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Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Provides Naloxone Overdose Training

Champaign, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) has been providing training and Naloxone (also known as Narcan) since 2008. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, deaths from drug overdose have been rising steadily over the past two decades and have become the leading cause of injury death in the United States.

The CUPHD prevention staff train friends and family members of opiate users on the use of Naloxone and how to administer the medicine to stop an overdose. Participants will watch a short film and complete a questionnaire that reviews the steps covered in the film. There have been 47 reported opiate reversals (lives saved) since CUPHD began the program. The program is free and open to anyone 18 years and older who are at risk for opiate overdose. CUPHD works in conjunction with the Chicago Recovery Alliance (CRA).

“CUPHD provides this training in response to both an increase in opiate use and the lack of substance abuse treatment. We feel that persons should not die of their addiction when effective prevention is available,” said Julie Pryde, Administrator.

CUPHD staff will be available to answer questions after tonight’s community meeting in Danville. The meeting will be held at the Palmer Arena and begins at 6:00 PM.

For more information about overdose, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/overdose/facts.html>. To schedule training, contact Alice Cronenberg at (217) 531-5366.

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