

2021 International Overdose Awareness Events in Ohio

Adams

Event: Overdose Awareness Day
Date: Saturday, August 28th
Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Location: Adams Lake State Park
Organizer: Brave Choices Brave Voices

Ashtabula

Event: Lights of Change
Date: Saturday, August 28th
Time: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Location: West 44th Street and Main Ave Ashtabula, Ohio
Organizer: The Ashtabula County Movement

To provide information for counseling, rehab, places to for shelter, to get a meal, and other resources.

Athens

Event: Nelsonville Overdose Awareness Day
Date: Tuesday, August 31st
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: 55 West Washington Street, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764
Organizer: Nelsonville Voices

Stop by our table in the afternoon to honor those we have lost to overdose and the families who have been affected, celebrate the lives of our neighbors, and learn how to take action to [#EndOverdoseNow](#). We'll have snacks, naloxone (which is used to save the lives of people experiencing overdose), and fentanyl test strips on hand.

Brown

Event: Vigil and Memorial for Stephine

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Burke Park Amphitheatre, 500 Fossyl Dr, Bethel, OH 45106

Organizer: Folks for Harm Reduction

Event: Community Resource Fair

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Location: 421 Home Street, Georgetown, Ohio, 45121

Organizer: Brightview Georgetown Addiction Treatment Center

Butler

Event: Opening Ceremonies

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Fringe Coffee House: 918 High St, Hamilton OH

Organizer: Sojourner Recovery Services

Event: Luminary Lighting

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 515 Dayton St, Hamilton OH

Organizer: Sojourner Recovery Services

Our plan is to begin the day in the vacant lot adjacent to the Fringe coffeehouse where all guests will hear testimonies from parents who lost a child, success stories of those who have completed treatment and recovery and encouraging words from local law enforcement/QRT. We are hoping to have booths to represent all community partners and their resources that are available to the community, an Emcee, DJ with music, a tapestry/ memorial wall, free Narcan/ training, and FREE HIV/ Hep C testing provided by Caracole.

Event: National Recovery Awareness Day Resource Event

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: 5108 Sandy Lane, Fairfield, Ohio, 45014

Organizer: Brightview Fairfield Addiction Treatment Center

Clark

Event International Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 7:00pm

Location: 76 E High St, Springfield, OH 45502-1214

Organizer: Clark County Partners in Prevention

Join us for this community event in memory of those lost to overdose. Free food, door prizes, Narcan distribution, memorial balloon release, overdose prevention resources and education will be part of the event.

[Link to Event](#)

Clermont

Event: Recovery Carnival and Resource Rally

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: 1100 Hospital Drive Batavia, Ohio, 45103

Organizer: Harm Reduction Ohio

Event: Vigil and Memorial for Matthew Watson

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location East Fork Park, 3294 Elklick Rd, Bethel, OH 45106

Organizer: Folks for Harm Reduction

Join us as we remember those who lost their battle with addiction and provide resources for those still fighting and for the family that lays awake at night, waiting and praying

Clinton

Event: Overdose Awareness Day Candlelight Vigil

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 7:00pm

Location: 101 S Broadway St, Blanchester, OH 45107-1251, United States

Organizer: Blanchester Hope Warriors

[Facebook Link](#)

Join us as we remember those who lost their battle with addiction and provide resources for those still fighting and support for the family that lays awake at night, waiting and praying.

Event: Community Resource Fair

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: 485 West Main Street Wilmington, Ohio, 45177

Organizer: Brightview Wilmington Addiction Treatment Center

Crawford

Event: In Memory of Loved Ones Lost to Overdose

Date: Monday, August 30th

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Project Noelle

[Event Link](#)

Speakers, Information tables, lighting of candles and reading of names.

Fairfield

Event: Overdose Awareness Event

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Fountain Square Area, Lancaster, Ohio

Organizer: Fairfield County ADAMH Board

In honor of Overdose Awareness Day, ADAMH and the Opiate Task Force will celebrate recovery and acknowledge those who have lost their lives to overdose at a free Overdose Awareness Event. Program and speakers start at 7:30 p.m. New Horizons Mental Health Services will be accepting donations of self-care items, such as hygiene products, coloring books, and journals, at the event and all of their locations. Prevention, treatment, and recovery vendors will be distributing community resources and Narcan.

Franklin

Event: Narcan Training Columbus OH Candlelight Vigil

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Franklin County Forensic Science Center, 2090 Frank Rd Columbus OH 43223

Organizer: Franklin County Coroner's Office

Community-wide collaboration to provide resources to those who have lost loved ones to overdoses, those who use and those in recovery. Numerous resources provided including but not limited to Narcan, food, linkage to care, healthcare, COVID-19 Vaccines.

Greene

Event: Resource and Recovery fair

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Elizabeth Place, Dayton OH,

Organizer: Brightview Dayton Addiction Treatment Center

Guernsey

Event: Overdose Awareness Rally

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 1009 Steubenville Ave, Cambridge OH 45725

Organizer: BARE- Beautiful Addicts Recovering Everywhere, Guernsey Healthcare

Memory boards, open mic, guest speakers. Remembering those lost. Will be rescheduled if raining.

Hamilton

Event: Greater Cincinnati Overdose Awareness Rally

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: 520 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Event: Overdose Awareness Balloon Release
Date: Tuesday, August 31
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Mt Echo Park 202 Crestline Ave Cincinnati, Ohio 45205
Organization: Cincinnati Against Heroin

Good conversations with other people who can relate to how you feel, some pizza & pop and a balloon release at the end of event.

Event: Overdose Awareness Community Event
Date: Tuesday, August 31
Time: 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: 2828 Vernon Pl, Cincinnati, OH 45219-2414
Organization: Addiction Services Council
[Event Link](#)

Join us for family-friendly activities including a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, free food, and more! Addiction and alcoholism resources will be available for individuals and families. Speakers and a memorial for those lost to addiction and alcoholism will conclude the event.

Hocking

Event: Overdose Awareness Day
Date: Tuesday, August 31
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Worthington Park

Resource Fair with Narcan, test strips, and remembrance.

Huron

Event: Candlelight Vigil
Date: Tuesday, August 31
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Norwalk: Suhr Park, 37 W. Main St Norwalk Ohio
Organizer: Project Noelle
[Event Link](#)

Speakers, Resource Tables, Lighting of Candles

Knox

Event: Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 404 South Gay Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio

Organizer: Knox Substance Abuse Action Team

Observed on the 31st of August each year, International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) seeks to create better understanding of overdose, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and create change to reduce the harms associated with drug use. The Knox Substance Abuse Action Team (KSAAT) invites the Knox County community to come together on August 31st to remember those who have died or suffered permanent injury due to drug overdose and support families who have lost their sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters. The event set to take place on the lawn at 404 South Gay Street, Mount Vernon, beginning at 7:00 pm. Education will be provided about Narcan and participants can take home a Narcan kit as well as a KSAAT Resource Toolkit. Other organizations will be available to provide resources. The event will conclude with the Rastin Tower, footbridge and viaduct being illuminated in purple to symbolize awareness of overdose and its effects. Family members who have lost a loved one are encouraged to bring photos. By holding an event each year, Knox County is a global movement for understanding, compassion, and change. KSAAT thanks the Freedom Center, Hospice of Knox County, Knox Community Hospital, and Riverside Recovery for their community partnership. We are all a part of the solution.

Event: Overdose Awareness Cookout

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Location: 303 N Main Street

Organizer: Good Stories LLC

This year we invite you again to join us for this special day. We will have hot dogs on the grill, chips, and pop along with Smores for dessert. Yard games (cornhole, Yardzee, etc) to promote fellowship. And we will be hanging wooden butterflies in our serenity garden trees with your loved one's name on them. LED balloons will be lit to show the world that your loved one's light still shines on in our lives every day. Feel free to bring a photo of your loved one to add to our memory table as we remember those that are no longer here with us.

Lawrence

Event: Somebody's Someone-Overdose Awareness

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 218 S 2nd St, Ironton, OH 45638-1616

Organizer: Land of Goshen Treatment Center

Land of Goshen is hosting a community event in honor of Overdose Awareness Day at the Ironton Farmers Market. We invite local treatment agencies, courts, and churches to take place in this event as well as the community. There will be speakers, food, entertainment, as well as giving away backpacks to the children as school is starting. —We have purchased the backpacks. If it is laid on anyone's heart to donate school supplies to fill the backpacks, please contact me and I will meet for pickup. All donations are tax deductible. All local treatment agencies are invited to set up a booth. Any agency interested in participating please contact me. You will have to bring your own table/chairs. **We ask that anyone who has lost a loved one to substance abuse bring a set of shoes to line up around the event. ** There will be a Japanese lantern send off at the end of the event in memory of our loved ones. We will provide these. Participants are encouraged to wear the color purple to remember and honor the lives lost. Bracelets/t-shirts/ merch & stickers will be for sale. There will be a bake sale as well going on to support our women's sober living. Proceeds will go to Land of Goshen. We are looking forward to seeing everyone, please share and tell your friends! Bring your clients, let's unite as 1!

Licking

Event: 7th Annual Overdose Awareness Day Rally

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: 36 E Canal St, Newark OH 43055

Organizer: Patricia Perry/ Tabitha Sparks

Lorain

Event: International Overdose Awareness Day Recovery Edition

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Mental Health Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County

Organizer: Traci Willis, 419-961-8159, twillis2012@gmail.com

The Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board of Lorain County will observe International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, in collaboration with dozens of valued community partners. The event will be marked by a vigil in honor of the 138 lives lost in 2020 to accidental overdoses in Lorain County. It will also include community partners sharing information about resources for those struggling with addiction and a shoe memorial in memory of those who have walked the road of addiction and died. There will be a short program that will include a welcome from MHARS Board leadership and remarks from faith leaders, people in recovery and their families. The event is free and open to the public. The event will be held at Sunset Terrace at Lakeview Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on August 31.

Mahoning

Event: International Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown

Organization: OhioCAN

Marion

Event: Memories and Hope

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 11:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: Ralston Tower, Ariel Foundation Park Mt Vernon

Organizer: Brightview Marion Addiction Treatment Center

Miami

Event: Miami County Overdose Awareness Day Balloon Release

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Troy Park

Organizer: Harm Reduction Miami County

Come Join Harm Reduction Ohio Miami County Chapter as we honor the lives we lost last year to overdose in Miami county and beyond. Bring a photo of your loved one to share. Balloons will be provided.

Montgomery

Event: 8th Annual Rally 4 Recovery

Date: Sunday, August 29th

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Courthouse Square, Dayton, OH

Organizer: FOA Families of Addicts

Event: National Overdose Awareness Day
Date: Tuesday, August 31st
Time: 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM
Location: One Elizabeth Place
Organizer: Dayton Recovers

Dayton Recovers is partnering with Harm Reduction Ohio at Woodhaven Residential Treatment Center's National Overdose Awareness Day Memorial to provide FREE Resources, Narcan, and Fentanyl Test Strips. Woodhaven has taken the lead to put on an event to remember all the lives that were lost this year to overdose and we proudly support their efforts! Harm Reduction Ohio and Dayton Recovers will have a visual display to commemorate the 323 lives that were lost in Montgomery County Ohio. A multitude of organizations will work together to provide our city with every resource they can to fight this disease! Come out, get connected, and help us remember all the lives that were lost. Together we can end the stigma and help our city to recover!

Ottawa

Event: Ottawa County International Overdose Awareness Day
Date: Tuesday, August 31st
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Ottawa County Courthouse 315 Madison Street Port Clinton, OH 43452
Organizer: Ottawa County Family & Children First Council

Council members and public officials will unveil the 2020 Silent Silhouettes on the lawn of the Ottawa County Courthouse on August 31, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., to recognize “Overdose Awareness Day”. The ceremony, which is open to the public, will include a proclamation by the Ottawa County Commissioners and provide an opportunity for the community to remember those we’ve lost while making a commitment to those in recovery.

Pike

Event: An Evening of Hope & Healing
Date: Tuesday August 31st
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location: Canal Park (Waverly)
Organizer: Pike County DAPRC, Project DAWN, Recovery Council

Join us for speakers, a resource fair, and a memorial service.

Perry

Event: Community Walk

Date: Sunday, August 29th

Time: 10:00am

Location 101 3rd Ave, New Lexington, OH 43764

Organizer: Never Alone Ohio

[FaceBook link](#)

Pickaway

Event: Pickaway County Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 3:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Location Pumpkin Show Park Circleville, Ohio

Join us for an afternoon of raising awareness about drug overdose. There will be resources, Narcan, fentanyl testing supplies, and a memorial for those who have been lost to addiction.

Richland

Event: Lights of Change

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Lexington: Lexington Community Park, Plymouth St, Lexington, Oh

Organizer: Jen Lemon

We will have several speakers, there will be a time for people to share, information table. We have a memory wall and will do sky lanterns and a drums circle to finish out the evening. This will begin at 6 pm

Ross

Event: Overdose Awareness Day Event

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location Ross County Courtsteps, 2 N Paint Street

Organizer: Project 4-14 and OhioCAN

Sandusky

Event: Candlelight Vigil

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Sandusky: Shoreline Park, 411 E. Shoreline Dr, Sandusky, Ohio

Organizer: Project Noelle

Speakers, Resource Tables, Light of Candles

Scioto

Event: International Overdose Awareness Day Sign Holding/Remembrance

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: 1405 11th Street Portsmouth, Ohio, 45662

Organizer: Brightview Portsmouth Addiction Treatment Center

free community cookout, Narcan education/information and distribution.

Event: A Night of Luminaries

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Tracy Park (Portsmouth Ohio)

Organizer: ASCEND Counseling and Recovery Services

A Night of Luminaries at Tracy Park. Governor Mike DeWine amended section 5.2269 of the Revised Code to designate August 31 as “Ohio Overdose Awareness Day”. To commemorate Overdose Awareness Day, On Tuesday, August 31st, 2021, we will be representing the lives lost in Scioto County due to the drug epidemic with a luminary. Project Remember Me is a Quiet Memorial; we request all community members remain silent after 8 pm. Project Remember Me’s purpose is to foster the remembrance of lost loved ones, assist with the grieving process, and encourage our community to reflect on the nature of our community crisis. We wish to add value, visibility, and dignity to those who may be marginalized or diminished: Unintentional Overdose Deaths.

Shelby

Event: Overdose Awareness Memorial

Date: Saturday, August 28th

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Williams Memorial Park, 3120 Greenwich Road

Organizer: Norton Talks About Addiction

Summit

Event: Overdose Awareness Memorial

Date: Saturday, August 28th

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Williams Memorial Park, 3120 Greenwich Road

Organizer: Norton Talks About Addiction

Event: Steps of Change

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: 2085 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls Pavilion and Amphitheater

Organizer: OhioCan

Speakers, food, resource table, raffle baskets, Narcan training, memorial,

Union

Event: Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Memorial Health Pavilion, Marysville, Ohio 43040

Organizer: Wings Support

Our goal is to distribute 100+ Narcan kits to the community. Mother Trucken food truck will be available for lunch.

Vinton

Event: Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Vinton County Courthouse lawn

Organizer: Vinton County Health Department, Empowering Communities Initiative, Hopewell Behavioral Health, Integrates Services, OHOP

There will be a remembrance tree to hang pictures or ribbons on, and music by DJ Rockin Reggie.

Washington

Event: Overdose Awareness Day

Date: Tuesday, August 31st

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: 324 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio, 45750

Organizer: Brightview Marietta Addiction Treatment Center

Event: Drug Overdose and Grief Awareness Walk

Date: Saturday, August 28th

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Marietta: Muskingum Park Gazebo, 404 Front Street, Marietta, OH, 45750

Organizer: Brightview Marietta Addiction Treatment Center
