

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG OLDER ADULTS:

An Emerging Public Health Crisis

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Opioid Issues & Trends Among Older Adults in Rural America

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Rural Americans are twice as likely to die from opioid misuse as their urban counterparts—and adults ages 45 and older comprise nearly half of these deaths.

A shortage of resources and limited access to care—combined with adverse socioeconomic conditions—are creating crises for many rural American families. Experts predict that the combination of the rural opioid epidemic and the aging of America's population will place enormous pressure on health care systems, emergency response services, law enforcement, and other community services in the years to come.

This webinar presents the facts behind this public health crisis and offers possible solutions.

Presenters

Paul Moore, D.Ph.—Executive Secretary for the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

William Benson, Ph.D., Health Benefits ABCs—Co-author of the recent study "Raising Awareness and Seeking Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic's Impact on Rural Older Adults," commissioned by Grantmakers in Aging

Who Should Attend

Individuals and organizations interested in understanding and ending the opioid crisis in rural America

Registration is open through
February 16, 2018

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- Organizing for Change: Assessing needs and mobilizing partnerships
- Taking Action: Policies, practices, and programs that reduce problems and promote health across the lifespan
- State Showcase: Effective responses to substance abuse in older adults.

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