



Celebrate National Recovery Month

FREE EVENT

Communiversy Harm Reduction & Recovery Event:

“Every Individual, Every Family, Every Community”

**Baker Center Ballroom
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
3pm-8pm**

***Sponsored by The Gathering Place and Ohio University
College of
Health Sciences & Professions***

Schedule of Events

3pm-6pm: *Outreach Fair with Community Service Agencies, Recovery Organizations and Ohio University Departments*

Vouchers for City-Wide Annual Bus Pass, Bicycles, Backpacks with Personal care items, Food and more

Narcan and Fentanyl Strips Give Away for Harm Reduction

6pm-6:45pm-*Panel with Ohio Youth Move-Harm Reduction*

7pm-8pm- Entertainment- Mentalist *“Craig Karges is known for his combination of the art of magic and the power of intuition to create one of the most interesting and impressive shows on stage! His jaw-dropping show has dazzled audiences across the globe.”*

Communiversality Recovery Event will be a recovery community celebration and awareness opportunity that will promote the benefits of recovery, create connections to the vast array of The Gathering Place's communities partners and services providers, provide and promote the use of Narcan, Fentanyl strips and other harm reductions strategies, such as alcohol prevention literature for OU students, address transportation needs/gaps by providing bicycles and vouchers for year round bus passes to attendees to be utilized for commuting purposes, address homelessness issues and housing needs for people in recovery by utilizing this recovery event to give information to our community about our Conestoga Hut project.

Communiversality Recovery Event is a community celebration of recovery designed to promote the benefits of recovery while creating connection opportunities between event attendees and The Gathering Place's many community partners. The event is being hosted in conjunction with Recovery Month.

National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible. The goal is to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery.

We will be providing and promoting the use of Fentanyl strips, Narcan and other harm reduction strategies including distributing literature regarding alcoholism prevention. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to receive bicycles and bus passes to assist with transportation needs and will learn more about how to support The Gathering Place's Conestoga Hut project – a project designed to combat the growing homelessness crisis facing our community.

We invite all regional behavioral health providers to attend to promote their recovery related services, including and especially those from Athens County and Ohio University

Date: Wednesday, September 27th

Time: 3pm-6pm

Where: Baker Center Ballroom and Atrium

Please contact Ginger Schmalenberg at ginger@thegpathens.com 740-594-7337 to get involved.

Tables and chairs will be provided.