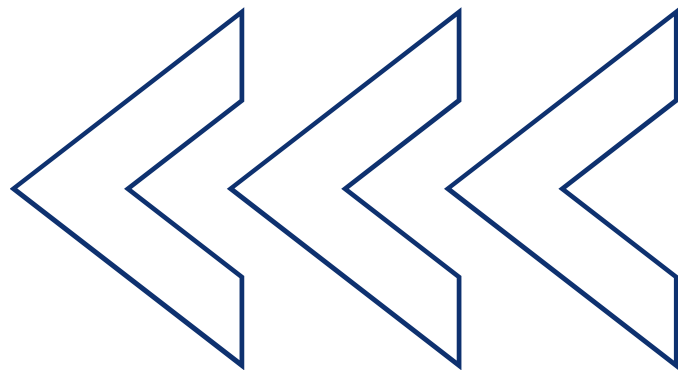


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Life's most persistent
and urgent question
is, 'What are you doing
for others?'

– Martin Luther King, Jr.





Our vision is to eliminate addiction as a major health problem.

We lead the fight against the deadly consequences of addiction and help patients, families, and communities affected by the disease.

The Addiction Policy Forum was created by families impacted by this disease. Founded in 2015, we are working in states and communities across the country to end stigma, build awareness, and translate the science around addiction.

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APF is dedicated to **ending the stigma around addiction**, which prevents patients and families from engaging in needed services. Since our founding in 2015, we have reached 50,598 individuals through our stigma initiatives, Congressional forums and awareness campaigns.

129aDay Awareness Campaign

The 129aDay awareness campaign honors individuals lost to addiction -- 129 who die each day from a substance use disorder: parents, siblings, children, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.



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Kathrine was one of the 129 people who die in our country each day from a drug overdose.

We can change this national epidemic. Find resources at 129aDay.org for prevention, treatment, recovery and advocacy.



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New Hampshire Forum on Addiction and the Heroin Epidemic



In January 2016, the Addiction Policy Forum held the "New Hampshire Forum on Addiction and the Heroin Epidemic" to provide New Hampshire policymakers and major presidential candidates with a venue to discuss addiction and engage with family members, patients and practitioners from the prevention, treatment and recovery fields.



Advocacy in Action

Family members impacted by substance abuse disorder convened on Capitol Hill to advocate for additional resources and bipartisan support for a comprehensive response to the opioid crisis.



Heroin Task Force: 129aDay Hearing

Families from across the nation and shared their experiences to emphasize the pressing need for Congress to lead the nation towards a comprehensive response to addiction.



On Wednesday, May 18th family members impacted by addiction gave testimony in front of members of the Bipartisan Task Force to Combat the Heroin Epidemic, led by Task Force Co-Chairs Frank Guinta (R-NH) and Ann Kuster (D-NH). These families travelled from across the nation and shared their experiences in order to emphasize the pressing need for congress to lead the nation towards a comprehensive response to addiction.



Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Becomes Law



On July 22, 2016, President Obama signed into law the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (P.L. 114-198). This is the first major federal addiction legislation in 40 years and the most comprehensive effort undertaken to address the opioid epidemic, encompassing all six pillars necessary for such a coordinated response – prevention, treatment, recovery, law enforcement, criminal justice reform, and overdose reversal. The new law authorizes over \$181 million each year in new funding to fight the opioid epidemic.

CARA is the product of bipartisan legislation at its finest—three years of collaboration between voices across the spectrum of this issue: families, first responders, doctors, law enforcement, scientists, and policymakers across the nation who have contributed to comprehensive legislation that propels our nation forward.

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016:

- Expands prevention and educational efforts—particularly aimed at teens, parents and other caretakers, and aging populations—to prevent the abuse of opioids and heroin and to promote treatment and recovery.
- Expands the availability of naloxone to law enforcement agencies and other first responders to help in the reversal of overdoses to save lives.
- Expands resources to identify and treat incarcerated individuals suffering from addiction disorders promptly by collaborating with criminal justice stakeholders and by providing evidence-based treatment.
- Expands disposal sites for unwanted prescription medications to keep them out of the hands of our children and adolescents.
- Creates an evidence-based opioid and heroin treatment and intervention program to expand best practices throughout the country.
- Strengthens prescription drug monitoring programs to help states monitor and track prescription drug diversion and to help at-risk individuals access services.





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