



Preventing Prescription Painkiller Overdoses

Medications are important tools to help those with chronic pain and those who have other serious illnesses; however, when used

incorrectly, these medications can end a life.

Overdoses of prescription painkillers (also called opioid or narcotic pain relievers) have more than tripled in the past 20 years.

What can we do in Harnett County?

The Health Department in partnership with Healthy Harnett are working to implement “**Project Lazarus**” a community wide response to a problem that is devastating communities across the nation. We invite you to join us to learn more on

Tuesday, September 9

12:00-2:00pm/lunch provided

Governmental Complex -Commons Area
309 W Cornelius Harnett Blvd Lillington

***Registration Required** –RSVP by September 2, 2014

To Register: Harnett County Health Department
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North Carolina has higher than average **Overdose** death rates.

1 in 20

People in the US (Age 12 or older) reported using prescription painkillers for nonmedical reasons in the past year

Project Lazarus based on the premises that drug overdose deaths are preventable

Communities are ultimately responsible for their own health

Prescription painkiller **Overdoses** are a Public health epidemic