



The Gap
Network

What is the GAP Network?

Moving from grief to action for prevention. Supporting individuals; providing a voice for families; mobilizing communities. We're bridging the gap.

The GAP network of advocacy groups formed in response to a public outcry against prescription medication abuse and the heroin epidemic. Our members are family engagement advocacy groups, which provide a voice for the thousands of Ohio individuals and families impacted by substance abuse - especially the opiate/heroin epidemic. The GAP Network can provide information, education, advocacy, networking and support to make your local efforts more effective.

Our Mission

We want to make the message clear in Ohio: Prescription drugs can be just as dangerous and even deadly as illegal drugs, so we must protect our communities.

Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of injury death in Ohio. Prescription medication abuse - especially opiate pain killers - has resulted in addiction, increased crime and death. Heroin use is on the rise.

Advocacy groups provide support for those coping with active addiction and loss. Groups play a critical role in changing policies by making it more difficult to obtain illegal prescriptions, improved the reporting system of controlled substances, increased the number of Drop Boxes for unused and outdated medications and shut down pill mills.

“So many other coalitions are targeted toward treatment. The GAP Network is the best at providing guidance on advocacy.”

- Danielle Smoot
Cole'sWarriors.org

“Our biggest challenge is a lack of understanding that there is a problem with prescription medication abuse. We have to find ways to educate the community.”

-Amy Seidle
Brian's Desire/Pickaway County

Our Approach

The GAP Network offers training, technical support and grant opportunities. We can provide technical assistance, information, education, resources to help your local efforts. Prevention is effective and we can help you make changes in your community through effective strategies.

Advocacy is Action

Advocacy helps sway public opinion, bolsters community support, creates change. Every advocacy group faces a set of unique challenges within its own community. That's why the GAP Network provides local support, training, resources, networking opportunities and advocacy guidance.

We're Proud of Your Efforts

If you have advocacy challenges or would like help and support, contact us:

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“The greatest benefit of being part of an advocacy network is that we are recognized as an established group and not just a bunch of angry or hurt parents.”

-Kathy Loos
SOLACE of Lorain County

