

# PREVENTION

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July, 2020

*Building a safe and healthy environment  
by effectively educating the community on positive life choices.*

### **At a glance...**

Prevention Works has joined NYS OASAS with their "In the Know" campaign. Throughout the month of July, we will be addressing many common misconceptions about addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery. Our goal is to empower people with facts pertaining to substance use disorder and eliminate stigma.

So here are a few facts to get us started:

Did you know that there were 3,264 drug overdose deaths in NY in 2017.

Do you know how many people in NY die due to excessive alcohol use each year? 4,000

True or False

Babies born to mothers with drug addiction also have a substance addiction.

False. Babies born to mothers who have problems with drugs are not born with addiction, but babies can be born with drugs in their system. This can cause them a great deal of discomfort. Once the supply of drugs (delivered through the mother's umbilical cord) goes away, babies can experience painful withdrawal symptoms and other health problems. In newborns exposed to opioids, this type of withdrawal is called neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). NAS can be caused by exposure to many different opioids. It's especially challenging for babies born to

### **Monthly Media Campaign:**

Addiction: In the Know



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### **July Events:**

Independence Day  
Prevention Works Office Closed  
July 3

### **Upcoming Events:**

South County Chicken BBQ  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
This event is drive-thru only  
Chautauqua Mall Parking Lot,  
Lakewood  
August 5

North County Chicken BBQ  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
This event is drive-thru only  
Econo Lodge Parking Lot,  
Dunkirk  
August 27

### **Virtual Parenting Classes**

*First Five Years*

**Dates:** Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15,  
& 22, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm - 2 pm

mothers who have untreated opioid use disorder, including prescription pain relievers or heroin. Appropriate SUD treatment for the mother during pregnancy can assist in making NAS milder, and any NAS experienced by a newborn can be managed in a hospital.



To register for our online parenting classes via Zoom, please call (716) 664-3608 or contact Kathy Colby at [kjcolby@preventionworks.us](mailto:kjcolby@preventionworks.us).

Parenting Classes sponsored by United Way of Southern Chautauqua County

### **About Us**

Since 1974, Prevention Works, formerly known as CASAC, a United Way partner agency, has provided social emotional learning and the prevention of risky behaviors in Chautauqua County School Districts and our local community. Prevention Works is the only New York State Office of Addiction Services & Supports (OASAS) approved and supported alcohol and other drug prevention agency in Chautauqua County. For further information about Prevention Works programs and services, call the Jamestown office at 664-3608, or the Dunkirk office at 366-4623, or go to Prevention Works' website, [www.preventionworks.us](http://www.preventionworks.us).

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