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Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery (SCOSAR) and Addiction Policy Forum Launch Community Survey Initiative to Improve Community Responses to Addiction

[DOBSON, NC] —Today, the Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery (SCOSAR) partnered with Addiction Policy Forum, a nationally known non-profit, to launch a community survey as part of a local data collection effort, to gather a better understanding of the attitudes and knowledge people have about addiction and to help communities identify where addiction literacy and targeted interventions need to be implemented.

Addiction is one of the most stigmatized health conditions in health research. Negative attitudes and behaviors prevent people who are struggling from reaching out for help and isolate families affected by the disease who fear being judged by their communities.

“Addressing addiction in our community starts with understanding it,” says C. Jamie Edwards, SCOSAR Director. “This survey is a crucial step toward identifying the gaps in knowledge, resources and support. By listening to our community, we can build more compassionate, informed and effective responses to addiction.”

The survey will help measure addiction knowledge, support for holistic responses to addiction and perceptions around addiction in the community. In doing so, results can help inform strategies to better educate, collaborate and advocate needed resources and strategies to curb the addiction crisis across Surry County.

The survey is open to the public until September 1, 2025 and all responses will be anonymous. To learn more and complete the survey, visit:

<https://www.surrycountycare.com/post/participate-in-a-study-to-advance-responses-to-addiction>.

About Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery

The Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery is committed to using information to inform and strengthen the services we offer. We will work to expand access to treatment, ensure families have the education and tools they need and foster a community culture that offers compassion and support rather than judgment.

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