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AG Balderas Announces Project OPEN Coming to San Miguel County

Project OPEN's goal is to confront the crisis to make New Mexico families safer

Las Vegas, NM – This morning, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that *Project OPEN: Opioid Prevention & Education Network* will host an Opioid Abuse Prevention Training in Las Vegas on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The training is free and will expose government officials, counselors, attorneys, policy advisors, investigators, healthcare professionals, consumer advocates, law enforcement and others to the impact and results of opioid abuse on New Mexico communities. It is intended to enhance the participants' knowledge and understanding of opioid addiction and the countless issues involved, and to afford participants the opportunity to explore program materials and solutions to addressing the opioid epidemic. The Office of the Attorney General will also update the public regarding Attorney General Balderas' lawsuit against the opioid manufacturers and distributors.

As we continue to address this epidemic on the front lines, Attorney General Balderas said, "I will continue to aggressively sue the opioid manufacturers and distributors to bring real resources to New Mexico to combat this addiction crisis fueled by the drug industry, but we must also continue to advance this important dialogue together."

Project OPEN: Opioid Prevention & Education Network will convene again on April 7th in San Miguel County. To register for the free training please contact Tamarra Howard with the New Mexico Office of the

Attorney General at [\(505\) 717-3506](tel:5057173506) , thoward@nmag.gov or fill out the following form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6sMNd6Tx8wbEikpM9DRZw9U5Rbjb1f3NKp8h-92FI3W3ukw/viewform>.

WHO: Attorney General Hector Balderas, Fourth Judicial District Attorney Richard Flores, Las Vegas Police Chief Chris Lopez, New Mexico Highlands University, San Miguel County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, DEA, New Mexico Department of Health, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, government officials, consumer advocates, therapists, and the public

WHAT: Attorney General's *Project OPEN: Opioid Prevention & Education Network* will host a free Opioid Abuse Training in Las Vegas

WHERE: New Mexico Highlands University, Student Union Building Ballroom, 800 National Ave., Las Vegas, NM 87701

WHEN: Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM Please see attached for a detailed agenda.

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Attorney General Hector Balderas

PROJECT OPEN
OPIOID PREVENTION AND EDUCATION
NETWORK

Attorney General Balderas formed a statewide partnership with public officials and law enforcement agencies to target prevention, education and awareness of the opioid abuse problem. This program will expose policy advisors, investigators, consumer advocates and others to the impact and effect of opioid abuse in New Mexico. It will enhance the participants' knowledge and understanding of opioid addiction and the complex issues involved. The primary goal is to afford participants the opportunity to explore program materials and solutions to addressing the opioid epidemic.

REGISTRATION LINK: [PROJECT OPEN](#)

Project OPEN is a free training and open to the public. If you would like to attend contact Tamarra Howard at (505)717-3506 or email thoward@nmag.gov



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April 7, 2018
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

AGENDA

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Saturday, April 7, 2018

8:30 am to 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am to 9:20 am	Opening Remarks/Welcome to Project OPEN Attorney General Hector Balderas District Attorney Richard Flores
9:20 am to 9:30 am	Desiree Martinez-Coordinator for San Miguel County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Brian McMath, Assistant Attorney General Opioid Litigation Update
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Panel Discussion Diego Rains, Yvette Arellanes, Clarence Romero
11:00 to 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am to 12:15 pm	Heather A. McMurry Drug Enforcement Administration
12:15 pm to 1:15 pm	Panel Discussion Dr. J. Rocky Romero, Chief of Police Chris Lopez, Lou Duran
1:15 pm to 2:00 pm	Dominique Martinez and Valentina White Department of Health
2:00 pm	Closing