



2022 Older Adults and Opioids Webinar Series

The FLGEC collaborated with the Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center (WNY R-AHEC) to host a series of online education sessions in 2021. These webinar recordings can be accessed here and/or on YouTube:

[The War on Drugs: Impacts on Elder Substance Use](#)

- **Presenter:** Stewart Auyash, MPH, PhD, Associate Professor, Health Promotion and Physical Education, Ithaca College
- **Date Recorded:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 12:00pm ET
- Policies related to the war on drugs have impacted a wide range of Americans including the elderly. The presentation will include a history of US drug policy as a prelude to the current overdose epidemic and how it affects the elderly.

[Mental Health and Substance Use Among Adults with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, February–March 2021](#)

- **Presenters:** Amy Board, DrPH, Health Scientist, and Benjamin Olivari, MPH, Health Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- **Date Recorded:** Thursday, April 14, 2022, 12:00pm ET
- During February–March 2021, 64.1% of surveyed U.S. adults with disabilities reported adverse mental health symptoms or substance use; past-month substance use was higher than that among adults without disabilities (40.6% versus 24.5%, respectively). This presentation will describe disparities in self-reported adverse mental health and substance use outcomes for adults with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic and identify key strategies that healthcare providers and community

partners can take to support the mental health and substance use needs of adults with disabilities.

[In Their Own Words: Older Adults and OUD. How Close Observation and Curiosity Inform my Artistic Process - and How They Might Help You, Too](#)

- **Presenter:** Charmaine Wheatley, Artist in Residence, University of Rochester, Golisano Children's Hospital
- **Date Recorded:** Thursday June 9, 2022, 12:00pm, ET
- This presentation will share some of the watercolour portraits that I have created at URMC, including portraits of older adults affected by OUD. I will also describe the process by which I create these portraits and build the trust necessary for people to speak openly with me about their lives and experiences, including OUD.

[Opioid Overdose Prevention - Narcan Training](#)

- **Presenter:** Charlotte Crawford, RN, MSN, MBA, Consultant
- **Date Recorded:** Friday, June 24, 2022, 12:00pm ET
- The opioid epidemic continues to exist, stressing the importance of early recognition of an individual experiencing an overdose. Now more than ever the importance of having Narcan readily available and the knowledge on the use of Narcan can and will save lives. This presentation will cover the Good Samaritan Law, how to administer Narcan, and the importance in calling 911 for all overdoses. Reporting the use of Narcan will provide important data to the State, which in turn can increase funding to address this issue.