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Community Education Group to Convene WV Harm Reduction Roundtable

Over 100 Community Members Already Registered

LOST RIVER, W.Va. February 1, 2021 – The Community Education Group (CEG) will be convening a statewide roundtable on the topic of harm reduction in West Virginia on **Monday, February 8th, 2021 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.**

This open panel discussion will be moderated by CEG's Founder & Executive Director, A.Toni Young, and will feature local and state elected officials, private business representatives, public health experts, and harm reduction providers from across the state.

“There are a lot of misconceptions about what ‘harm reduction’ actual is, whom it serves, and the impacts it has on our communities,” said Ms.Young. “After two decades of dealing with the opioid crisis in West Virginia, emotions are fraught and tempers are high. This roundtable is meant to bring all of the stakeholders to the table to come up with some answers and recommendations.”

This roundtable discussion will occur during the regular monthly meeting of the West Virginia Statewide Stakeholders Coalition (WVSSC), a coalition of over 100 individuals, Community-Based Organizations, government agencies and departments, healthcare providers, insurers, and pharmaceutical partners that meets on the second Monday of each month (excluding federal holidays). Each meeting averages between 40-60 attendees, making this one of the best-attended coalitions in West Virginia.

Registration is open to the public, and the WVSSC invites community members, community organizations and businesses, and healthcare providers, alike, to participate in this important roundtable. Those interested in attending my register using the following link:

<https://cutt.ly/JoinWVSSC>

All questions for the panelist should be submitted in advance to:

info@communityeducationgroup.org

The Community Education Group (CEG) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with offices in Lost River, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C., working to eliminate disparities in health outcomes and improve public health in disadvantaged populations and under-served communities

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