

# Choosing Hope 2

A free, half-day conference for healthcare providers, human services professionals and emergency services providers focused on prevention, treatment and recovery of Substance and Opioid Use Disorders (SUD/ODD)

**Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**Where:** [Yorkshire Free Methodist Church, 3172 Main Street, Yorkshire, NY](#)

**When:** *April 29th, 2021 8:30am – 12:00pm (Coffee Bar/Sign-in begins at 8:15)*

## Presenters:

### **Opening Speaker - NYS Senator George Borrello**

*Battling Stigma in the Fight Against Addiction* – John Ingersoll

*New York MATTERS: MAT/Emergency Referrals* – Caleigh Loughran

*Billing and Coding/COVID-19 Impact on Opioid Use* – Julie Gutowski

*Self-Care & Mental Health Connections to Addiction & Recovery*

- Catherine Cook-Cottone

Register online at  
[www.r-ahec.org](http://www.r-ahec.org) by  
April 23rd

*Spots are limited – register early and receive a free T-shirt while supplies last!*

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Visit our website at [www.r-ahec.org](http://www.r-ahec.org) or scan the code below to register for this **free event!**

Events are sponsored by the WNY Rural Area Health Education Center in collaboration with Spectrum Health and Human Services.

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Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Yorkshire Free Methodist Church  
3172 Main Street, Yorkshire, NY 14173

- 8:15am **Participant Sign-In and Coffee Bar**  
*Please respect Yorkshire FMC's masking and social distancing obligations*
- 8:30am **Welcome -**  
*Lisa Green, Program Coordinator from WNY Rural Area Health Education Center*
- 8:35am **Opening Speaker - Opioid Use Impacts and Updates**  
*NYS Senator George Borrello*
- 8:55am **Battling Stigma in the Fight Against Opioid Addiction**  
*John Ingersoll, Certified Recovery Peer Advocate*
- 9:40am **New York MATTERS: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Emergency Referrals**  
*Caleigh Loughran, Program Coordinator from New York Matters*
- 10:20am **Coffee Break**
- 10:30am **Billing and Coding Considerations/COVID-19 Impact on Opioid Use**  
*Julie Gutowski, VP of Clinical Operations and Services from Spectrum Health*
- 11:15pm **Self-Care and Mental Health Connections to Addiction and Recovery**  
*Catherine Cook-Cottone, PhD from the University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education*

**Thank you very much for being a part of Choosing Hope 2! Please don't forget to complete and drop off your evaluation sheet before you leave; thank you!**

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