

Lehigh Valley Summit examines the many aspects of prevention

On May 30, a Lehigh Valley Summit titled “The Many Aspects of Prevention” is scheduled to take place at the Homewood Suites in Center Valley, PA to increase the focus on relapse prevention and to collaboratively work towards preventing deaths from overdose in the Lehigh Valley. The conference planning committee includes representatives from the Centers of Excellence for Opioid Use Disorder at Neighborhood Health Centers of the Lehigh Valley and Treatment Trends, Lehigh and Northampton County Drug and Alcohol divisions, Magellan, and prevention providers.

The goals for the conference are to examine the Lehigh Valley’s current efforts to:

- Prevent first use
- Include the role of Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) in community-based initiatives preventing relapse
- Determine how medication-assisted treatment prevents death from overdose.

A motivational keynote “Growing Hope” by John Shinholser, a nationally-recognized speaker and recovery advocate, will open the conference. Breakout sessions focusing on prevention in many forms are offered along with community exhibitors and networking opportunities. Behavioral health professionals, system partners, teachers and school administrators, parents and other community stakeholders are expected to attend.

For more information about this conference, contact DianaHeckman@treatmenttrends.org.