

Addressing Stigma

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Opportunity

Multi-disciplinary Team meetings



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GET INVOLVED.

Examples of Stigma

- Hurtful words and labels such as “junkie,” “addict,” and “alcoholic”
- Perception that addiction is a personal choice (rather than a chronic disease)
- Receiving lower quality of care in the healthcare system
- Being profiled by law enforcement
- Believing that people with substance use disorder aren’t worth saving

<https://stigmafreewv.org/>



What Is Stigma?

Learn about the types of stigma experienced by people with substance use disorder.



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Stories of Recovery

Learn about people in West Virginia communities who have shared their stories of recovery.



Training

<https://helpandhopewv.org/>

- ❖ Face to Face Sessions
~approximately 60%
- ❖ Speaker from Family Resource Network



Addressing Stigma: WV Stigma Webinar

Future Plans

<https://helpandhopewv.org/>

Community Partners

Community Sessions

West Virginia families and communities along with the rest of the nation continue to face the public health crisis of substance use disorder.

Together we can help our fellow West Virginians and restore our families and communities.

There is *Help*
and there is *Hope...*

GET INVOLVED

 **WVU**Medicine

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL 

Barriers

Decision to make presentation mandatory

- Getting buy-in

~ Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia

Questions?