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**Narcan Distribution Event – Free to Community!**

**Punta Gorda, FL (February 15, 2022)** – Overdoses are at an all time high. Provisional data from CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics indicate that there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 12-month period ending in April 2021, an increase of 28.5% from the 78,056 deaths during the same period the year before. This is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period.

Charlotte County is not immune; our community is struggling now more than ever.

To help combat this, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC) is hosting a free Narcan distribution event on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 p .m. at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, located at 7001 San Casa Drive in Englewood. CBHC will have a table set up outside the entrance to the main building.

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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