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## Community Mental Health Services

### *For Immediate Release*

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#### **Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse to Present “Opioid Crisis in Macomb County – Impact and Response”**

Macomb County Community Mental Health Office of Substance Abuse is sponsoring a Community Forum on Opioids on Monday, Oct. 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Macomb Intermediate School District, Room 100 B.

Opioid, prescription drugs, and heroin overdose deaths have increased significantly in Macomb County and have reached an all-time high in recent years. According to the Macomb County Medical Examiner’s Office, there were 280 deaths in 2015.

Abuse of opioid prescription medications along with heroin and cocaine abuse continue to be major concerns in Macomb County. In 2015 there were 114 deaths related to heroin (heroin alone or heroin in combination with other drugs). This represents a 54 percent increase in heroin related deaths from 2011.

The forum will include a summary of the scope of the opioid crisis in Macomb County to include information on the number of deaths, and its impact on health and the community.

Macomb Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) administrators will be on hand to discuss expanded treatment, training, community and related programs, and state and federal grants aimed to help those with substance use disorders (SUD).

Individual presenters will offer information on neo-natal effects from opioids, Project NOPE and individual stories of recovery. There will be a Q&A and community discussion after the presentations.

“We want the community to know what the level of the opioid crisis is here in Macomb County,” said Randy O’Brien, director of MCOSA. “We also want to let people know that families and communities can get help, find hope, and spread the message that recovery works.”

Macomb Intermediate School District is located at 44001 Garfield Rd, Charter Twp of Clinton.

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*Macomb Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA) is a statutory agency within Macomb Community Mental Health responsible for the coordination of substance use disorder treatment, prevention and recovery services in Macomb County. Visit [mcosa.net](http://mcosa.net) for more information.*

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