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Washtenaw Families Against Narcotics Family Forum presents  
The Huntington West Virginia Story

## **Real Solutions Offer Hope and Light the Way to Save Lives in the Opioid Epidemic**

**Connie Priddy, MA, RN**

*Quick Response Team (QRT) Coordinator, Huntington West Virginia Story*

At the epicenter of the opioid crisis, West Virginia's overdose deaths in 2017 were twice the national rate.<sup>1</sup> Nearly devastated, one city created a team to reach out to residents who recently overdosed. Using compassionate care to help people seek treatment, the city of Huntington reduced overdoses by 40%. The Huntington QRT program was recently recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice and Bureau of Justice Assistance as a National Mentor Site for First-Responder Diversion programs for communities throughout the U.S.

QRT lead coordinator, Connie Priddy, will share how her community rallied around those suffering from substance use disorder by actively reaching out, offering help, developing harm reduction activities and increasing access to treatment. In addition, Connie is the Compliance Officer for Cabell County EMS, a former flight nurse, and was recognized in 2018 as Instructor of the Year by the West Virginia Office of EMS.

**Monday, January 13, 2020**

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

242 Church

648 S. Wagner Rd. in Ann Arbor

***"I came to Huntington because it's one of the best stories in the United States in terms of recovery. If we can turn around overdose numbers here, we can do it anywhere."***

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams, M.D.

To learn more about the QRT West Virginia story, and Connie Priddy, visit:

**[wsaz.com/content/news/WSAZ-Investigates-Addiction-Busters-483242871.html](https://wsaz.com/content/news/WSAZ-Investigates-Addiction-Busters-483242871.html)**



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