

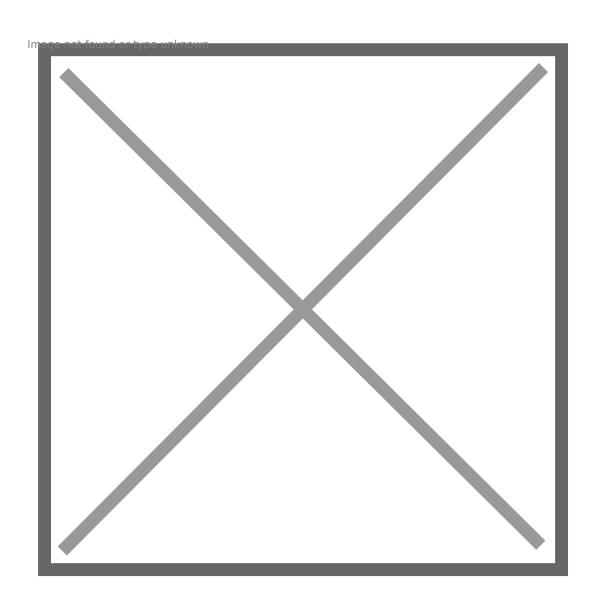
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ALBANY, NY – New York State Senator Terry Gipson (D-Dutchess, Putnam) and the Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County, Inc. (CAPE) announced that they will co-host a Heroin Prevention Panel and Narcan Training on

Thursday, June 26, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Dutchess Community College's James & Betty Hall, 53 Pendell Road Poughkeepsie, NY.

"Ensuring that New York State takes every possible action to combat heroin and opioid abuse in our communities has been a top priority during my first term," said Senator Gipson. "The advocacy and work of CAPE has been an important partner in fighting for action in the State Senate. I'm proud to continue to work with CAPE and hold this important panel and training as part of our shared commitment to improving the health and future of our families, community and state."

The event will feature a panel discussion on heroin and opioid abuse prevention with parents and persons in recovery along with Mario Malvarosa, MD, Addictions Specialist and Jenny Salimbene, Director, Lexington Center for Recovery. William Matthew, RPA-C, Clinical Director, will provide overdose prevention training, sponsored by Health Quest, which meets New York State Department of Health requirements and includes recognition of an opioid overdose, administration of Narcan and steps to take until EMS arrives. Participants will receive a certificate of completion and an emergency resuscitation kit that includes Narcan. **RSVP is required for the training:** (845) 765-8301 or narcan@capedc.org.

Senator Gipson recently <u>announced</u> that 14 bills that he co-sponsored aimed at combating heroin abuse passed the State Senate, including legislation that takes important steps towards ensuring that private sector insurance carriers in New York provide adequate coverage for addiction treatment.
