

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

***Marion Group to Hold Candlelight Vigil Following Rally
"Shine a Light on Drug Abuse Prevention".***

Marion, OH, --Teens Against Drugs and local community members, will "Shine a Light on Drug Abuse Prevention" - by holding a candlelight vigil to illuminate the growing crisis in the state and around the world brought about by drug abuse and overdoses caused by addiction.

The event will take place following our community rally at the Marion County Courthouse on July 23, 2015 at 8 pm. It will feature a scripture reading, the reading of names of those who lost their battle, and much more.

"Drug poisoning (overdose) is the number one cause of injury-related death in the United States, with 43,982 deaths occurring in 2013 ([1](#)). While much attention has been given to deaths involving opioid analgesics ([2](#)), in recent years there has been a steady increase in the number of drug-poisoning deaths involving heroin. A recent study using data from 28 states reported that the death rate for heroin overdose doubled from 2010 through 2012 ([3](#)). Using data from the National Vital Statistics System, this data brief provides a description of trends and demographics for heroin-related drug-poisoning deaths in the United States from 2000 through 2013." - <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db190.htm>

Activists, supporters and communities of faith across the country are calling for change to break the chains of addiction and the awareness of overdose deaths caused by illegal substance use.

All attendees are asked to wear red and if a loved one has passed due to drug addiction they are asked to bring a photo of the person they would like to remember. We will also be reading names of those who have passed so if any community members would like a name put on the list please email the name(s) to anthonymillertadohio@gmail.com BEFORE July 17, 2015.

For more information about Teens Against Drugs, visit <http://teensagainstdrugs.marion.yolasite.com>.

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