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Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services Kicks Off Counties-Wide Narcan Training and Distribution

Ithaca, NY, January 19, 2024 – Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services (C.A.R.S.), led by Chief Executive Officer Jessica Janssen, announced the kickoff of its Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (OOPP) to its staff on Wednesday, 1/10. The OOPP is supported by New York State Department of Health. C.A.R.S. is an affiliate of Cayuga Health.

According to ambulatory Nursing Manager, Katarina Wehmeyer, RN MSN, OOPP "is a 'sub-program' of C.A.R.S. that exists as a targeted response to the National Opioid Epidemic." The objective of C.A.R.S.' OOPP is to increase Narcan distribution in Tompkins and Cortland Counties, and to make the lifesaving medication readily available to all community members. Moreover, strategies for making the overdose prevention medication available area-wide include Narcan distribution at all C.A.R.S. sites, on-site staff Narcan training at local businesses and organizations, and Narcan distribution at Tompkins and Cortland County events.

Tompkins and Cortland County businesses and organizations desiring more information or to schedule C.A.R.S. onsite OOPP training for their staffs may contact Wehmeyer directly at kwehmyer@carsny.org or (510) 393-4995.

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About C.A.R.S.

An affiliate of Cayuga Health, C.A.R.S. provides evidence-based Outpatient, Opioid Treatment Program, and Residential Rehabilitation services in Ithaca and Trumansburg, New York. Operating under the oversight of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), C.A.R.S. serves individuals from throughout the Upstate New York region. Visit www.carsny.org for more information.