



OPIATE ADDICTION

A Northern Michigan Public Health Crisis

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Putting a face on an epidemic that impacts us all

An estimated 12 percent of children in this region live with a parent who is dependent on or abuses alcohol or other drugs.



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Employees with addiction problems function at about two-thirds of their capability and employees who use drugs are three times more likely to be late for work.



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State governments spent
almost 16% of their
budgets to deal with
substance abuse and
addiction



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“There is perhaps no greater threat to economic security of rural America than its on going drug abuse epidemic. This is an epidemic that stretches from coast to coast and includes almost everywhere in between”

-Tom Vilsack



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Rural addicts began using drugs at a younger age (between 15 and 17 years) and abused their drugs of choice intermittently

They abuse drugs and alcohol at a much higher rate than their city counterparts (49.5 percent versus 36.1 percent).



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More than 77 percent of the patients in rural facilities were white, educated and employed at much higher frequency than urban counter-parts.

A decade ago, rural areas served as a kind of sanctuary from widespread city drug abuse. Now there is no statistical difference between the susceptibility of drug abuse.



What Does Addiction and Recovery Look Like in Northern Michigan?

Addiction Treatment Services

Serve over 2,200 each year

Currently have over 100 beds of various type

Full array of services along the continuum

Average age of admission is 26

We see higher educated, higher income individuals with no criminal or addiction background

Alcohol and Opiates are nearly equal



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Challenges to Treatment:

- Lack of public health strategy which included not only treatment, but also prevention efforts and ongoing supports after treatment.
- Treatment is under researched and under funded
- Treatment models are prescriptive and based on abstinence ideology – one path to recovery
- Treatment has historically been on the periphery of the health care field
- An individual with public funding is far more likely to receive care



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County	Population	Medicaid/HMP
Antrim	23,580	3,700
Benzie	17,525	2,703
Grand Traverse	86,986	11,340
Leelanau	21,708	1,687
Kalkaska	17,153	3,608
Total	166,952	23,038

14%



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Some Recent Local Efforts:

- Opiate Health Homes
- Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- PORCH – Impact 100 Grant
- Munson Grants
- Families Against Narcotics
- Hope Not Handcuffs
- Substance Free Coalition of NW Michigan



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Northern Michigan Regional Entity

- [1-800-834-3393](tel:1-800-834-3393)

- NMRE.org

Mission:

Develop and implement sustainable, managed care structures to efficiently support, enhance, and deliver publicly-funded behavioral health and substance use disorder services

PORCH Recovery Center

A Project of Addiction Treatment Services

- (231) 922-4810

- Addictiontreatmentservices.org

needle exchange, peer coaching, social activities, education, family groups, health and wellness classes, medical clinic, social support meetings, walk-in care, plus more being developed for 2020

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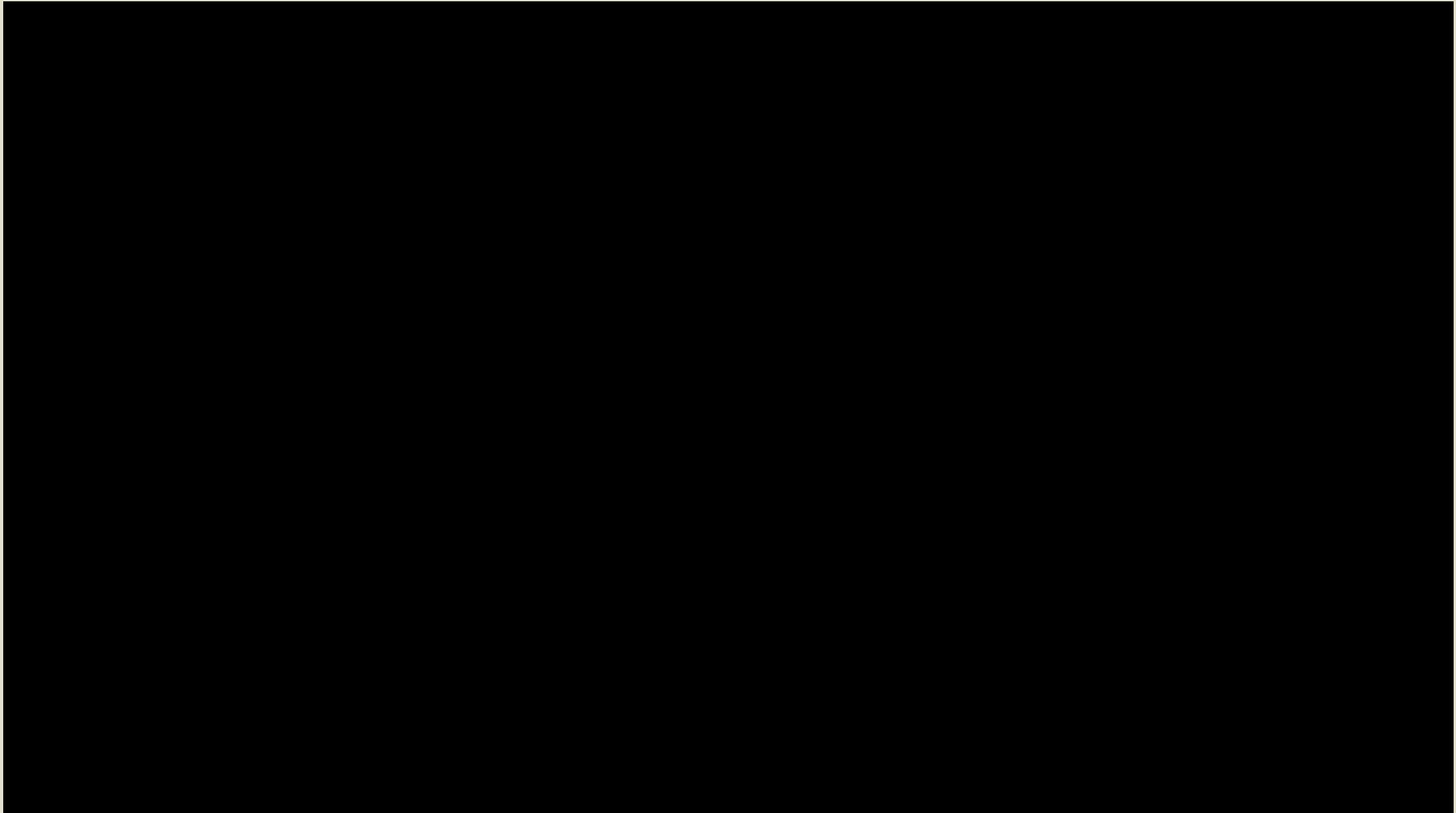
Other Local Resources

Resource	Web	Phone
Substance Free Coalition of NW Mich.	www.unitedwaynwmi.org/sfcnwmi	(231) 649-8334
Families Against Narcotics (FAN)	https://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/copy-of-grand-traverse	(231) 883-9111
Hope Not Handcuffs	https://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs	(586) 438-8500
AA – District 11	http://district11-aa.org/	(231)946.8823
NW Michigan - Narcotics Anonymous	https://michigan-na.org/northwest-michigan-area/	(800) 230-4085
National Alliance on Mental Illness	https://namigt.org/	(231) 944-8448
AI – ANON of Northwest Michigan	https://alanon-d39.org/	(231) 938-7399
Moms on a Mission	https://upnorthlive.com/news/moms-on-a-mission	

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The Challenge:

Changing our
perspective about
what addiction is and
how we can best
manage the disease.

