

Bio to be read:

Alexis is a licensed professional engineer with over 25 years of experience in the design and construction industry, has been a corporate trainer for over 20 years and was an adjunct professor for 9 years in the Civil Engineering program at SUNY Broome. The most important role she has had in her life is being the mother of 3 sons. Unfortunately, in 2014, she lost her oldest son Jeff to a heroin overdose and as a result of that experience, founded Truth Pharm, a nonprofit organization with a focus on raising awareness, reducing the stigma, educating and advocating to reduce the harms caused by substance use. The organization is deeply committed to social and racial justice issues as they move forward in addressing the current overdose epidemic, but with the goal of ultimately ending the War on Drugs.

Truth Pharm is a volunteer organization that has accomplished more in five years than most fully staffed organizations fighting this epidemic could hope to accomplish in a decade. Alexis serves on a statewide coalition to End Overdose in NY and she's the Co-chair for the New York State Harm Reduction Association. She serves on the National Coalition for Harm Reduction Funding and the Opioid Network.

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Bio to include in written:

Alexis is a licensed professional engineer with over 25 years of experience in the design and construction industry, has been a corporate trainer for over 20 years and was an adjunct professor for 9 years in the Civil Engineering program at SUNY Broome. She is also an artist, a writer, a public speaker, a community organizer and volunteer. But the most important role she has had in her life is being the mother of 3 sons. Unfortunately, in 2014, she lost her oldest son Jeff to a heroin overdose and as a result of that experience, founded Truth Pharm, a nonprofit organization with a focus on raising awareness, reducing the stigma, educating and advocating to reduce the harms caused by substance use. The organization is deeply committed to social and racial justice issues as they move forward in addressing the current overdose epidemic, but with the goal of ultimately ending the War on Drugs.

Truth Pharm is a volunteer organization that has accomplished more in five years than most fully staffed organizations fighting this epidemic could hope to accomplish in a decade. Alexis has assisted SAMHSA in developing tools for families who have lost loved ones. She serves on a statewide coalition to End Overdose in NY and she's the Co-chair for the New York State Harm Reduction Association. She serves on the National Coalition for Harm Reduction Funding and the Opioid Network. She has spoken at two Congressional hearings. She served on the National Action Committee for "Facing Addiction." She has spoken at the International Harm Reduction Conference. She has been a keynote speaker at multiple events. She published an article in The Fix. She and her son's story have been featured in national publications. She served on a review board of a marketing campaign for the CDC. She is a well-known and highly respected speaker on the overdose epidemic and Harm Reduction.

Truth Pharm is also a NYS Registered Overdose Prevention Program – providing instruction and distribution of Narcan kits. Truth Pharm has developed and provides many educational programs for the community in addition to support groups for those impacted.

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