



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CODES**

NOTICE OF ROUNDTABLE

NOTE NEW LOCATION AND TIME

SUBJECT: Addressing the Heroin and Synthetic Drug Crisis

PURPOSE: To examine and discuss current policies related to heroin and synthetic drug use, including treatment options, in order to develop awareness, solutions, and potential legislation.

Albany

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
10:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Legislative Office Building
Room 711-A
Albany, New York

Participation by Invitation Only

Heroin and synthetic drug use has continued to increase throughout the country, including in New York State. There are daily reports of overdoses which often result in violent episodes or even death. This scourge has especially affected young people throughout the state— urban, suburban, and rural communities have equally experienced this growing epidemic. This roundtable will examine the problem from a public health perspective and explore solutions including prevention, treatment options, and potential legislation. Discussion will focus on, but not be limited to, topics such as how substance abusers and their families overcome difficulties in finding available and effective treatment options, how to improve wraparound services in order to prevent a return to addiction and possible overdose, and the role of prescription drugs in addiction. The roundtable will include representatives of groups from across the state, including chemical dependency prevention and treatment providers, physicians, drug policy experts, and law enforcement.

Persons invited to participate at the above roundtable should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation. In order to further publicize this roundtable, please inform interested parties and organizations of this upcoming roundtable discussion.

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ROUNDTABLE REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present comments at the public roundtable “Addressing the Heroin and Synthetic Drug Crisis” are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email, or fax it to:

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- I have been invited, and plan to attend and participate in, the roundtable on “Addressing the Heroin and Synthetic Drug Crisis” to be conducted by the Assembly Committees on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Health, and Codes in **Albany on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.**
- I plan to attend and observe the roundtable on “Addressing the Heroin and Synthetic Drug Crisis.”
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend or participate in the public roundtable(s) on “Addressing the Heroin and Synthetic Drug Crisis.”
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