

Pottawattamie County is participating in a national legal settlement aimed at addressing the opioid epidemic, and Public Health is set to leverage these funds for targeted efforts within the county. To ensure the most effective use of these resources, Pottawattamie County Public Health is actively seeking input from the community to develop a comprehensive Community Opioid Action Plan. To facilitate this process, Parlay Consulting Firm is collaborating with various stakeholders, including hospitals, medical centers, nonprofits, law enforcement, government agencies, individuals with lived experience, and community members knowledgeable about substance misuse, including opioid use disorder. Their insights will be instrumental in shaping strategies to combat the opioid crisis and promote community well-being.

Please join us in a community conversation dedicated to sharing your insights and perspectives on opioid use in Pottawattamie County. Your input on prevention efforts, treatment continuum, and opportunities to support services will be invaluable to the action planning process.

These forums will run for 90 minutes each and will be offered at four different times to accommodate various schedules. Three sessions will be conducted in-person, while one session will be held virtually. Additionally, one session will be conducted in Spanish to ensure inclusivity and accessibility.

- **May 15th**, 1:00-2:30pm [Veterans Service Office Conference Room – 623 6th Ave Council Bluffs, IA 51501]
- **May 20th**, 11:00am-12:30pm Bilingual session in English and Spanish [Centro Latino of Iowa – 300 West Broadway, Suite 40, Council Bluffs, IA 51503]
- **May 22nd**, 1:00-2:30pm [Virtual via Zoom]
- **May 22nd**, 6:00-7:30pm @ Oakland [Oakland Community Center – 614 Dr Van Zee Rd, Oakland, IA 51560]

We look forward to your participation and contributions to our collective efforts in addressing the opioid crisis and saving lives in our community.

Let Us Know You Can Attend: To streamline planning and communication, we kindly request, but do not require, that individuals intending to attend a session use the following link to indicate their preferred session:

- <https://calendly.com/stephaniewenzparlay/pottawattamie-county-community-conversation-may-15th>
- <https://calendly.com/stephaniewenzparlay/centro-latino>
- <https://calendly.com/stephaniewenzparlay/pottawattamie-county-community-conversation-oakland>
- <https://calendly.com/stephaniewenzparlay/pottawattamie-county-conversation-may-22nd-oakland>

Upon confirming your chosen session, you'll promptly receive an email confirmation containing the location address or a Zoom link for virtual participation. Your cooperation in this process will greatly assist us in ensuring a smooth and well-organized event. Thank you for your participation and support.

What to Expect: This experience is highly structured, comprising large group information sharing, real-time feedback collection via online surveys completed on your personal phone, and small group discussions based on the shared information and survey results. Each small group will be led by a facilitator and supported by a note-taker. Notes from each session will be collected and analyzed. It's important to note that no data or quotes will be attributed to you in any feedback or reports.

Please reach out to Jordan Ranta (jordan.ranta@pottcounty-ia.gov, 712-242-1124) if you have questions!