

Bi-County Senior Connection

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, Livingston County Catholic Charities
University of Michigan Turner Senior Wellness Program



Get Connected Session: Older Adults and Substance Use

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: Green Oaks Township Hall, 8965 Fieldcrest Dr, Brighton

Phone: (810) 231-9626

Registration **REQUIRED**: Allison Ranusch, 734.712.7775, aranusch@csswashtenaw.org



Substance Use Disorder Risk Factors

Know the limit

Signs and Symptoms

Protective Factors

Communication Tips (Doctor/Pharmacies)

Safe Medication Disposal

Community Resources



"Issues of Pain and Medication Management"

U of M College of Pharmacy

"Identifying Signs of Dementia"

Nina Abney- LMSW, U of M Geriatrics Social Work



St. Joseph Mercy, Chelsea Hospital
Older Adult Recovery Center
Martin Hoekstra, LMSW
Peer Counselor

TOPIC: Treating Older Adult Addiction

Home of New Vision
Chris O'Droski, MA
Louis Franklin, Peer Recovery Coach

TOPIC: Multiple Pathways to Recovery
from Substance Use Disorder

University of Michigan
Turner Senior Wellness Program
Barbara Zaret, LMSW

TOPIC: Community Resources

Livingston County Sheriff's Department
Mike Murphy, Under Sheriff

TOPIC: Role of Law Enforcement



"Substance abuse among older adults (60 and older) is one of the fastest growing health problems in the United States."
"People 65 and older consume more prescribed and over-the-counter medications than any other age group in the United States."
*SAMHSA, TIP 26, 2012 revised.

Community Partners

St. Joseph Chelsea Hospital- Older Adult Recovery Center, Home of New Vision, Dawn Farm
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Brown Bag Lunch