

# Save the date! Opioid Forum is Jan. 25

*The Opioid Epidemic:  
Saving our children,  
Securing our future.*



**Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Legislative Office Building, Room 1A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford**

The Commission on Women, Children and Seniors and the Courage to Speak Foundation jointly host a forum on the critical importance of opioid prevention for children and youth.

Opioid use and fatal overdoses have skyrocketed in Connecticut in recent years. In 2012, there were 357 overdose deaths, compared to 1,078 in 2017, an increase of 18 percent. And experts agree the epidemic will only worsen.

With the hard work of the legislature the past two sessions, including the passage of PA 17-131, which prevents prescription opioid diversion and abuse, as well as PA 16-42, which allows police officers to administer life-saving overdose reversal drugs, **Connecticut is fighting hard to save our children, youth and families.**

Please join us to discuss further steps needed to help end this epidemic; including tools for schools on opioid education, prevention tactics, and concrete ways children can learn to refuse opioids despite peer pressure and availability.

Please be on the lookout for follow up information on participants and panelists.

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