

# Community Comes Together to Address Overdoses

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(Astoria, OR) -- An overdose awareness event to shed the spotlight on lives lost to overdoses is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, August 31, at the Barbey Maritime Center in Astoria.

"We invite the community to come together to remember and celebrate loved ones we lost to an overdose. Together we can prevent future losses of life," said Jenna King, Clatsop County Public Health Department harm reduction coordinator.

"Clatsop County Public Health and our community partners are committed to showing people how they can help save the lives of loved ones and to provide those resources. Help us end the stigma of addiction," she said.

Clatsop County Senior Sheriff Deputy Chance Moore and Sergeant Nate Baldwin will share their experiences saving lives by reversing an overdose with naloxone.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of someone they loved who died by overdose. Photos will be displayed on a memorial wall so their story can be shared at the Overdose Awareness Day event.

Event activities include:

- Music
- Narcan supplies and training
- Art projects and activities
- Keynote address by Alison Noice, CODA inc. executive director
- Free food and beverages provided
- Community resources available
- Giveaways
- Candlelight Vigil

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