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## Senator Carlucci Hosts Naloxone Trainings

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Senator David Carlucci (D – Rockland/Westchester), in partnership with the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) hosted a Naloxone training at the New City Public Library on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the Clarkstown Auxiliary Police, local school nurses, healthcare providers and concerned members of the community attended the training, where over sixty people were

taught how to administer Naloxone.

Naloxone is a lifesaving antidote that can be used on an individual who is experiencing an opioid overdose. Through the efforts of OASAS and other agencies, over 55,000 people have been trained statewide, and more than 1,500 lives have been saved.

“Through these trainings, we have come together as a community to address an epidemic that has affected our friends, neighbors, and families,” **said Senator Carlucci.** “It is my hope that through our efforts to make Naloxone more affordable and accessible, we can save as many lives as possible.”

“We are facing the worst drug epidemic in U.S. history, said **Ruth Bowles, Executive Director of Rockland Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence, Inc.** “We are seeing a horrific number of deaths, already 19 in Rockland County this year. We need to educate people on what they can do to save lives. Senator Carucci has been on the frontlines of this heroin epidemic, and we appreciate all of his efforts.”

“We are here to be prepared to help our community in any way we can,” said **Mark Fries, a member of the Clarkstown Auxiliary Police Department.** “This is a great opportunity to learn and broaden our horizons.”

“We are here to educate ourselves to better serve the students at the high school,” said **Margaret Varieur, a Nurse at Clarkstown North High School.** “We hope we never have to use this training, but it’s good to be prepared.”

Senator Carlucci will be hosting another Naloxone training on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., at the Ossining Public Library, located at 53 Croton Avenue, in Ossining, NY. The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, please call (914) 941-2041.