FOCUS
The Virginia Tech Roanoke Center (VTRC) has partnered with the Urgent Love Initiative of Southwest Virginia (urgentlove.org) to host the Opioid Datathon. The purpose is to pull together people with diverse perspectives to produce creative solutions to the opioid crisis on a regional, 26-county level. We're looking for fresh ideas that will help with prevention, treatment and recovery, specifically with the youth population (ages 12-18) in mind.

Teams
A total of 10 teams will be accepted (5 student, 5 professional - 5 people each)

Must register individually on Eventzilla site bit.ly/vtdatareg

Our partners at Urgent Love will help select the teams.

Need to know
- We have some de-identified data sets that might contribute to projects, but teams should expect to use available public data.
- There is no expectation of hours each team should spend on their project.
- Teams should have their project completed before the 2nd day of the event in February and use the time to polish their presentation and attend other event-day activities at the VTRC.

Project submission process
1. Each team member registers on Eventzilla site bit.ly/vtdatareg
2. Fill out short submission form + attach PDF of 1-2 page project description
3. One project submission per team required by Jan. 25 (link to form provided after registration)
4. Submissions viewed and vetted by committee
5. Team contact will be emailed by Feb. 1 regarding acceptance

Timeline
- January 25: Datathon project proposal due from teams
- February 1: Teams will receive notification of acceptance into Datathon
- February 4: Confirmed teams will receive access to data sets and mentor. Teams will have from Feb. 4 to Feb. 21 to work on project and consult mentors.
- February 22-23: Teams will visit the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center to polish and present their projects

5 minutes for project presentation on Feb. 23; 4 minutes for q&a from judges.

2 teams will be runners-up - one student, one professional. Each will receive $500!

4 overall team winner (of the two runners-up) will receive an additional $1,000!