



Monroe County Substance Use Disorder Awareness Commission to host South Central Recovery Summit

Building Recovery Through Connections, dedicated to the work of Dr. Greg May

August 14, 2024 – On September 5, 2024, the Monroe County Substance Use Disorder Awareness Commission (SUDAC) will host its biennial South Central Recovery Summit at the Monroe County Convention Center.

The one-day event brings together community members, caring professionals, and stakeholders to educate each other, examine innovative ideas, and to collaborate on evidence-based solutions to the ever-increasing drug use problems in our communities. All are welcome to attend the Summit, and SUDAC encourages participation from a wide variety of attendees, including but not limited to concerned citizens, employers, healthcare providers, mental health providers, community leaders, educators, law enforcement, community corrections, addiction specialists, survivors, attorneys, judges, and anyone else interested in learning more about this important matter.

The 2024 South Central Recovery Summit will bring together a diverse group of experts, including individuals with lived experience, to discuss recovery from substance use. Key topics at the Summit will include stigma of mental health and substance use, pathways to recovery and harm reduction, Recovery Community Organizations, stigma and barriers associated with medication-assisted treatment (MAT), drug checking, myths and misinformation about overdose for those who encounter fentanyl in an unregulated drug supply, overdose reversal, housing models that support people with substance use disorder, law enforcement's role in harm

reduction, xylazine and wound care, and Indiana law. The program will kick off with a presentation by Professor Bernice Pescosolido, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director of the Irsay Institute and Indiana Consortium on Mental Health Services Research at Indiana University, on stigma surrounding mental health and substance use. The Summit will conclude with a keynote address by State Senator Shelli Yoder, one of the founding members of SUDAC and the biennial Summit.

This year's Summit is dedicated to the work of Dr. Greg May, a former SUDAC President. Dr. May worked at Centerstone for nearly 20 years, holding many roles and titles during that time, including Director of Integrated Health and Administrative Director. In November of 2021, he began working for MedMark Treatment Center in Bloomington as the Treatment Center Director. He also owned and operated his own business, How To Save A Life LLC, providing American Red Cross instructional programs including First Aide, CPR, and AED courses to businesses and other organizations. Dr. May embodied public service and community engagement. He passed away suddenly in October 2022, leaving an enduring legacy of better resources and partnerships in Monroe and surrounding counties.

Tickets are fifty dollars (\$50.00). Light refreshments and lunch will be provided. To purchase a ticket and register for the 2024 South Central Recovery Summit, please visit our Eventbrite page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-monroe-county-recovery-summit-registration-976155576607?aff=oddtcreator>.

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