

First Friday Club of Greater Akron Media Advisory

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The Effects of Heroin on Society

Maureen Dee is the Executive Director of the Treatment, Prevention and Recovery Services at Catholic Charities, which provides behavioral health services in Cuyahoga County and the Greater Cleveland area. She was born and raised in Uruguay, South America and has worked extensively as a bilingual social worker. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975 from Ohio Wesleyan University, received a Master's in Social Service Administration (MSSA) in 1978 from Case Western Reserve University, and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) in 1985 from Cleveland State University. Maureen Dee is a Licensed Supervising Social Worker (LISW-S - Ohio) and a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor and Supervisor (LICDC-CS) and has extensive experience in the provision of mental health and chemical dependency treatment services to children, youth, and their families, in a community-based setting.

Maureen Dee worked in New York City as a bilingual foster care worker from 1975 – 1977. She began providing clinical services in the Catholic Charities system in Cleveland in 1978, first as a bilingual chemical dependency counselor, then as a supervisor and finally as an organizational executive/manager. She began to develop the alcohol and other drug treatment and prevention services with the juvenile justice system in 1982. As of 1997, she has the responsibility over the operation of the entire alcohol and drug service system of Catholic Charities, which included Matt Talbot Inn. In January 2010 she became Executive Director of Catholic Charities Services, which also included Parmadale.

Today, the Treatment, Prevention and Recovery Services operate out of nine service sites and employ 150 staff who serve diverse populations including juvenile justice-involved youth and families, Hispanic families and individuals, youth and adults with co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health, services to Medicaid recipients or to the medically indigent, adult men who are homeless or referred through the justice system, adult women with children referred by child welfare, severely emotionally disordered children through in-home treatment or school-based mental health, and a pre-employment screening program for welfare-to-work/public assistance applicants as well as those with numerous employment barriers and applying for Social Security Disability.

The First Friday Club will meet May 5, 2017 at Tangier Restaurant, 532 W. Market Street, Akron OH 44303. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.