



Walnut Hills Anti-Drug Coalition and Talbert House bring community together to address opiate abuse prevention in Cincinnati region

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(Cincinnati, OH)- Walnut Hills is making significant strides to chip away at the opioid epidemic impacting the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region.

On Wednesday, June 22, the Walnut Hills Anti-Drug Coalition will host a PreventionFIRST! Call to Action Community Forum focused on opioid prevention in partnership with Talbert House at their Executive Office, located at 2600 Victory Parkway starting at 6:00 p.m.

"We are pleased to see a treatment agency partnering with a member coalition to share resources," said Mary Haag, President and CEO of PreventionFIRST!. "This is the 5th PreventionFIRST! Call to Action Community Forum being held throughout Hamilton County so far this year.

Members of the community will hear and interact with a panel of local experts on the topics of opioid prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and supply reduction which includes prescription drugs and heroin. Those in attendance will be given several practical options and strategies they can use to prevent and reduce opiate abuse in their community.

"We are pleased to partner with the Walnut Hills Anti-Drug Coalition to host this important forum," said Neil Tilow, Talbert House President and CEO. "The opportunity to train and have Naloxone kits available for families and friends struggling with addiction makes this a unique event."

The Walnut Hills Anti-Drug Coalition and Talbert House applied and were awarded mini-grant funds from PreventionFIRST! to host this event. *PreventionFIRST! is a 501(c)(3) non-profit aimed at promoting wellness through the prevention of substance abuse across the lifespan and specializes in coalition development. Its vision is that people make healthy choices in every stage of life.*

Funding for this "Call to Action Community Forum" was made possible from a larger grant made to PreventionFIRST! from Interact for Health. Interact for Health serves as a catalyst for health and wellness by promoting healthy living through grants, education, research, policy and engagement. Interact for Health is an independent foundation that serves 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana building healthy communities for all people.

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For more information about other PreventionFIRST! Call to Action Community Forums being held throughout Hamilton County, or to host a forum in your community, contact PreventionFIRST! Community Coordinator Laura Allen at 513-751-8000 or lallen@prevention-first.org.

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