

## For Immediate Release

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## Narcan Distribution Event – Free to Community!

**Punta Gorda, FL (October 18, 2021)** – Overdoses are at an all time high. Last year, over 90,000 people died of drug overdose. From November 2019 – October 2020, the U.S. saw the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period.

Charlotte County is not immune. There has been a correlation between stress & overdose in our county, and we have seen 144 overdoses in the last six months alone.

To help combat this, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC) is hosting a free Narcan distribution event on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the lobby of the Charlotte County Family Services Center, located at 21450 Gibralter Drive in Port Charlotte.

Narcan<sup>©</sup> is an FDA approved medication that saves lives by reversing the effects of an overdose. If you or someone you know is struggling with opioid addiction, pick up your free Narcan Rescue Kit and training on how to administer it. Also available will be information on recognizing an overdose, understanding the risks of relapse after a period of abstinence, and developing a relapse prevention plan.

Don't let stigma stop you from saving a life of a loved one. Join the fight for life!

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