

**BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE COMMUNITY OPIOID SURVEY**

***Survey Information to Assist in Development of Community Outreach Programs***

The Bridgewater-Raritan Municipal Alliance would like to request all residents consider the completion of the “Community Opioid Survey.” The survey, developed by Rutgers University Public Health Intern Nicholas Choman, aims to gather basic and novel information on opioid use in the community. Data retrieved from the survey will assist the Alliance in the identification of community needs and concerns in regards to opioid abuse and addiction prevention. These identified needs will be addressed through public health educational materials and presentations.

Opioid addiction is a fast growing threat both in New Jersey and across the country. New Jersey is fighting back, enacting legislation and initiating programs in an effort to prevent addiction and avert tragic opioid overdoses. Responses from the community are a vitally important first step to grasp the issue at a local level.

Please feel free to access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5FQZCDQ>. Further information on trending opioid issues may be found at the United States Government Drug Enforcement Administration website at <https://getsmartaboutdrugs.com>

The Bridgewater-Raritan Municipal Alliance Commission (MAC) is a municipal level organization, established through local ordinance, which develops evidence-based prevention strategies to target substance abuse in the community. The MAC program is a component of the New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. For more information please contact the Bridgewater Township Department of Human Services by telephone at (908) 725-5750 or via email at [health@bridgewaternj.gov](mailto:health@bridgewaternj.gov).