



**STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS ADDICTION IN HOLYOKE
A PANEL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC FORUM**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
War Memorial Building, 310 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA**

Like many other cities and towns in Massachusetts and throughout the United States, Holyoke is facing many challenges related to substance abuse, including criminal activity, overdoses and drug related deaths. The Holyoke District Court has been working with local law enforcement officials, healthcare providers and others in the community to develop strategies to reduce opioid misuse and addiction by increasing opportunities for immediate and effective treatment of individuals who may come in contact with the criminal justice system.

The Holyoke District Court, with assistance from the National Center for State Courts, will present a panel discussion and a public forum focusing on community-based strategies to address drug use and drug addiction in Holyoke.

The event will feature multiple speakers, each representing a different role within law enforcement, the courts, and the behavioral health field. Following this presentation, there will be an opportunity for everyone who attends to ask questions, provide comments and to make suggestions on this important topic. This discussion will be moderated by John G.C. Laing, Jr., Chief Experience and Diversity Officer of the Massachusetts Trial Court.

The panelists are:

**Manuel Febo, Chief of Police for the City of Holyoke
Nick Cocchi, Sheriff of Hampden County
Ari Kriegsman, M.D., Attending Physician, Opioid Treatment Program at Providence Hospital
Elizabeth Evans, PhD., MA, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, UMASS, Amherst
Debra Flynn-Gonzalez, Program Director, Hope for Holyoke Peer Recovery Support Center
Maria Quinn, MSN, PMHNP-BC, Psychiatric NP, Holyoke Hospital
William Hadley, First Justice, Holyoke District Court
Manuel Moutinho, Clerk Magistrate, Holyoke District Court
Sean McBride, Chief Probation Officer, Holyoke District Court**

PLEASE COME TO THIS IMPORTANT EVENT AND SHARE YOUR VIEWS

For questions, please contact Janet Klofas at janet.klofas@jud.state.ma.us