



**The Kansas Funeral Directors Association
invites you to join us for
an informative discussion of the Opioid Crisis.**

THE OPIOID CRISIS

Kansans must be prepared to deal with the issues facing their funeral homes, families, schools and communities as a result of substance abuse. This expert panel will share Kansas statistics, a first-hand account of loss and how we can help those who have lost a loved one as a result of an overdose through their grief.

Dr. Greg Lakin, the chief medical officer for KDHE, will cover Kansas and nationwide statistics on overdose deaths and what Kansas is doing to compact the ever increasing number of opioid deaths.

Philip Pares a retired high school principal will discuss his personal experiences in losing two adult children as a result of drug overdoses in a short period of time. He is also on the Waukeska County, Wisconsin Heroin Task Force.

Javier Ley, the Executive Director of Valley Hope in Norton, Kansas, will help us to understand addiction, the impact of addiction on the family and how to help families through the loss of a loved one due to substance abuse.

**May 2, 2018
10:00 to 12:00 p.m.
Capitol Plaza Hotel
1717 SW Topeka Blvd
Topeka, KS**



ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Seating may be limited. Please register to ensure adequate seating:

Name: _____ Email: _____

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***You can register by mail to KFDA, 1200 S. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612;
email: kfda2@kfda.kscoxmail.com; fax to 785-232-7791; or call 785-232-7789.***

PRESENTERS

Dr. Greg Lakin, D.O., J.D.

Dr. Greg Lakin was appointed chief medical officer for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in January 2018. He is from Wichita, where he practiced family medicine and skilled nursing and long term care for 20 years. Previously, Dr. Lakin was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives. He also owns the Center for Change, a substance abuse treatment facility in Wichita, and is the medical director for Valley Hope Rehabilitation Center. Additionally, Dr. Lakin is a partner in Physicians Development Group, an entity that develops senior living campuses in the region. Dr. Lakin has a law degree from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College. His medical degree is from Kirksville College.

Philip Pares

Pares is a retired high school principal and assistant school superintendent who has lost two adult children to opioid overdose. He is currently actively engaged with the Waukesha County, Wisconsin, Heroin Task Force in community education efforts. Pares serves as a member of the leadership team and is an active member concentrating on the "Prevention Pillar." He is also involved with "Elevate You," a grant provider working with the Department of Health and Human Services and numerous other coalitions. In addition, Pares serves with the Milwaukee CAN group, which focuses on heroin addiction concerns.

Javier Ley

Dr. Ley currently works as Executive Director for Valley Hope in Norton, Kansas. Previously, he had worked at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation as Program Manager in Center City, Minnesota and before that, at A Sober Way Home in Prescott, Arizona as Primary Therapist. Javier's career in the addictions field began in Nicaragua, Central America where he was Executive Director of the Specialty Center for Addictions (CEA).

He is credentialed as a Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor (LCAC) in the state of Kansas and as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) in the state of Minnesota. Javier has earned a Doctorate in Professional Counseling from Mississippi College, a Master's in Mental Health Counseling from Saint Mary's University (Texas), and a Bachelor's in Finance from the University of Florida.

Javier has served as Co-Chair for the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), the world's largest credentialing body of addiction professionals, and their credential for Alcohol and Drug Counselors.