# Empowering Loved Ones of People with Addiction: An Educational Group

Empowering Loved Ones is a FREE educational program for family members, partners, and friends of people who use substances problematically. The group offers education, not advice. It is grounded in research and compassion. Empowering Loved Ones is taught by professionals in addiction medicine personally impacted by a loved one's substance use.

### When, where, and who?

#### Date & Time:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month 7:00 to 8:30 PM EST

#### Location:

virtual via Zoom

#### Intended audience:

Family members, partners, and friends impacted a loved one's substance use

# How do I sign up?

#### Email us at:

## EmpoweringFamilies@bmc.org

Once added to our listsery, session registration and other resources will be emailed.

This is a drop-in group; individuals are welcome to join at any time for any number of sessions.

# What are some of the topics covered?

- Impact of drug use on loved ones
- Harm reduction for family and friends
- Impact of stigma
- · Rethinking societal myths
- Managing boundaries
- De-escalating conflict

- Overdose and crisis response
- Positive communication skills
- Stages of change for loved ones
- New problem-solving methods
- Navigating addiction treatment
- Mental health and substance use
- Understanding behavior change





\*This group is *not for professionals* interested in
learning how to work with
families impacted by addiction.\*