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Loudoun County Activities & Events Mark Sept. as National Recovery Month

In recognition of September as [National Recovery Month](#), Loudoun County is promoting several activities designed to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery, including a “Recovery Fest,” distribution of free drug deactivation kits and medication lock boxes and a new option for “Revive!,” the ongoing opioid overdose reversal training.

Loudoun Recovery Fest

Loudoun County, in partnership with the Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL) and Loudoun Serenity House, will host the second annual Loudoun Recovery Fest on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Algonkian Regional Park, 47001 Fairway Drive, Shelter #1, in Sterling.

The Loudoun Recovery Fest is free and open to everyone of all ages. The event will feature food, drinks, raffle prizes and a variety of wellness vendors to offer members of the community the opportunity to learn about and connect with resources.

Some of the participating agencies, organizations and vendors include:

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Celebrate Recovery
- Chris Atwood Foundation
- Five Peaks Yoga
- Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services
- Loudoun County Public Schools
- Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office
- Loudoun Serenity House
- NAR-Anon
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Prevention Alliance of Loudoun

PAL is a coalition of youth, parents, Loudoun County agencies, faith-based organizations and other community stakeholders dedicated to mental health awareness and substance misuse prevention efforts. For more information on PAL, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or email prevention@loudoun.gov.

Drug Deactivation Bags and Medication Lock Boxes

Loudoun County will offer free drug deactivation bags and medication lock boxes during the month of September. The bags and lock boxes can be requested by emailing

prevention@loudoun.gov or by visiting one of the three Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS) offices during the month of September.

Office locations and hours of operation are as follows:

- MHSADS Clinic, Leesburg
102 Heritage Way NE, Suite 302, Leesburg, VA 20176
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- MHSADS Clinic, Sterling
21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 210, Sterling, VA 20166
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- MHSADS Office of the Director, Leesburg
906 Trailview Boulevard SE, Leesburg, VA 20175
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rapid REVIVE!

Loudoun County has launched a new, shortened format of the opioid overdose reversal training, [REVIVE!](#) This new version, called Rapid REVIVE!, allows individuals to complete the training in six minutes. After watching a short video and then providing their contact information, participants receive free naloxone nasal spray.

REVIVE! is the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The training is free and anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend a training. The training covers:

- Signs of opioid overdose.
- How to respond to an opioid overdose emergency with the administration of naloxone, a drug that can be used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations.
- Also, anyone who completes the training will be eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. They may choose to receive naloxone by mail or arrange pickup.

Loudoun County continues to offer full-length local training sessions as well. The virtual sessions last about one hour. Registration is required for the full-length training sessions. Upcoming classes, along with registration information, are posted at loudoun.gov/revive.

For More Information

For more information on prevention and intervention services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or email prevention@loudoun.gov.

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