



# 2019 CT OPIOID & PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT ON TRAUMA INFORMED INITIATIVES

**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

DoubleTree by Hilton

42 Century Drive

Bristol, CT

8:00 – 8:45 AM Registration/Networking  
8:45 AM – 4:30 PM Conference

**Who Should Attend:**

Public health professionals • Health care providers (Prescribing doctors, dentists, APRNs, etc.) • Policy makers • Social service staff involved with harm reduction

**Conference Focus:**

Attendees will gain insight and information on opioid related initiatives occurring in Connecticut . As the state has responded to the crisis, our focus has expanded to include addressing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and suicide.

The conference will provide:

- Data informed strategies and statistics
- Current programs concentrating on overdose prevention
- Trauma’s impact on addiction
- Communication efforts to address stigma
- Collaboration to direct community interventions

**Registration information:** Course ID 1084196

<https://www.train.org/connecticut/welcome>

Cost to attend: \$25 (Non-refundable, substitution allowed)

Please make your check out to “Treasurer, State of CT”

Mail your check to:

CT Department of Public Health

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Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Attn: Ramona Anderson

**REQUIRED:** Register online and then send the payment.

Registration will be confirmed once payment is received.

For more information: [ramona.anderson@ct.gov](mailto:ramona.anderson@ct.gov)



**Featured speakers :**



**Austin Eubanks** is an expert in the addiction treatment industry and a nationally recognized speaker and media contributor on topics surrounding behavioral health and addiction recovery. An injured survivor of

the Columbine shooting, Austin’s traumatic experience as a teen was the catalyst to his painful journey through addiction. Now in long-term recovery, he has devoted his career to helping those who have turned to substances as a result of trauma.

**Charles Atkins, MD,** is a board-certified psychiatrist, Chief Medical Officer of Community Mental Health Affiliates in New Britain, clinical trainer, and author. Dr. Atkins will review current literature, which includes data specific to Connecticut, and provide evidence-based approaches to treatment and recovery, which include Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorders, integrated trauma work, wellness, peer supports, community and family-based strategies.



**John Holt** will serve as the moderator for our event. John is well known in Connecticut as a documentary producer for CPTV, former Emmy-winning sports reporter for WFSB, and is currently on staff with the Connecticut Association of Schools and Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference as a special projects manager and video storyteller. He has been involved with suicide awareness events for many years.

