## What is Naloxone?

- Naloxone (also known as Narcan) is a medication that can reverse an overdose from an opioid drug.
- Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing in two to eight minutes.
- Naloxone has been used safely by emergency medical professionals for more than 40 years.
- It has only one function to reverse the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death.
- Naloxone cannot be abused.
- If Naloxone is given to a person who is not having an opioid overdose, it is harmless.
- If Naloxone is given to a person who is dependent on opioids, it will produce withdrawal symptoms. Withdrawal, although uncomfortable, is not life-threatening.
- Naloxone <u>does not</u> reverse overdoses from non-opioid drugs, such as cocaine, benzodiazepines (e.g. Xanax, Klonopin, and Valium), methamphetamines, or alcohol.



## To schedule a class please contact:

Portage County
Health District
705 Oakwood St.
2nd floor
Ravenna, OH 44266
330.296.9919

For more information or questions about Project DAWN please contact:

Kat at ext. 107 Becky at ext. 137

www.co.portage.oh.us/PCHD/.htm







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# Deaths Avoided With Naloxone

To schedule a Project DAWN appointment call 330.296.9919

# What is Project DAWN?

**Project DAWN** is a community-based drug overdose education and Naloxone distribution program.

Participants attend a 30 minute class to learn to:

- See the signs and symptoms of an overdose
- Know the different types of overdoses
- Do Rescue Breathing
- Call emergency medical services
- Give the intranasal Naloxone



Project DAWN is named in memory of Leslie Dawn Cooper, who struggled with addiction for years before dying of a witnessed opioid overdose on October 3, 2009.

## **Project DAWN Kits**

Participants who complete the class will be given a Project DAWN Kit.

### Each Project DAWN Kit contains:

- 2 needleless syringes containing Naloxone
- 2 atomizers for nasal application
- 1 face shield for CPR
- 1 instructional dvd
- Instructions and referral information



Funding for the kits provided by the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Portage County.



## When are the Project DAWN classes?

#### **Mondays**

1:00 pm

1:30 pm

2:00 pm

2:30 pm

#### **Tuesdays**

9:00 am

9:30 am

10:00 am

10:30 am

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## Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

Classes are held at the Portage County Health District 705 Oakwood St. 2nd floor Ravenna, OH 44266 330.296.9919

# An appointment is required!

An overdose is a medical emergency!

Call 911.