

# **THE OPIATE EPIDEMIC IN OUR COMMUNITY: WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW**

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**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
in the Walmesley Center**



**Our communities are  
struggling with  
prescription opiate  
misuse addiction.**

**Please join us to hear  
from a Catholic mother for  
whom the epidemic hit  
home.**

**LEARN from Melissa Weiksnar's tragic experience of her 20-year-old daughter Amy, a Boston College nursing student, who life was taken by overdose:**

- **The facts about the disease of addiction, current trends in our culture and community, options for treatment, and the realities for recovery**
- **How prescription drug abuse and opioid addiction can lead to accidental death**
- **How the illness and deaths affects all members of our community**
- **How community prevention is a vital component of the solution**

Melissa Weiksnar, Writer, Speaker, Advocate – Author of *Heroin's Puppet*  
See: <https://cruxnow.com/life/2015/11/13/losing-amy-a-call-to-action/>