

We are looking for Lights of Lincoln County!

As part of *716 Candles* (an International Overdose Awareness Day series of events presented by Healthy Lincoln County in partnership with dozens of others), we are honoring individuals and relationships through a photography and story project called ***Lights of Lincoln County***.

We are seeking nominations of individuals and their stories for this project!

Have you or has someone you know or love been affected by substance use?

Are you or is someone you love struggling with substance use now?

Are you or is someone you know or love in long- or short-term recovery?

Are you or is someone you know a peer or professional working to make things better?

Are you or is someone you know or love a community champion for those w/ addiction?

If the answer is “YES” to any of these questions, please go to [THIS LINK](#) to complete a simple **nomination form** so we can consider those you wish to have as subjects of our project. You may fill out as many nomination forms as you need to nominate as many people as you wish.

FAQ:

How exactly does this project work? Photographer Charles Richards will photograph subjects who are chosen for the project, and curator/writer Peter Bruun is working with each subject to write a succinct caption conveying their story. “Lights of Lincoln County” will be a collection of photo & story portrayals featured in large-scale images and signage at 716 Candles events, and also as a gallery of image and text on the 716 Candles website.

How are you choosing the subjects from the nominees? 716 Candles is organized by a planning group of dozens of individuals with diverse experiences related to substance use and the opioid epidemic. 8-12 individuals from this group will meet and review all submissions, and through a deliberative democratic process select who will be subjects for the project.

Are those chosen as “Lights” more special than those who are not? Absolutely not!!! Jurists have the task of selecting for the project representative examples that in totality convey a fully rounded story of the impact of substance use and what is being done about it. Individual selections will be made based on being representative of the stories of so many others.

Can I nominate myself, or someone who doesn't know they're being nominated? Yes, you may nominate yourself, and we definitely prefer folks knowing in advance we might want to be photographing them, collecting their story, and going public with it!

Do those whose stories you are going public with have any control of what you share? Absolutely yes. While generally speaking it is vital they are willing to share the core of their story, no caption or photograph will become a public part of the project without written consent.

Will you use my full name? We intend to use first names only.

What is the deadline for nomination submissions? Nominations are due 5pm Friday, June 9

What if I have another question? Contact Peter at 410-916-3752 or peter@bruunstudios.com with any additional questions about any of this.