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Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN PHILADELPHIA — Shapiro Administration to Announce Impact of 'Get Help Now' Helpline as Pennsylvania Marks 10 Years of Connecting More Than 69,000 Pennsylvanians to Drug and Alcohol Treatment

Philadelphia - Tomorrow, **Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Secretary Dr. Latika Davis-Jones** will announce the 10-year impact of DDAP's **Get Help Now** helpline, which has connected nearly 69,000 Pennsylvanians – **including 10,400 in Philadelphia** - affected by substance use disorder with treatment services and supports since 2016.

The Secretary will join **Saint Joseph's University** faculty and staff, individuals in recovery, and others to highlight the success of the Get Help Now helpline over the last 10 years and reinforce how the Shapiro Administration is expanding those efforts to connect individuals to treatment – especially those who are disproportionately impacted by the overdose and opioid crises.

WHO:
DDAP **Secretary Dr. Latika Davis-Jones**
Get Help Now Program Director **Megan Gross**
Saint Joseph's University Collegiate Recovery Specialist **Bevin McSorley**
Independence Blue Cross Foundation President **Heather Major**
Kellen Runs Philly founder and individual in recovery **Kellen Matthews-Thompson**

WHEN:
Thursday, November 12, 2026; 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

WHERE:
Saint Joseph's University
Mandeville Hall Teletorium
5600 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131
**A media availability will take place immediately following the roundtable discussion.*

RSVP:
Please email stdugan@pa.gov and ksymons@sju.edu to share the reporter's name and media outlet who wishes to attend.