

Some warning signs a person might be using opiates/heroin

- Changes in friends/attitudes/behavior
- Secretive behavior/private meetings
- Sickness/sniffles/loss of appetite
- Irritable/depressed
- Blackouts/memory losses
- Long sleeves despite warm temperatures
- Money/valuable items disappearing



- Addiction is a chronic brain disease
- Addiction is a treatable disease
- Anyone can become addicted to opiates/heroin; Addiction does not discriminate



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The mission of the Rockland Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence, Inc. (RCADD) is to increase public awareness of the disease of addiction and through prevention education and advocacy.

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- **43,982 drug overdose deaths in the US in 2013**
- **Of these, 22,767 (51.8%) were related to prescription drugs**
Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- **2.5 million Emergency Room Visits in 2011 due to drug abuse**
- **Of these, more than 1.4 million Emergency Room visits were related to prescription drugs**
Source: SAMSHA
- **Rockland County has had 24 heroin overdose deaths in 2014 and 17 in the 1st six (6) months of 2015**

HOPE is an educational program that provides family, friends and other loved ones with information, support and resources to deal with a person suffering from an opiate/heroin addiction.



The goals of **HOPE** are:

- Receive accurate information about addiction disease, treatment and recovery
- Help family members understand the effects of addiction on personal relationships
- Teach, promote and encourage family members to care for themselves while supporting their loved one suffering from addiction
- Gain support of peer and other mutual aid groups for themselves.
- Learn how to advocate for their loved one as well as the addiction field.
- Gain knowledge on the recovery process
- Learn about local resources that will foster recovery

HOPE is a strictly confidential program. All attendees are protected by Federal Confidentiality Law (CFR 42). **This is a free program.** **HOPE** will be offered several times during the year. (dates will be announced based on enrollment of participants.) **RCADD** will keep enrollment to 8 people per session as to give personal attention to each participant.

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