

The Opiate Crisis in Massachusetts: Causes and Solutions

A Community Conversation with Maggie Giles

**Monday, December 12 -- Refreshments: 7:00; Speaker: 7:30
Temple Isaiah, 55 Lincoln Street, Lexington**

**We are in the midst of an opiate epidemic, both here in
Massachusetts and across our country.**

**Nationwide 29,000 people died of opiate overdoses in 2014, more than from all
traffic fatalities combined, and the numbers keep rising each year.**

**We in the United States represent 4.6 % of the world's population and yet
consume 80% of the world's opiate supply.**

**Are you concerned about the opiate crisis? Is it impacting you, your family, your
friends? Come to a community conversation sponsored by the Temple Isaiah
Mental Health Team. We will explore with our speaker Maggie Giles the trends
in our society that have led us to this point as well as steps that are already being
taken to combat the problem and other initiatives that could make a difference.**



Maggie Giles, M.T.S., M.A., is a consultant with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and with the Center for Social Innovation. She is on the faculty of the Lesley University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Division of Counseling and Psychology. She has extensive clinical background working with adolescents and young adults in a variety of settings, from supervising a residential psychiatric diagnostic center to creating outpatient substance use disorder programs. Maggie is a doctoral candidate at Brandeis University's Heller School, where she is focusing her research on the Recovery High Schools in Massachusetts.

**Refreshments will be served from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Maggie's presentation will be
followed by a Q&A and group discussion. For more information, please contact Larry
Fuhrman at LFuhrm@aol.com.**