Recovery Month 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Questions? Contact Kate Genthert-Siolek by email: kgenthert@chesco.org For Full Details visit StopODChesco.org/events	30	31 Overdose Awareness Day Pinwheel Displays @ Justice Center and GSC 6:30pm-8:00pm Night of Light	1 6:00pm-7:00pm PRO-ACT Virtual Villages	2	3	4
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12 1:05pm-End of Game National Recovery Day at the Phillies Baseball Game	13	14	15 12:00pm-1:00pm Virtual Voices of Recovery hosted by Chester County Hospital 6:00pm-7:00pm PRO-ACT Virtual	16	17	18 PRO-ACT's Recovery Walks! Walk for Recovery Walk
19	20	21	22 6:00pm-7:00pm PRO-ACT Virtual Villages	23	24 7:00pm- 8:30pm Virtual "Keys to Family Recovery" hosted by Be a Part of the Conversation	25
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International Overdose Awareness Day- August 31st

On this day, the County will be joining communities around the world in encouraging residents, businesses and organizations to raise awareness of overdose, reduce the stigma surrounding overdoses and drug related deaths, remember the lives lost to overdose and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends who have lost a loved one. Events include:

- August 31st - To mark the occasion, 101 pinwheels will be displayed in front of the Chester County Justice Center located at 201 Market St, West Chester, PA 19380 and the Chester County Government Services Center (GSC) located at 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pa 19380 representing the 101 lives lost to overdose in Chester County in 2020.

- August 31st- Please join us for "Night of Light" held at the Historic Courthouse in West Chester from 6:30pm-8:00pm. The evening will feature speakers, resource tables and a ceremony to remember the lives lost to substance use disorders and bring hope to those working toward long term recovery. For more information, click here.

- August 31st- International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) Social Media Campaign. Chester County Department of Drug & Alcohol Services invites all partners and county residents to participate in a virtual social media campaign:

    - ***Download and save*** an International Overdose Awareness Day graphic from the Chester County Government Facebook page.
    - ***Upload the graphic*** to your personal or business social media account with a message remembering loved ones, or information on International Overdose Awareness Day found here. Be sure to use the hashtag **#ChescoIOAD**.
    - ***Experience the community*** by checking out the hashtag **#ChescoIOAD** on your social media account to see others who have posted.

Starting Wednesday, September 1st (Every Wednesday in September)—PRO-ACT Virtual Village
Virtual Event
6:00pm-7:00pm
Registration information will be posted here: http://www.recoverywalks.org/

Sunday, September 12th – National Recovery Day at the Phillies Game
Citizens Bank Park, 1 Citizens Bank Way, Philadelphia, Pa 19148
1:05pm-End of Game
Enjoy a fun filled day of Phillies Baseball! Come see the Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies at home during Recovery Day at the Baseball Game! Tickets are $15 each and include a donation towards recovery support services. Tickets are available on at:https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341698223.

Wednesday, September 15th—Voices of Recovery hosted by Chester County Hospital
Virtual Event
Register Here: https://www.chestercountyhospital.org/community-wellness-and-education/wellness-events-calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D154467184
Hear the stories of individuals currently in recovery from a substance use disorder. Learn about their path to recovery and how they maintain their sobriety. There will be time for questions and discussion about the recovery process. Members from the community and healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

Saturday, September 18th – PRO-ACT Recovery Walk
Penn's Landing On the Delaware River from Market St. to Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19103
More information Here: http://www.recoverywalks.org/
Registration Starts at 7:00am Walk Starts at 9:00am

Thursday, September 23rd — "The Keys to Family Recovery" hosted by Be a Part of the Conversation
Virtual Event
Registration information will be posted here: https://convo.zone/keys
7:00pm-8:30pm
As family members who love someone with a substance use disorder (addiction), many of us have experienced pain, frustration, fear, or trauma. We often isolate because of stigma and because others simply don't understand this disease or the associated behaviors.
We'll be joined by Rick Shugart, MFT, along with family members who have been impacted by addiction as we explore the family disease and learn healthy strategies for healing. This program is funded by the Chester County Department of Drug & Alcohol Services.

Wednesday, September 29th– Virtual Community Naloxone Training hosted by Chester County Hospital
Virtual Event
Register Here: https://bit.ly/3wZTrRI
7:00pm-8:30pm
Chester County Hospital has partnered with the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services and Good Fellowship EMS to reduce the incidence of accidental drug overdoses. Join us to learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose and how to access treatment in Chester County. All attendees will also learn how to use life-saving Narcan® (naloxone) nasal spray. Free Narcan® will be made available for pickup by participants.

Thursday, September 30th—Drug Take Back Event hosted by Chester County Hospital in conjunction with Chester County Sheriff's Office
Chester County Hospital South Entrance, 701, East Marshall Street, West Chester, Pa 19380
5:00pm-7:00pm

This special on-location event provides community members with a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unwanted and expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications.

Products Accepted: Prescription and over-the-counter medications, tablets and capsules, prescription patches, medical creams and ointments, vitamins, nasal sprays, pet medications, and liquid medications in the original bottle.

Products Not Accepted: Intravenous solutions, hydrogen peroxide, compressed cylinders or aerosols, iodine-containing medications, thermometers, and alcohol are not accepted. Before disposing of prescription medicines, remove all personal information on pill bottle labels and medicine packaging.

Permanent medication collection boxes are available in several Chester County locations, including Chester County Hospital. Since 2014, nearly 16 tons of unused or outdated medications have been turned in through the Chester County Medication Drop Off Program.

Visit: https://www.chesco.org/2673/Medication-Drop-Off to locate the nearest medication drop off box.