

REGIONAL EXPERTS GATHER AT RIVIER UNIVERSITY TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID CRISIS

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Emergency personnel across the country respond to thousands of overdose calls each year, significantly impacting local and state resources and driving the demand for behavioral health professionals.

Working to address the opioid epidemic, more than 200 regional experts and healthcare professionals gathered at Rivier University for the daylong workshop **“Prevention, Treatment & Recovery: Rethinking our Response to the Opioid Crisis.”**

Featured sessions and panel discussions addressed the physical effects of drugs on the brain, Nashua Public Health Division’s efforts to educate the community on issues surrounding substance use disorder, drug overdose data and trends, and legal ramifications for the state and individuals as a result of drug misuse. People in long-term recovery shared personal accounts of their drug misuse and the interventions that led to their sobriety.

The event was sponsored by The Center for Behavioral Health Professions and Workforce Development at Rivier University. The Center serves as an educational hub on behavioral health issues for the healthcare community and actively works to expand the workforce pipeline through Rivier’s extensive academic programming in counseling and school psychology, nursing, public health, and healthcare administration. ■