Council. She has been in the prevention field for more than 25 years in various capacities, including prevention educator, prevention professional course instructor, grant writer and program administrator. For the past eight years,

Barbara has been working at Mercer Council as coordinator of the Prevention Coalition of Mercer County. She holds a bachelor's degree in French language and fine arts and is a Certified Prevention Specialist. She also serves as a board member of the Addiction Certification Board of New Jersey.



Dr. Stuart Roe

Dr. Roe is an associate professor and the chairperson in the Department of Counselor Education at The College of New Jersey. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Lycoming College, his M.Ed. in school counseling from The

Pennsylvania State University, and his doctorate in counselor education and supervision from The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Roe has served as a school counselor for students in grades 7-12 and is an active member of various state and national counseling organizations.



Barrett Young

Barrett Young has been with the Rescue Mission of Trenton since 2003 and has served as Chief Operating Officer (COO) since 2013. An active advocate for those in need, Young sits on the Trenton Health Team Community Advisory Board; serves as vice president of the N.J.

Halfway House Association; and is active in the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies. He holds a master's degree in nonprofit administration from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in management from Thomas Edison State College.

Collaborating Organizations:









