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### **The Addiction Crisis Affecting Our Communities: Here, There and Everywhere**

**Bowie, MD** – Heroin, opioids and addiction are a national crisis! No community or demographic is exempt. The Bowie Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) will host: *The Addiction Crisis Affecting Our Communities: Here, There and Everywhere* on Monday, November 13, 7-8:30 pm. The branch is located at 15210 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, MD 20715.

This program offers:

1. An overview of the growing heroin/opioid crisis
2. Relevant, up-to-date research
3. Testimonials from individuals in recovery
4. A law enforcement perspective
5. Substance abuse, treatment & recovery provider information

Presenters include:

#### **Overview & Latest Research: Eleanor Erin Artigiani**

Eleanor Erin Artigiani serves as Deputy Director of Policy at the University of Maryland's Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) where she has worked since 1997. With 20 years of experience in substance abuse research and policy development, she is currently Co-Investigator for the Coordinating Center for the National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS; [www.ndews.org](http://www.ndews.org)) funded by the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). NDEWS operates a virtual community anyone can join free of charge of more than 1700 researchers, first responders, concerned citizens and others. The Network provides rapid access to information on emerging drugs and drug trends, drug policies, new resources, and successful local solutions. Interested persons can sign up on our website at [www.ndews.org](http://www.ndews.org).

#### **Law Enforcement Perspective: Sergeant Patrick Musselman**

Sgt. Musselman is a 30-year veteran of the Prince George's County Police Department. He is currently assigned to the Narcotics Enforcement Division and has been so since 2003. In 2006, Sgt. Musselman was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) as a Federal Drug Task Force Group Supervisor where he is currently assigned. The Task force is responsible for conducting large scale drug investigations throughout the Washington Metropolitan area specifically concentrating on the Southern Maryland region.

**Testimonial: Steve Clark**

Clark is the Executive Director of Champ House Recovery, Inc., a 501(c) (3) nonprofit

- 18 years sober
- 18 years volunteer at Champ
- Business Administration (Bachelor's degree)
- 35 years in Business Development, Business Management and Hi Level technical sales and engineering
- Vice President Belair Swim and Racquet Club in Bowie MD
- 53 years Bowie resident

**Testimonial: Rusty Bakalar**

Bakalar is Vice President/House Manager at Champ House Recovery

- 18 years sober |
- Retired 30-year master electrician
- Retired volunteer firefighter from Bowie
- 20 years Bowie resident

**Information and Resources**

A Bowie Branch Library Associate with a background in education and child development will be presenting information on accessing online resources for recovery and treatment of substance abuse issues.

Parents will be given needed tips on how to spot addictions in teens and young people. Join us and become a part of the solution to our national heroin, opioids and addiction crisis.

**About Prince George's County Memorial Library System**

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Skills development library resources include: Rosetta Stone Library Solution, Lynda.com, Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow, ArtistWorks for Libraries and Learning Express Library. Early literacy resources are: Ready 2 Read Centers, Ready 2 Read Backpacks, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack, Playaway Launchpads and PebbleGo. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Also, enjoy Minecraft, 3D printing, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab, chess clubs and MAC (Manga and Anime Clubs) free at your library. Engage with us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#), [Pinterest](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Check out our [mobile apps](#)! Learn more about what your Library has to offer at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

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