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“Save a Life. For Free. In Texas”
Opioid Overdose Reversal Training set for June 4 in Marlin;
Grant money combats opioid epidemic across Texas
Sponsored by Falls Community Hospital & Clinic

WHAT: The Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative (TONI) is presenting FREE opioid overdose reversal training designed for patients, drug users and their peers (prescription and illicit drug users), family members, medical personnel, first responders and community members interested in helping save lives and decreasing the adverse impact of opioids on Texas residents. Around 80% of overdose rescues are done by drug users and family members.

Attendees will:

- Learn how to recognize, respond and evaluate an opioid overdose
- Learn how to administer Naloxone (Narcan, an intranasal opioid overdose reversal medication)
- Receive a free, two-dose Narcan kit at the end of the training
- See a demonstration on rescue breathing

The Narcan kit is a prefilled, needle-free nasal spray that revives people who overdose on opioids. In the event of an overdose, Narcan can be administered to rapidly reverse the overdose by blocking the brain’s opioid receptors, as well as restoring normal respiration to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing with heroin or prescription opioid pain medications.

WHY: Our goal is to increase the number of bystanders who are able to take action in the event they are faced with an opioid overdose emergency. As the opioid crisis grows, overdose deaths are devastating families and communities across our country. Opioid overdose is the leading cause of unintentional deaths in the United States and many have called this the epidemic of our generation.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: 324 Davis Street, Falls County Youth Fair Building, Marlin, Texas, 76661

HOW: Reserve your ticket for this FREE event today by going to www.eventbrite.com and search for “events” in Marlin Texas. **Seating is limited to the first 150 who reserve tickets. If you don’t have access to the internet, call Cathy Kotter at 254-803-3561, ext. 2107 for reservations.**

WHY FREE?: The training and Narcan doses are being supplied to Texas organizations through a federally funded, state executed grant, coordinated by HHSC and the UT Health School of Nursing. The grant will fund 40 Narcan training sessions across Texas, with a particular emphasis on reaching rural communities. Narcan retails for \$150 per dose, and each box has two doses, so free Narcan is an incredible public service to the community.

The training will be provided by Charles Thibodeaux B.A.A.S., LCDC of the Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative (TONI). The program is presented by the State Office of Rural Health, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and TORCH (Texas Organization of Rural Clinics & Hospitals) and sponsored by Falls Community Hospital & Clinic, Marlin, Texas.

Questions? Contact ckotter@fallshospital.com , or call 254-803-3561, ext. 2107, or visit our Facebook page facebook.com/fallshospital.com or our website, fallshospital.com or morenarcanplease.com for more information.

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Narcan Photo





OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL TRAINING

Learn about the growing opioid epidemic and how to prevent or reverse an opioid overdose.

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Marlin, TX**

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Attendees will learn how to:

- Recognize, respond and evaluate an opioid overdose and where to access Naloxone in their area.
- Attendees will be provided information on administering Naloxone (Narcan) including intramuscular/intranasal methods of administering Naloxone, and a demonstration on rescue breathing.

Upon completion of this event, participants will be able to:

- Recognize, respond and evaluate an overdose situation.
- List strategies for integrating opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Access (OENA).
- Describe how to properly administer Naloxone and the law regarding it.

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TEXAS OVERDOSE NALOXONE INITIATIVE

The training will be provided by Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative (TONI)

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