



**Invites You to a Community
Awareness Forum to Discuss**

Solutions for OPIOIDS & HEROIN CRISIS IN AMERICA

**Sponsored by: Georgia Connects - Cherokee County Chapter
(FREE TO THE PUBLIC)**

Date: MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: First Baptist Church Woodstock

Building A Chapel, 11905 Highway 92, Woodstock, GA 30188

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* Prevention and counseling representatives will be present prior to meeting beginning at 6:00 PM to address concerns and answer questions relating to drug use & addiction.

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE: (Additional speakers may be added)

- **Georgia Senator Renee Unterman**
Chairman, Senate Health & Human Services Committee

Featured Speaker

- **Dr. Susan Blank, MD, MRO, FAPA, FABAM, FBAARM, FACFE**
Co-Founder and Chief Medical Officer – Atlanta Healing Center
President, Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine (GSAM)

Dr. Blank can be heard nationwide every Tuesday on her weekly radio show “Detailing Addiction” on America’s Web Radio. (<http://americaswebradio.com/>) Free Podcasts of her show are available on iTunes at “Detailing Addictions with Dr. Susan Blank, MD.”

- **Nelly Miles**
Director, GBI Public Affairs

- **Ellen McElyea**
Superior Court Judge – Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit

GEORGIA CONNECTS:

On May 25, 2017, Georgia Senator Renee Unterman and Gwinnett County Superior Court Judge Kathy Schrader convened the “Gwinnett Connects” Summit to discuss how state law, local government agencies, private organizations, and citizens like you can help create solutions to drug addiction, opioid abuse and overdoses, and mental health disorders. Georgia Connects grew from Gwinnett Connects, a town hall on mental health and substance abuse convened by Senator Renee Unterman and Gwinnett County Superior Court Judge Kathy Schrader. We seek statewide solutions to mental health and substance abuse.

PURPOSE:

Working together with Georgia State Senator Renee Unterman, Chairman of Health & Human Services Committee, the purpose of this meeting is to increase Cherokee County community awareness with emphasis on education, prevention, and available resources for families and individuals seeking knowledge on the epidemic and resources for addiction services. We are organizing these events in major Northern Arc counties that have particularly been hit hard by the increased incidence of illegal synthetic opioids. This event will be available via live stream at Georgia Connects if you wish to see our agenda and speakers.

OBJECTIVE:

To educate families and individuals about addiction with regard to opioid use in an effort to help reduce addiction, overdose and death. Provide rehabilitation services information to help address dependence and addiction concerns. Discuss the health and financial impact to the individual, family and community.

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