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## Senator Shelley Mayer Holds Free Naloxone (Narcan) Training Session

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(Yonkers, NY) - State Senator Shelley Mayer hosted a Narcan (Naloxone) training on Monday, August 7 at the Yonkers Public Library. The training was led by Christopher Caulfield, an Opioid Overdose Training Coordinator from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

Narcan (Naloxone) is an opioid antagonist used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. All attendees at the training were instructed on how to identify an opioid overdose and how to administer Narcan. Attendees also received a two-year Naloxone certification and a free Narcan emergency kit after completing the training.

**Senator Shelley Mayer said**, “I am pleased to host another Narcan administration training, allowing more members of our community to become certified in administering this life saving treatment. Too many lives are taken each year by overdoses, and Narcan can be utilized to reverse the effects of an overdose, saving lives. I am proud to have so many constituents who are eager to help their neighbors in case of an emergency. I thank the Yonkers Public Library for allowing us to use their space and I thank OASAS for their continued efforts in ensuring New Yorkers have access to Narcan trainings and kits.”

**New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said**, “Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose in minutes. These training events are essential for educating New Yorkers about overdose prevention and response. By learning how to recognize and respond to an overdose, we can all play a role in saving lives.”

The Narcan training was open to everyone in the Westchester community. The 16 attendees received a two-year certification and a free emergency kit of Naloxone after completing the training.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).