



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Hosted by the Area Agency on Aging District 7

## “Opiate Use Disorders and Older Adults: Pharmageddon”

Presenter: Brian Bethel, PhD, LPCC-S, LCDC III, RPT-S

*Substance use disorders of opiates continue to create devastating and significant challenges for health care and social service professionals. In fact, drug overdose deaths involving opioids have steadily increased across the last decade. Although the major dimensions of the opioid crisis involve young adults, the fallout from this crisis can also be found from the increase of older adults with substance use disorders of opiates. This training will highlight the evolution of opiate use in America and underscore the devastating impact that opioids have had on our society. A review of substance use disorders and research-supported treatment models will be offered to assist professionals when working with older adults who present with a substance use disorders of opiates.*

## September 26, 2024

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Virtual Training Presentation

FREE Training

CEU Information Included on Back Page

**REGISTER ONLINE – Please follow these instructions:**

- 1) Log on to [www.aaa7.org](http://www.aaa7.org)
- 2) Go to the “Training” Tab
- 3) Click on “Training Registration”
- 4) Complete the registration form

**Deadline to register is September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Once your registration is received, you will be sent further instructions on how to access the webinar. Certificate of Completion will be e-mailed after the training is complete.**

**ALSO NOTE - Internet connection is the participant’s responsibility – make sure you have a strong internet connection and test everything before the webinar begins.**

Please see back page for more information about this training including course objectives, speaker bio and CEU information.

# “Opiate Use Disorders and Older Adults: Pharmageddon”

*At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will:*

- Articulate the evolving nature of the opioid epidemic from the role of prescription opioids, heroin, and illicitly-manufactured synthetic opioids.
- Recognize and articulate common warning signs of substance use disorders specific to the older adult population.
- Discuss the role of prescription opioid treatment for older adults.
- Identify research-supported practices to empower individuals who confront challenges associated with substance use disorders of opiates.

*More About the Speaker* – **Dr. Brian Bethel** is a Professional Clinical Counselor-Supervisor (LPCC-S), a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDCIII), and a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor (RPT-S) with specialized training in counseling children, adolescents and families. Dr. Bethel earned his PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from Ohio University where he also earned dual master’s degrees in Clinical Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling. With over twenty years of clinical practice experience, Dr. Bethel brings a diversity of strengths. As the founder and director of Interplay Counseling and Consultation Services, LLC, Dr. Bethel operates a private counseling practice and provides education services to community organizations. He has dedicated much of his professional career to working with individuals impacted by trauma and continues as a mental health clinician for a Child Advocacy Center that serves children and families across southern and southeastern Ohio.

CEU Information – Approved by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Ohio Chapter for three (3) hours of CEUs for social workers.

The Ohio Board of Nursing accepts social work hours for RN CEUs. NASW is recognized as a Continuing Education Approver for social work CEUs by the OCSWMFT Board.

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