



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AGAINST OPIOIDS

- March 11th in Ruston
- March 18th in Lacombe
- March 25th in St. Martinville



Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge invites you to join us at one of three regional information days in March. We have partnered with the Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health for additional information on the epidemic of opioids and the impact on families, communities and faith-based groups.

AGENDA

9-9:15 am	Welcome and Introductions
9:15-9:45 am	Families Helping Families—Who we are and what we do?
9:45-10:45 am	Understanding the Opioid Epidemic
10:45-11 am	Break
11 am-12 pm	Partnering to Address the Opioid Epidemic within the Faith-Based Community
12-12:15 pm	Wrap-up and closing comments



Ruston

<http://bit.ly/ChallRuston>

Lacombe

<http://bit.ly/ChallLacombe>

St. Martinville

<http://bit.ly/ChallStMartin>

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge
- Families Helping Families of Northeast Louisiana
- Northshore Families Helping Families
- Families Helping Families of Acadiana
- Louisiana Methodist Children's Home
- St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office
- St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Training Academy
- Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health

The meetings are coordinated by Team Dynamics. Please call 985-624-3514 with questions or for registration assistance.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Keely Cassidy March 18 - Lacombe

Keely Cassidy is the Resource Specialist at Northshore Families Helping Families. Before joining NFHF, she worked as a Family Advocate at SLU Head Start in Hammond, LA. Keely is from Covington, Louisiana and is the mom of two beautiful daughters.



Stacey Guidry March 11 - Ruston

Stacey Guidry is the director of Families Helping Families of Northeast LA, located in Monroe. Twenty years ago, Guidry gave birth to her second son, Luke. As a young mother, Ms. Guidry felt that Luke had some differences. Though she addressed those differences the best she could, she felt lonely in supporting Luke. She did her best as Luke grew but felt that her individual efforts were still not sufficient.



Laci Polotzola March 25– St. Martinville

Laci Polotzola has been the Executive Director of Families Helping Families of Acadiana since January 2018. She is from Port Barre, Louisiana and is the mother of two boys, Taylon and Tyler Polotzola. Her passion for advocacy began around 2010 when Tyler was diagnosed with Autism, right before age 3. Laci served as the Region 4 LaCAN Leader prior to becoming the Executive Director of Families Helping Families of Acadiana.



Tonja Myles March 11, 18, 25

Tonja Myles is an ordained minister, a community activist, certified peer support specialist, veteran and subject matter expert for community based and systemic approaches to promote mental wellness, rehabilitation for recovery. Her expertise comes from her own lived experience as an addict, suicide survivor and victim of childhood sexual abuse. She is an advocate for humane, compassionate, and ethical treatment of individuals who suffer from mental illness.



Deatra Peoples March 11, 18, 25

Deatra Peoples is the Empowerment Program Director for Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge. She presents informational and motivational sessions to healthcare organizations, educators, community agencies, and in/outpatient substance abuse facilities. Deatra is working with the Office of Behavior Health on the statewide Empowerment program. The program offers trainings, networking, and support for families and youth affected by mental health, addictive disorders and substance abuse.



Jamie Tindle March 11, 18, 25

Jamie Tindle has been the Executive Director of Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge for the past 13 years. Jamie is the proud mother of 2 beautiful daughters and one handsome and amazing son, Alex, who has multiple developmental disabilities. Because of her journey with Alex, Jamie has found her purpose in advocating for the rights and systemic changes of those with disabilities. She participates in many state and national workgroups and taskforce committees.