



2019 Mayors' All4Knox Summit takes place Friday
*Event serves as launch of communitywide strategic planning effort
to address substance misuse*

- WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- WHERE:** University of Tennessee Student Union, 1502 Cumberland Ave.
Free parking is available in the G10 parking garage, 1500 Phillip Fulmer Way
- WHO:** Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero,
Metro Drug Coalition, Knox County Health Department
- AVAILABILITY:** Both Mayors as well as subject matter experts from Metro Drug Coalition and the health department will be available for interviews at 8 a.m. and noon. The media is welcome to live stream the morning session from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; however, it is requested that they setup prior to 9 a.m.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the All4Knox initiative is to create a communitywide strategic plan to address the opioid and overall substance misuse epidemic in Knox County. The August 2 Mayors' All4Knox Summit serves as a kickoff of this strategic planning effort.

All4Knox began at the direction of both Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero in mid-2018. The Mayors hosted their first summit focusing on this issue in October 2018, the Mayors' Community Summit: A Community Discussion on Substance Misuse. At this initial summit, priorities and themes were established, which included the proposal to develop a communitywide strategic plan. Key stakeholders from the city, county, health department and Metro Drug Coalition continued to meet after the 2018 summit and discuss progression toward a healthier, safer community free of substance misuse. Following the guidance set forth by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a national substance misuse prevention agency, the All4Knox partners convened nine community sectors to begin developing strategies for each sector on how they will contribute to the overall, communitywide strategic plan. At the 2019 summit, the All4Knox partners will layout the vision and process for the strategic planning effort. There will also be breakout sessions for each sector to begin their work. The 2019 Mayors' All4Knox Summit is in partnership with the DEA 360 Strategy Knoxville and University of Tennessee System.

More information, including the community sectors, is available online at All4Knox.org.

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