

## **Compassion and Community: Supporting People with Opioid Use Disorder to Recover**

Presenters Cheryl Gagne and Steven Samra, senior trainers and people in long-term recovery, will provide background information about opioid use disorder (OUD), the stigma associated with getting help, and how communities can support their members and their families struggling with opioids to access resources to find treatment and a pathway to recovery.

Topics to be explored include:

- Opioid use disorder (OUD) description, physiology, progression, causes and risks
- Recovery from OUD – What helps and what hinders
- Medication-based treatment options
- Non-pharmacologic treatment
- Community support
  - Housing
  - Employment/education
  - Opportunities for community roles
- Barriers to treatment and recovery support (including lack of hope and connection and ignorance and prejudice about OUD)

This training is appropriate for all members of our faith community and is offered free by C4 Innovations and the *Opioid Response Network*, a training center sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Please join us for this in-depth discussion, taking place over two evenings in May and June. Registration is quick and easy: <https://bit.ly/38tERuU>

**May 18, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Presentation with Q&A

**June 15, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Panel Discussion with Q&A

For more information or other questions, please contact C4 Innovations at [ORN\\_Recovery@c4innovates.com](mailto:ORN_Recovery@c4innovates.com).