

**Stella Maris Sponsored**  
**FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM**  
**Cleveland, Ohio**

***The Concern***

Concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol or other drugs? **You're not alone and there is help.** Addiction negatively impacts the user's life and the lives of those who love them. It's estimated that 1 out of 10 people who use alcohol and as many as 6 out of 10 who use other drugs, develop alcoholism or other drug addiction and dependency. Thoughts like, "it can't happen in my family" or "it's just a phase they're going through" can fuel years of denial, during which time overwhelming emotional and financial difficulties take a toll.

The stigma associated with addiction prevents family members from identifying the problem and seeking appropriate help. For most people, recognizing the realities of addiction and therefore making healthy choices for themselves feels next to impossible.

***The Education Group***

The goal of ***The Education Group*** is to provide participants with basic information that will assist them in making healthy choices for themselves and those they love. The Education Group meets from 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

***The Family Support Group***

The ***Family Support Group*** is designed and conducted primarily for parents, spouses and other family members who are concerned about a loved one's harmful use of alcohol or other drugs. It is not a 12-step community based self-help group. ***The Family Support Group*** provides a structured, caring environment for individuals seeking support for making healthier choices for themselves and those they love. Participants are free to share their common strength and hope through their past and present experiences, without fear of reprisal, judgment or negative feedback. The ***Family Support Group*** meets from 7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. or immediately after the ***Education Group***.

***Fee***

Program services are free and open to persons who are concerned about a loved one's abuse or addictive use of alcohol and or other drugs.

***Program Location and Hours***

Stella Maris (Cafeteria), 1320 Washington Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, every Friday evening 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled.

***Staffing***

Coordination and facilitation of both group services are provided by Jim Joyner, Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor Clinical Supervisor (LICDC-CS) with over 47 years of continuous experience in the field of alcohol and other drug addiction, treatment, prevention, education and intervention services. Jim has an ample foundation of knowledge and experiences to assist those family members negatively impacted by a loved one's abuse and addictive use of alcohol, other drugs and substances.

# ***Family Education & Support Group Program Schedule***

## ***Meeting Dates and Topics***

***August 3, 2018 – December 28, 2018***

(The topics listed are those which will be covered in the Education Group.)

### **Stella Maris Schedule**

August 3, 2018	Addiction Not a Choice: <b>“Pleasure Unwoven”</b> DVD
August 10, 2018	The Neurobiology of Addiction
August 17, 2018	Alcohol and Other Drugs, What We Should Know
August 24, 2018	Addiction and The Family Dis-Ease
August 31, 2018	Enabling, When Helping Hurts
September 7, 2018	Boundaries & Rules, The Things You Can and Can Not Change
September 14, 2018	Understanding The Intervention Process
September 21, 2018	Understanding Treatment, Recovery, Relapse and Resources
September 28, 2018	Opiates: Opiates: <b>“Chasing the Dragon”</b> DVD
October 5, 2018	Addiction Not a Choice: <b>“Pleasure Unwoven”</b> DVD
October 12, 2018	The Neurobiology of Addiction
October 19, 2018	Alcohol and Other Drugs, What We Should Know
October 26, 2018	Addiction and The Family Dis-Ease
November 2, 2018	Enabling, When Helping Hurts
November 9, 2018	Boundaries & Rules, The Things You Can and Can Not Change
November 16, 2018	Understanding The Intervention Process
November 23, 2018	<b><u>NO GROUP</u></b>
November 30, 2018	Understanding Treatment, Recovery, Relapse and Resources
December 7, 2018	Opiates: Opiates: <b>“Chasing the Dragon”</b> DVD
December 14, 2018	Addiction Not a Choice: <b>“Pleasure Unwoven”</b> DVD
December 21, 2018	The Neurobiology of Addiction
December 28, 2018	Alcohol and Other Drugs, What We Should Know

**Topics and dates can change without notice. Please call 216 780-3883 if you have any questions.**

**“Now that you know, there’s no reason not to make a difference.”**

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