



# QUINCY COLLEGE

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## **Quincy College creates a forum for Southeastern Massachusetts communities to tackle Substance Use and Opioid Crisis**

**Summary:** Annual open-to-public Quincy College Substance Use Disorder Forum facilitates regional discussions and identifies actionable solutions with representatives from City of Quincy, community groups, and others in attendance.

**SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE:** .@QuincyCollege leads Nov. 8 Substance Use and Opioid Crisis forum discussing substance abuse prevention w/ @CityofQuincy, community groups, & others

### **Quincy, MA (October 29, 2018)**

Quincy College is once again taking a leadership role in regional conversations surrounding substance use and the opioid crisis by hosting an open to the public forum and community services resource fair on their Quincy Center campus.

On November 8th at 12:15pm, Quincy College's Student Success Office will host the Substance Use Disorder Forum in the Student Lounge at the Quincy Campus (1250 Hancock Street, Quincy). This event is free and open to the public; media is welcome to attend.

Community organizations will be hosting tables and sharing resources from 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Many issues surrounding drug and alcohol abuse will be discussed. A diverse forum of speakers touching upon various aspects of addiction will lead the discussion including representatives from the Mayor's Office City of Quincy. The forum will be moderated by Lori Earl, Student Success Coach at Quincy College and will feature the following panelists:

Laura Martin  
Substance Use Prevention Coordinator, City of Quincy

Father James Hawker  
Board of Governors at Quincy College

Gavin Foundation

Massachusetts community groups will be on hand to provide information on support services including Bay State Community Services, Column Health, Devine Recovery Center, Gavin Foundation, Impact Quincy, the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, Quincy Family Resource Center, Northeast Addictions Treatment Center, The Sun Will Rise Foundation, Volunteers of America, and others.

In addition to the forum, several individuals, some of whom are Quincy College students will share their personal, touching stories of recovery.

" Quincy College understands the importance of working to reduce the stigma around the issues of substance use disorders so that individuals struggling with addiction and their loved ones feel more comfortable speaking up and reaching out for support. We recognize the impact of communities connecting with each other to build solutions, and we are pleased to highlight vital resources and support available on the South Shore for the Quincy College community and the community at large," Lori Earl, Student Success Coach at Quincy College and the 2018 Substance Use Disorder Forum moderator.

For event information, please visit:

<https://quincycollege.edu/events/substance-use-disorder-symposium-quincy-campus/>

For on-campus student services including Quincy College Student Success Coaching, please visit: <http://quincycollege.edu/student-services/student-success-coaching/>.

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*Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 34 associate degree programs and 24 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, and Natural & Health Sciences. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area, South Shore, and Cape Cod, as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)*