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A Discussion About Recognizing the Signs of Addiction and Overdose

Oklahoma City, Okla. – <u>The Wellness Now Coalition</u> along with partners from the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Coalition Against Prescription Drug Epidemic, and the Substance Use Prevention Alliance will present information about recognizing signs of addiction along with community resources and information on opioid overdose prevention. This crisis is impacting all people young and old.

Join in the free event and conversation:

Tuesday, February 6th from 6-7 p.m. at the Midwest City Library Forum Room, 8143 East Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK.

- Learn what naloxone is, where to get it, and how it's used
- Detailed signs that someone is addicted and needs help
- Get involved in community prevention efforts

Officials with the <u>Centers for Disease Control</u> confirm 91 people die daily from overdosing on prescription medicines, which is more than heroin or cocaine.

The <u>Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse</u> estimates that addiction costs the state \$7.2 billion annually.

Thanks to all of our partners including the Coalition Against Rx Drug Epidemic which educates the public and organizes prescription drug drop off days across Oklahoma.

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