

Save Your Company's Productivity:

How to Respond to the OPIOID CRISIS

This crucial community forum presented by ATS-The Bridge

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Awareness and Scope of Opioid Epidemic in Bradley County

ATS The Bridge and Tip411

- Scott Elam, Board Chairman

Law Enforcement

– Bill Cherry, Director of the 10th Judicial District Drug Task Force

Legal and Human Resources Issues and Resources

Facilitator Jimmy F. Logan, Jr., President, Logan-Thompson P.C.

Maury Nicely, Attorney, Evans Harrison & Hackett PLLC

Mr. Nicely concentrates his practice in the areas of employment litigation, labor law, and general business litigation. He has addressed issues pertaining to all areas of labor and employment law in order to assist clients in preparing and maintaining employee records, making proactive decisions to prevent workplace issues from arising, and addressing formal complaints if and when they arise.

— Break —

Stacie Caraway, Attorney, Miller & Martin PLLC

Ms. Caraway advises employers of all sizes on how to comply with applicable state and federal laws concerning legal issues in the employment setting. Stacie is an employment law strategist, litigator and trainer, advising national, regional and local employers on employment law matters focusing on FMLA leave administration, ADA, pregnancy and religious accommodations, as well as anti-harassment, discrimination and retaliation laws.

Medical and Mental Health Perspective and Resources

Physician's Perspective - Dr. Dewayne Knight - Lee University
Sports Team Physician, Campus Physician, and Full Faculty in the Athletic Training Program

Treatment Modalities

- Bradford Health Services Scott Berry, Community Outreach Specialist
- Tennova Behavioral Health
 - Jennifer Hennessee, Community Liaison
 - Brandon Holt, M.S., MFT-1, Behavioral Health Therapist
- Anchor Point Foundation, Inc. Rev. Russell Coffey, President

Q & A Session



The Bridge was built as a movement in late 2014 by a group of local concerned citizens who became aware of the opioid epidemic threatening Bradley County. Like many people, they were surprised at the severity of the problem locally and committed to use their gifts and talents to confront this societal evil.

The Bridge's mission is to protect our next generation from substance abuse and to prepare them to become responsible citizens. The founders identified three dimensions necessary to accomplish its mission: 1) increase level of awareness, 2) direct adolescents and adults in need toward treatment, and 3) encourage them to sustain sobriety.

Its name was chosen because the movement desires to be "the bridge" to obtaining necessary services for those seeking help with substance abuse, and to "bridge" any disconnect that may exist between service providers.

The Bridge's early actions included bringing the Stutman & Switalski Group to Bradley County on two occasions. Bob Stutman is a retired special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Jodi Switalski is a groundbreaking treatment court judge and metro Detroit litigator with a perfect trial record. This powerful duo travel extensively to raise awareness about our nation's public health threat—opiate addiction.

In April 2016 The Bridge participated in a drug take-back event, and in August 2016 and 2017, The Bridge partnered with Bradley County Schools, On Point, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to provide an intense pre-game program at the Bradley County/Walker Valley High School football games. The Bridge was invited to present to the Bradley County Schools teachers in-service in August 2017. Since then, The Bridge has organized a Pastors Summit, two opioid symposiums at Lee University, and along with Bradford Health Services, and brought "The Addicted Brain" seminar to Cleveland.

The Bridge stands ready to assist your staff, employees, etc about the opioid epidemic and brainstorm ways that we together can fight against it. Our kids' futures are worth it!

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