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## Senators Carlucci & Murphy Host Naloxone Trainings

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Senator David Carlucci and Senator Terrence Murphy, in partnership with the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and Communities that Care hosted a Naloxone training, on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ossining Library.

First Responders, health care professionals and concerned residents were trained to use Naloxone, 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.”

“As we are all painfully aware, the Hudson Valley is in the midst of a genuine epidemic of heroin and opioid abuse, and as a result, death tolls continue to rise,” said **Senator Terrence Murphy**. “While Narcan is not an antidote to addiction, it is a lifesaver. Because this scourge knows no social or demographic boundaries overdoses can happen anywhere at any time. As Co-Chair of the Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Abuse, I congratulate Senator Carlucci on his efforts to train the public in the safe and effective use of Narcan.”

“The rise in prescription drug abuse has created the “heroin epidemic” that we are seeing today,” said **Alice Joselow, Coordinator for Ossining Communities that Care**. “Communities need to respond with a three pronged approach of prevention, treatment and expanding the use of Naloxone as an antidote to overdoses. We are pleased to partner with Senators Carlucci and Murphy to offer this free Naloxone training on Aug 5th at the Ossining Public Library.”