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# New North Church

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## **OVERDOSE PREVENTION & NARCAN TRAINING PROGRAM AT NEW NORTH CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

On Saturday, June 23, New North Church, 1 Lincoln Street, Hingham, will host a public presentation at 10:00 a.m. on opioid overdose prevention. It will include a Narcan training demonstration by Kurt Gerold of the Anchor Program, affiliated with the North Street Community Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Gerold's presentation will describe opioids and their effect on the body, signs of overdose and how to react. He will explain how one can obtain Narcan and describe how to administer it in the event of an overdose.

The presentation and training are free and will take about 45 minutes with time for questions and discussion. Coffee and snacks will be available beforehand.

"Our goal is to provide community support for those struggling with substance use disorder," said Gerold. "The more people who know how to recognize an overdose and the signs of addiction, the better."

Rev. Steve Aucella, pastor of New North Church, where the program will be held, explained, "This training ties in well with our church's outreach ministry with Katherine House in Weymouth. Opioid addiction has become something of an epidemic in southeastern Massachusetts. Family and friends of addicts want to know how they can help.

“Kurt’s presentation goes a long way to educate us all about the nature of addiction and effective treatment. That’s why we are making this presentation available to anyone who wants to know more about the problem,” Rev. Aucella said.

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