

The Opioid Epidemic: The Many Aspects of Prevention

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Recovery Ohio

- 1. Pass legislation to give the Governor the ability to declare a public health emergency statewide or in specific areas.
- 2. Create a 21st century law enforcement data infrastructure that allows real-time, statewide data sharing and brings state-of-the-art data analytics and crime prediction to every Ohio law enforcement agency.
- 3. Expand proven drug task force models that specifically target and disrupt the flow of money and drugs from Mexican drugs cartels.
- 4. Create at least 60 more specialized drug courts.



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Recovery Ohio

- 5. Double the substance use treatment capacity in Ohio.
- 6. Expand the workforce of critical specialists.
- 7. Empower employers to help employees with substance use disorder to seek treatment while remaining employed.
- 8. Help business owners hire employees in recovery by offering incentives and reducing risks.
- 9. Create a special position reporting directly to the Governor with Cabinet-level authority, who works every day with the single-minded focus of fighting the opioid epidemic.



Recovery Ohio

- 10. Implement proven Kindergarten-12th grade drug prevention in all Ohio schools.
- 11. Roll out a statewide drug prevention media campaign.
- 12. Expand early intervention programs that target Ohio families and children in foster care.



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- Ohio
 - Ohio's opioid epidemic continues to evolve to stronger drugs driving an increase in overdose deaths.
 - In 2016, unintentional drug overdoses caused the death of 4,050 Ohio residents, a 32.8 % increase compared to 2015 when there were 3,050 deaths.
 - Fentanyl and related drugs were involved in 58.2 % of all unintentional overdose deaths compared to 37.9 percent in 2015, 19.9 percent in 2014 and 4% in 2013.



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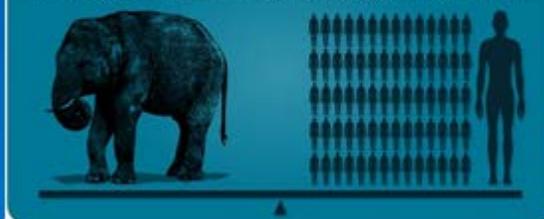
- Ohio
 - Carfentanil emerged in 2016 and was responsible for 340 overdose deaths.
 - The number of cocaine-related overdose deaths rose significantly from 685 in 2015 to 1,109 in 2016 – a 61.9 % increase. In 2016, 80.2 % also involved an opiate, and 55.8 % involved fentanyl and related opiates.
 - The number of overdose deaths involving heroin remained relatively flat with 1,444 overdose deaths in 2016 compared to 1,424 in 2015.



Carfentanil



To put this in perspective, wild African elephants—an animal that Carfentanil is used on—weigh between 5,000 and 14,000 lbs as reported by National Geographic, which is roughly 26 to 72 times the weight of your average adult male of 195.5 lbs.



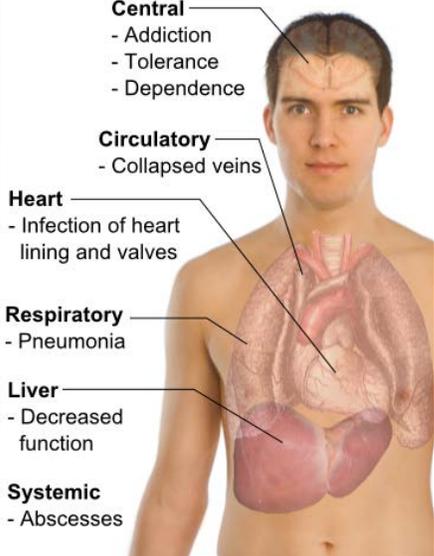
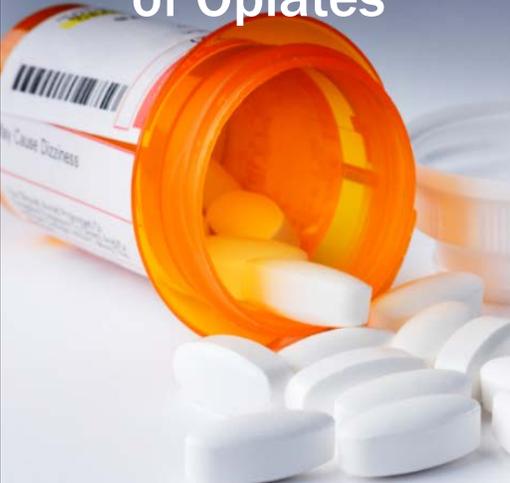
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- Ohio
 - In 2016, prescription opioid-related deaths declined for a fifth straight year (564), the fewest since 2009.
 - Opioid Prescribing Guidelines
 - OARRS – Ohio's PDMP
 - Awareness
 - Drug Take Back Days

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Long-Term Effects of Opiates



- Central**
 - Addiction
 - Tolerance
 - Dependence
- Circulatory**
 - Collapsed veins
- Heart**
 - Infection of heart lining and valves
- Respiratory**
 - Pneumonia
- Liver**
 - Decreased function
- Systemic**
 - Abscesses

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/heroin/what-are-long-term-effects-heroin-use>

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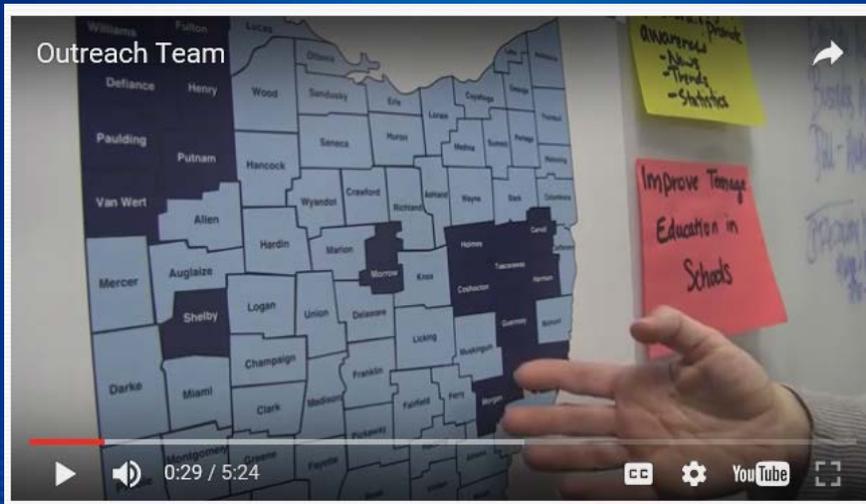


Heroin Unit



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The Community Outreach Team



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Ohio Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention and Education



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Ideas in Motion

- Community Awareness
 - Start Talking! Business Impact Zone
 - Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
 - Drug Free Safety Program
 - Use of Social Media
 - Education in Schools
 - Faith Engagement
 - Community Events
 - Website Development

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Ideas in Motion

- Education & Training
 - Recognizing Signs and Symptoms
 - LetsFaceHeroin.com
 - Prescriber Resources
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Peer Support Certification
 - Prevention Report
 - <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/getdoc/c722f75b-9863-4c62-b86e-2db1dc2b2c74>



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Ideas in Motion

- Prevention
 - Mentoring and Youth Engagement
 - Coalition Building
 - Developing Drug Prevention Programs
 - Infectious Disease Prevention
 - Prescription Drug Monitoring



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Ideas in Motion

- Treatment and Recovery Support
 - Accessing Treatment
 - Support Groups
 - Victims Services
 - Job Placement and Reentry
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Medicaid



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Ideas in Motion

- Criminal Justice
 - School Resource and DARE Officers
 - Prescription Drug Disposal
 - Law Enforcement Training and Support
 - Naloxone
 - Diversion Initiatives

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Law-Enforcement/Drug-Abuse-Prevention-Publications/Heroin-Unit-Community-Solutions-Guide.aspx>





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How did “we” accomplish this?

Pendulum of opinion

Smoking is no longer an approved *cultural norm*

Smoking is *stigmatised*

People who smoke are *marginalised*

Some may receive ridicule, harsh treatment - even hostility



The Cold Hard Facts

- More youth drink alcohol instead of using tobacco or marijuana.
- Undiagnosed depression or anxiety--co-occurring addiction & mental health issues.



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More Facts

In 2016, the number of deaths from accidental overdoses (4,050) represents a 32.8% increase from 2015.

Adults who suffer from addiction may expose children to violence and other unpredictable behaviors—failing to provide them with adequate care.

Ohio's child welfare system has seen a 19% increase in the number of children removed from parental custody since 2010.



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Ohio Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education

24 Members from across the State



15 Recommendations

1. K - 12th Grade Substance Abuse Prevention Education
2. Require Reporting for Schools
3. Social and Emotional Learning Content Standards



15 Recommendations

4. School and Community Surveys
5. Expand Substance Abuse Curriculum Across Subjects
6. Resources for Schools about Substance Abuse Prevention



15 Recommendations

7. Substance Abuse & Mental Health Intervention Training
8. Dedicated Prevention Personnel at the DOE
9. Continue to Involve and Strengthen Law Enforcement's Role



15 Recommendations

10.Support Before- and After-school programs

11.Community-based Prevention Coalitions

12.Engage Families & Caregivers



15 Recommendations

13.Youth-led Prevention

14.Incorporate Prevention in Higher Education

15.Future Work of the Study Committee



Six Implementation Steps

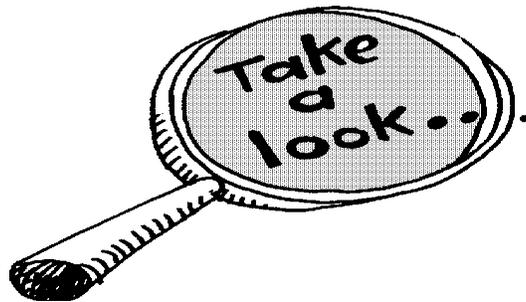
#1 Define school substance abuse prevention components:

- School policies
- Prevention curricula
- Surveys
- Screenings
- Interventions
- Community engagement methods
- Staff development training



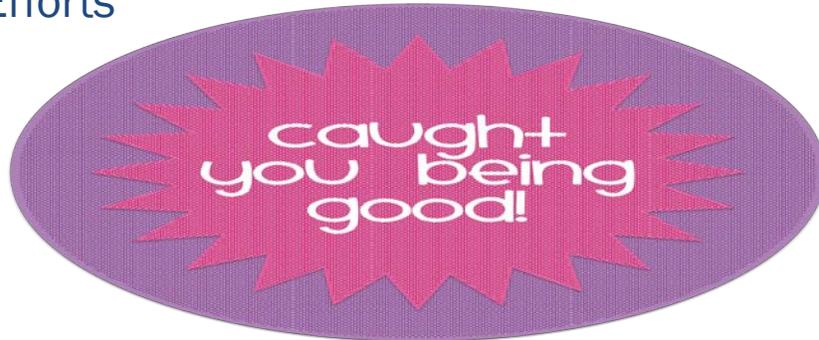
6 Implementation Steps

#2 Collect, analyze, track, and report student and community survey data



6 Implementation Steps

#3 Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Positive School Climate Efforts



6 Implementation Steps

#4 Coordinate with Before-and After-school programs on substance abuse prevention efforts



6 Implementation Steps

#5 Connect with local colleges/universities to discuss and coordinate with their substance abuse prevention activities



6 Implementation Steps

#6 Develop, engage, and support community resources, including community coalitions, youth-led prevention, and parents and caregivers. Coordinate community efforts with school-based substance abuse prevention efforts.



BOTTOM LINE

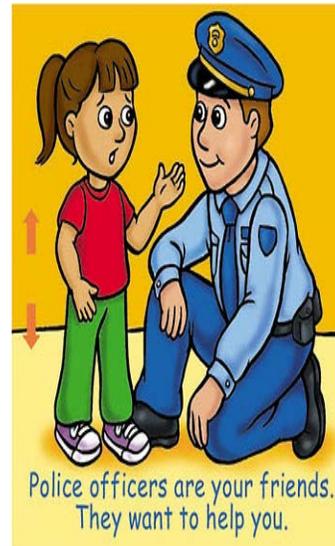
By reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors, children will build resiliency and make positive life decisions

Screening for substance abuse and mental health issues needs to be followed by effective interventions and treatment

A comprehensive, community-wide substance abuse prevention program should include schools, parents and caregivers, before-and after-school efforts, law enforcement, community coalitions, and others to be effective



Do you have Law Enforcement-based drug abuse prevention education in your school?





AGO Drug Prevention Grants

The attorney general shall use amounts in the drug abuse resistance education fund to award grants to law enforcement agencies to establish and implement drug abuse resistance education programs in public schools. Grants awarded to a law enforcement agency under this section shall be used by the agency to pay for not more than fifty percent of the amount of the salaries of law enforcement officers who conduct drug abuse resistance education in public schools. * * *

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Eligible Programs

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LifeSkills[®] Training



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Fine Print

- Public Schools only
- Superintendents must agree to work with the law enforcement agency AND sign all reports verifying the program occurred
- Programs must include an OTC/Rx component
- Costs can only cover: class time, prep time (up to 2 hours/1 hour of class) counseling, and events





This block contains contact information for the Ohio Attorney General's Heroin Unit Grants Management. It features the Ohio Attorney General's logo at the top center. Below the logo, the text reads: 'How to contact us', 'Ohio Attorney General's Heroin Unit Grants Management', and 'DrugUsePrevention@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov'. At the bottom, there is a small portrait of Mike DeWine, the Ohio Attorney General, and the text 'MIKE DE WINE, OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL' and 'www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov'.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine established the Heroin Unit in 2013 to pursue traffickers and to work with communities affected by the opiate epidemic. The unit's community outreach team helps counties identify areas where they may need additional assistance in fighting the addiction epidemic and suggests resources to fulfill those needs.

This document contains a detailed list of state and local resources and is divided into the topic areas of Awareness, Education, and Prevention; Treatment and Recovery Support; Criminal Justice; Legislation; and Funding.

To be included in the resource list, contact the Heroin Unit by email at HeroinUnit@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

For more information about the Heroin Unit and other resources, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/DrugAbuse.

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Awareness, Education, and Prevention

Community Awareness

Parent Engagement

Start Talking!

Start Talking! is designed to give parents, guardians, educators, and community leaders the tools to start a conversation with Ohio's youth about the importance of living healthy, drug-free lives. For more information, visit www.starttalking.ohio.gov.

KNOW! Tips

KNOW! Tips are age-appropriate facts on drugs, alcohol, and tobacco that are emailed twice a month to parents, grandparents, or caregivers, and are excellent conversation starters. Schools can sign up for the TEACHable moments emails that can be used in school or distributed to parents in newsletters or folders. For more information, visit <http://starttalking.ohio.gov/TakeAction/ParentsGrandparentsCaregivers/ParentTipSignUp.aspx>.

Parents 360 Rx

Parents 360 Rx is designed to raise awareness of the opiate epidemic, eliminate the stigma associated with the disease of addiction, and offer tools for safeguarding medication. The Web page offers a free video to show to the community, and a toolkit that offers guidance on how to host an event. For more information, visit www.starttalking.ohio.gov/Prevention/PARENTS360Rx.aspx.

School Engagement

5 Minutes for Life

In this program, Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers, Ohio National Guard members and local law enforcement talk with student-athletes for five minutes before or after a practice about responsible decision-making, leadership, and ways to encourage their peers to live a drug-free lifestyle. After the presentations, athletes are encouraged to spread the message within their school and on social media using the 5 Minutes for Life key points. For more information, visit www.starttalking.ohio.gov/Prevention/5MinutesforLife.aspx.

Tyler's Light

Tyler's Light is a grass-roots organization formed after a tragedy. Tyler Campbell, a Pickerington High School North graduate and University of Akron football player, became addicted to prescription painkillers while recovering from a football injury. Campbell died of an accidental overdose in the summer of 2011. Tyler's Light was launched by people who knew and loved him. Tyler's Light is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting the community with drug awareness and prevention. Student presentations for high school and middle school emphasize the message, "Speak Up! Save a Life!" For more information, visit <http://tylerslight.com>.

Robby's Voice

The organization focuses on promoting awareness and education surrounding drug addiction. Team members provide education to students, parents, and the community. The student program provides information about addiction and focuses on making good choices and the resulting consequences. For more information, visit www.robbyvoice.com.

The PEACE Project

The PEACE (Protecting Every Abused Child Everywhere) Project is an anti-bullying program that begins with a daylong workshop, where middle school students are paired with mentors from high school who work with them for the remainder of the school year. Kids in need are visited daily by the trained mentors, and the victims then become part of the solution. The program empowers youths by giving them a voice through artistic expression in art, music, dance, and more. The program's materials, videos, and presentations are offered free of charge. For more information, contact Bill Geha at **419-944-8191** or wag43560@aol.com.

Naloxone for Schools

Adapt Pharma, a maker of the Narcan brand of naloxone nasal spray, is offering a free carton of the opioid-overdose antidote to every high school. The Association of School Nurses adopted a position last year that school nurses should "review local and state policy on how to access naloxone and implement its use as part of their school emergency response protocol." The group pointed out that nurses are the first responders during a school emergency and should be prepared for drug overdoses. To request free Narcan, visit www.narcannasalspray.com/how-to-get-nns/partnerships/.

Ohio State Collegiate Recovery Community

Since 2013, the Ohio State Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC) has been supporting students in recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions to pursue their dreams of achieving an education while maintaining their recovery. The CRC supports individuals from the admissions process all the way through graduation. It is connected to the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery (HECAOD), which supports colleges and universities by providing technical assistance, training, information, and resources. The HECAOD can help you find a collegiate recovery program that is right for you or help your school start one. To learn more about Ohio State's CRC, visit <http://swc.osu.edu/services/alcohol-tobacco-and-other-drugs/collegiate-recovery-community/>.

To find out how you can start your own CRC, visit: <http://hecaod.osu.edu/>.

Website Development

A website is a great way to share information about the resources available in your community. We recommend including:

- A countywide listing of agencies and resources.
- A monthly calendar of activities.
- Information on the disposal of prescription drugs.
- Support group information.

Also, there are many coalition and grass-roots websites that your group could join to curtail website-development costs.

One example is Cuyahoga County's "Let's Face Heroin" website, which can be used as a template.

Cuyahoga County: www.letsfaceheroin.com

Clark County: www.letsfaceheroin.com/clark

Butler County: www.letsfaceheroinbc.org

Other examples:

Hamilton County: <http://injecthope.com>

Franklin County, Upper Arlington: <http://www.thestandprojectua.org>

The Community Recovery Project: www.communityrecoveryproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/CRP-AddictionResourceGuide.pdf

Social Media

A recent article by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) explains how to use social media as a tool for addressing mental-health and substance-abuse issues. To read the article, visit <http://newsletter.samhsa.gov/2015/08/13/social-media-as-a-tool-for-addressing-behavioral-health>.

Nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a newer platform used to engage residents based on their neighborhood. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office has effectively used this tool to reach more than 50,000 residents. It provides real-time information about crime, drugs, and other community issues. Visit <https://nextdoor.com>.

Community Event Planning

Community awareness events such as town hall meetings, walks and runs, trainings, festivals, and community block parties provide great opportunities to reach residents and share anti-stigma messages. Your group can share its message during a successful community activity or at its own stand-alone event. To host a stand-alone event, consider celebrating a national event at the local level.

A national event to consider is the National Family Partnership Red Ribbon Campaign. Red Ribbon Week is typically held the third week of October. The National Family Partnership organized the first nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign. Parents and youths began wearing red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs in America and in response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena. The Red Ribbon Campaign website has sample Red Ribbon Week activities. For more information, visit <http://redribbon.org/activities>.

Other national observances:

- September: Recovery Month
- October: National Substance Abuse Prevention Month
- December: National Drugged and Drunk Driving Prevention Month
- January: National Drug Facts Week
- May: National Prevention Week and Mental Health Month

Raising Awareness

Marin's Story – The Battle Against Heroin

The video, produced by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, tells the story of a family affected by drug addiction. Visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/getdoc/78d4dde6-67b9-4cb7-9533-d2d855805b0f.

Foundation for a Drug Free World

The Foundation for a Drug-Free World is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that empowers youths and adults with factual information about drugs so they can make informed decisions and live drug-free. For drug education materials and documentaries, visit www.drugfreeworld.org.

National Institute on Drug Abuse for Teens

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) for Teens is organized to offer students a range of educational experiences as they learn facts about drugs and neuroscience, and to support educators and parents as they aid student learning. NIDA for Teens offers public service announcements, visit <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/interactives-and-videos/videos>.

Billboards

Billboard companies will often donate space on empty billboards. For more information, contact Jennifer Biddinger, director of Drug Abuse Outreach Initiatives for Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, at **614-644-5808** or Jennifer.Biddinger@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

People Recover

People Recover is an educational comic book produced by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) about co-occurring disorders. The book provides a hopeful message of recovery for people with substance-use disorder and mental illness and offers helpful resources. To order a free copy, visit www.store.samhsa.gov/product/People-Recover/SMA13-4712.

'Chasing the Dragon' Public Service Announcement

In an effort to combat the growing epidemic of prescription drug and heroin abuse, the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Agency have released *Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict*, a

documentary made to educate students and young adults about the dangers of addiction. The 45-minute video is available online. Visit www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2016/february/raising-awareness-of-opioid-addiction/raising-awareness-of-opioid-addiction.

Cover2 Resources

Cover2 strives to spread awareness, educate, and advocate for those touched by the opioid epidemic in order to improve the probability for long-term recovery and eliminate the associated stigma. Cover2 Resources produces the PPT podcast series. Each week Greg McNeil interviews experts on new and emerging issues related to the opioid epidemic. Cover2 Resources conducts research to find programs that have proven effective in fighting the opioid epidemic in other communities. The goal is to locate and champion best practices and programs in northeast Ohio. For more information, call **877-901-3277**, or visit <https://cover2.org>.

Faith Community Engagement

SAMSHA Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FBCI is a model for how effective partnerships can be created between federal programs and faith-based and community organizations. For more information, visit www.samhsa.gov/faith-based-initiatives.

Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

The governor's Community Connectors program is designed to unite students, their parents or caregivers, schools, communities, faith-based groups, and businesses through mentoring programs that will create new pathways for civic engagement and result in higher educational achievement, improved health, and greater workforce readiness. For more information, visit www.governor.ohio.gov/PrioritiesandInitiatives/FaithBasedandCommunityInitiatives.aspx.

The Refuge – Champions Network

The Refuge is a free, 13-month, faith-based rehabilitation ministry for men age 18 and older. Its mission is “changing lives affected by addiction.” The Refuge works toward its goal by guiding men from hopelessness and homelessness to home ownership. For more information, visit <https://mentliveschanged.org>.

The Champions Network, a part of the Refuge, creates small groups to reach out to the addicted. It uses a Christ-centered redemption model to equip the church to serve the addicted and heal communities. The network offers access, connection to, and collaboration with more than 200 recovery-focused partners statewide. For more information, contact Pastor Greg Delaney at **937-397-6423** or gdelaney8@yahoo.com, or visit <http://therefugeohio.org/champions-network/#>.

Business Community Engagement

Start Talking! Business Impact Zone

The program offers Ohio employers information and tools to combat substance abuse, which affects productivity and safety in the workplace. For more information, contact Sarah Smith, director of Start Talking!, at **614-387-2799** or Sarah.Smith@mha.ohio.gov, or visit <http://starttalking.ohio.gov/TakeAction/Businesses.aspx>.

Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation – Drug Free Safety Program

The program offers a rebate to eligible employers that implement a loss-prevention strategy addressing workplace use of alcohol and other drugs. For more information, visit www.bwc.ohio.gov/employer/programs/dfspinfo/dfspdescription.asp.

Education and Training

Recognizing Signs and Symptoms of Abuse

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Drug Abuse Awareness Flyer

To assist communities in need of educational materials, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Heroin Unit developed a flyer that features the signs and symptoms of abuse and highlights where individuals can seek help. The flyer can be customized to include your community's contact information and logo. To request flyers, send an email to HeroinUnit@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov. To print your own, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Files/Briefing-Room/News-Releases/Heroin-Unit/Drug-Addiction-Affects-All-Ohioans.aspx.

Let's Face Heroin 'Signs' Video

The Let's Face Heroin website offers a video that points out the signs and symptoms of opiate abuse so loved ones can recognize the signs and seek help. To see the video, visit <http://www.letsfaceheroin.com/signs.html>.

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc.

The advocacy group provides a listing of the warning signs of alcohol and drug abuse. For more information, visit <http://ncadd.org/about-addiction/signs-and-symptoms>.

Operation Street Smart

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office's Operation Street Smart is a presentation geared toward those who work with youths. The goal is to educate adults on current drug trends, terminology, and paraphernalia. For more information, visit <https://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/operation-street-smart-drug-education.cfm>.

Hidden in Plain Sight

The Bath and Copley Police Departments of Summit County created an interactive traveling exhibit to help parents learn to recognize signs of risky behavior among teenagers. The exhibit contains items that may indicate that a teen is using drugs or participating in other dangerous activities. Accompanying the display is an hourlong educational presentation. No youths are permitted to attend. For information on the exhibit, visit www.copley.oh.us/police/hidden-in-plain-site.

Prescriber Resources

Prescribing Guidelines

The Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team Professional Education Workgroup developed the Ohio Emergency and Acute Care Facility Opioids and Other Controlled Substances Prescribing Guidelines, which, along with supporting information, can be found on the website of the Ohio Department of Health. Visit www.healthy.ohio.gov/ed/guidelines.aspx.

To further assist prescribers, the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team also developed a learning module to educate prescribers and share prescribing guidelines. Visit <http://ohiorxguidelines.com/video>.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently released their guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain. The guidelines and supporting information can be found on the agency's website. Visit

http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=12820742&msgid=315150&act=64R2&c=1242652&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.yomcdn.com%2Fsites%2Fsafestates.site-ym.com%2Fresource%2Fresmgr%2FCDC_Prescribing_Guidelines%2FCDCPrescribingGuidelinesMMWR.pdf.

Smart Rx Online Training

The Ohio State Medical Association developed an online training for physicians to address prescription drug abuse. To see it, visit www.osma.org/SmartRx.

Training for Law Enforcement

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) offers basic and advanced courses for law enforcement at its London and Richfield campuses, regional hubs, via mobile academies, online, and through webcasts. To access a full list of available courses and fees, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Peace-Officer-Training-Academy.

Drug Enforcement Administration

The Drug Enforcement Administration has issued warnings about high-potency opioids such as fentanyl and carfentanyl. The warning videos and handouts ensure that first responders are aware of the dangers of improper handling of the drugs and the risk of overdose. For news on drug enforcement, visit www.dea.gov/index.shtml.

Training for Medical Professionals

When prescription drug abuse became a serious, growing problem in the United States, especially among pre-teens, adolescents, and young adults, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) reached out to its members to offer help by providing prevention programming and other resources. The NASN provides a listing of resources available to school nurses to aid prevention education efforts and spell out the group's position on naloxone use in schools. For more information and resources, visit www.nasn.org/ToolsResources/DrugsofAbuse.

Trauma-Informed Care

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, is expanding efforts to support and develop a statewide approach to Trauma-Informed Care. For a listing of available trauma-informed care trainers, visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=772#28171125-trauma-informed-approach-trainers>.

Research and Data

Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring

Biannually, the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network produces a drug trend report.

These reports offer detailed information about the drugs available in regions across the state. The regions include: Akron-Canton, Athens, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown. To see the reports, visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=514#18711098-2015>.

Ohio Health Department

Each year the Ohio Department of Health produces the Ohio Drug Overdose Data: General Findings report. The Healthy Ohio website also contains data on other important topics. To see the report or learn more about the work the agency is doing to address health concerns, visit <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/-/media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/health/injury-prevention/2015-Overdose-Data/2015-Ohio-Drug-Overdose-Data-Report-FINAL.pdf>.

Prevention

Mentoring and Youth Engagement

Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network

The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network is a joint venture between Drug Free Action Alliance (DFAA) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services. The network, made up of youth-led substance abuse prevention providers, guides teens to make positive life decisions. For more information, visit www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/oypn.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is a mentoring program that provides guidance for at-risk youth to decrease substance abuse and other illicit behaviors, increase self-esteem, and teach critical life skills. For more information, visit www.bbbs.org.

Youth to Youth

Youth to Youth engages young people through meaningful activities and experiences to develop and implement their own ideas to create positive change. To see activities in central Ohio, visit www.youthtoyouth.net/central-ohio/central-ohio-initiatives.

Teen Institute

Ohio Teen Institute is a drug-free leadership conference for high school students. Through the program, students develop skills to become positive leaders within their schools and communities. Students are also equipped with the knowledge and skills to make positive choices for themselves and encourage their peers to make healthy decisions. For more information, visit www.ohioti.com.

Partnership for Drug-Free Kids

The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids translates the science of teen drug use and addiction and offers information and guidance. The organization also offers a parent-support network via a free helpline (**855-DRUGFREE**) and youth programming including Above the Influence, the Meth Project and the Medicine Abuse Project. For more information, visit www.drugfree.org.

- *Above the Influence*

Above the Influence is a youth-outreach program focused on prevention, positive messaging,

and teen-led initiatives. The website has toolkits to help raise awareness. For more information, visit <http://partners.atipartnerships.com>.

- *The Meth Project: Not Even Once*
This large-scale prevention campaign works to reduce methamphetamine use through public-service messaging, public policy, and community outreach. The Meth Project consists of a research-based marketing campaign, community-action programs, and an in-school lesson — all designed to communicate the risks of meth use. For more information, visit <http://foundation.methproject.org/About-Us/index.php>.
- *The Medicine Abuse Project*
The Medicine Abuse Project is an action campaign aimed at preventing teens from abusing medicine. It provides resources for parents and caregivers, law enforcement officials, health care providers, educators, and others in the community. It offers information about prevention, details how to dispose of medicine, and offers ways to safeguard medicine at home. For more information, visit <http://medicineabuseproject.org>.

Coalition Building

SAMSHA Strategic Prevention Framework

The five-step planning process guide of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) assists states and local jurisdictions in implementing appropriate and sustainable prevention activities. For more information, visit www.samhsa.gov/spf.

The Ohio Center for Coalition Excellence

The Ohio Center for Coalition Excellence assists communities to mobilize substance-abuse prevention efforts. For more information, visit www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/ohiocenter.

Developing Drug-Prevention Programs

Drug Free Action Alliance

The Drug Free Action Alliance, a nonprofit organization that offers resources, trainings, and initiatives to promote healthy lifestyles, offers education on the prevention of substance abuse from the community level. For more information, visit www.drugfreeactionalliance.org.

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

The Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) offers a Prevent Rx Abuse Toolkit with information on stopping prescription drug abuse among teens. For more information, visit www.preventrxabuse.org.

Infectious Disease Prevention

Healthy Ohio

Healthy Ohio, at the Ohio Department of Health, provides information about the promotion of good health and the prevention of disease. It also maintains access to timely, patient-centered, and efficient physical and behavioral health choices. Call **614-466-2144**, or visit www.healthy.ohio.gov.

Prescription Drug Monitoring

Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System

The Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) collects information on outpatient prescriptions for controlled substances dispensed in Ohio pharmacies. For more information on OARRS, visit www.ohiopmp.gov/Portal/Default.aspx. For more information on the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, visit <https://pharmacy.ohio.gov>.

Ohio Board of Pharmacy Enforcement

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy Compliance & Enforcement Division works to ensure prescribers are operating in accordance to state regulations. Concerns about potential “pill mills” should be shared with the board. Warning signs of “pill mill” agencies include cash-only operations, Suboxone or other medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services without counseling services, the same MAT dosage to all patients, and high levels of MAT dosages to patients. To file a complaint, visit <https://pharmacy.ohio.gov/Forms/Complaint.aspx>.

Human Trafficking

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Human Trafficking Commission

The commission is a resource for those looking for more information on human trafficking in Ohio. The group meets on a quarterly basis in Columbus to discuss recent trends, identified cases, and statewide outreach efforts. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Veronica Scherbauer at the Ohio Attorney General's Office, **614-995-0327**, or visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/HumanTrafficking.

Anti-Trafficking Coalitions

Ohio has a network of about 20 local, grass-roots coalitions against human trafficking. The coalitions, which are typically open to the public to join, work to spread awareness about human trafficking in the counties they cover. Many provide services to victims. To see a map of the coalitions, or for more information, visit <http://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/>.

Treatment and Recovery Support

Accessing Treatment

SAMHSA Treatment Locator

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is a federal program that offers a behavioral health treatment services locator, an online source of information for anyone seeking treatment for substance abuse, addiction, or mental-health issues. For more information, visit <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>.

OMHAS Toll-Free Bridge

The Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Consumer and Family Toll-Free Bridge (TFB) line provides referral and resource information for callers regarding addiction and mental-health services statewide. TFB staff members work to help callers find the resources they need, learn about the referral process to access resources, and understand consumer rights and responsibilities. The goal of the free telephone service is to promote advocacy, independence, and recovery for Ohioans with behavioral health issues. Call **877-275-6364**, **888-636-4889** (TTY), or **614-466-7228** (local), or visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=270>.

Programs for Women

The Ohio Women's Treatment Network Inc.

The Ohio Women's Treatment Network Inc. (OWTN) strives to identify and refer women who are substance abusers to the appropriate treatment and to increase awareness of women's substance-abuse issues and effective treatment technologies. To learn more, contact Jackie Doodley at Jacqueline.Doodley@mha.ohio.gov or **614-752-6456**.

Treatment for Mom

The program, developed with Adena Health Systems and CareSource, assists moms-to-be battling addiction during pregnancy to reduce the possibility of babies being born dependent on opioids. The program provides treatment for moms-to-be, counseling, and support. The program is supported by the state Medicaid program and a grant from the March of Dimes. For more information, visit <http://adena.org/media/newsdetail.dT/healthy-babies>.

The M.O.M.S. Project

The M.O.M.S. Project is focused on assisting pregnant women who are addicted to, or in the early stages of recovery from, opioids. The pilot project has a primary goal of providing prenatal care that may include medication-assisted treatment. The project's other goals are to decrease the number of incidences of babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and the length of stay such newborns have in the neonatal intensive care unit. Pilot locations include Columbus, Athens, Cincinnati, and Cleveland. To access other guidelines for establishing treatment protocols, contact Matt Loncaric at Matthew.Loncaric@mha.ohio.gov or **614-466-9982**.

Recovery and Support Services

Peer Supporter Certification

An Ohio Peer Recovery Supporter is someone who has lived with a mental-health disorder, addiction, or both, who is in recovery, and who is willing to assist others in need of help. Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services formally began certifying Peer Recovery Supporters in July 2016. To find out how peer supporters can assist in your community, or for more information about becoming a peer supporter, visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=713>.

Support Groups

Drug Free Action Alliance – The G.A.P. Network

The G.A.P. (Grief, Action, and Advocacy) Network is a collection of advocacy groups motivated by the losses felt by families. The G.A.P. Network seeks to end the crisis of substance abuse, specifically prescription drug and opiate addiction, in all Ohio communities. For more information, visit <https://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/programs>.

The Addict's Parents United

The Addict's Parents United (TAP United) is a statewide support system and advocacy group, made up of members who have one or more loved ones suffering from addiction. The group also includes individuals who have lost one or more loved ones from addiction. The group provides support for families with an emphasis on self-care, along with navigation through the devastation that can be caused by addiction. For more information, visit www.tapunited.org.

Nar-Anon Family Groups

Nar-Anon Family Groups assist the loved ones of those suffering from addiction. For more information, visit www.nar-anon.org/starting-a-group.

Heroin Anonymous

Heroin Anonymous helps those addicted to heroin to get and stay sober. For more information, visit www.heroinanonymous.org.

Young People in Recovery

Young People in Recovery chapters support youths in, or seeking, recovery by helping them obtain stable employment, secure housing, and education. For more information, visit <http://youngpeopleinrecovery.org>.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) provides sober support to people struggling with substance and/or alcohol abuse. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) provides sober support to people struggling with drug abuse. To find a meeting, or to get information about starting a support group in your community, visit www.aa.org or www.na.org.

Not One More

Not One More offers support groups for people with a history of substance abuse and their loved ones. For more information, visit www.NotOneMore.net.

Clients Rights and Recovery Support

Clients Rights

Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OHMHAS) works in partnership with local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) boards and behavioral health care providers to promote recovery and to respect the rights of people and the safety of the community.

To assure that the rights of clients are respected, client advocates have been identified at each local board. The mission of the client advocate is:

- To clearly inform clients of their basic and legal rights.
- To promote recovery.
- To promote client choice and participation in decisions affecting their lives.
- To ensure the availability of quality advocacy to all persons receiving services in the public system.

For more information, visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=270>.

Veteran's Service Commission

Many veterans have problems with alcohol, tobacco, or drugs — including street drugs or the misuse of prescription medications. Effective treatments for substance-use problems are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, visit www.mentalhealth.va.gov/res-vatreatmentprograms.asp.

The Ohio Benefit Bank

The Ohio Benefit Bank has counselors available to assist with eligibility requirements for prescription assistance, food assistance, medical coverage, and other community support. Call **800-648-1176** or visit <http://ohiobenefits.org>.

Victim Services

Crime Victim Services

Victims of crime face many setbacks as a result of their tragic and unexpected circumstances. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Crime Victim Services Section provides not only funding and services to aid victims and their families, but also training for service providers and grants for victim service providers for Ohio communities. For more information, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims.

RAINN

The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) is an organization for adult survivors of child sex abuse. The group offers resources and information for people who need counseling and support and a crisis line through the National Sexual Assault Hotline at **800-656-HOPE (4673)**. For more information, visit <http://rainn.org>.

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network was established by Congress in 2000 and is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The National Child Traumatic Stress Network strives to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families. The network can be used for developing and disseminating evidence-based interventions, providing trauma-informed services, and educating the public. The website provides information for teachers, parents, and caregivers including how to introduce the topic to a child for prevention and intervention strategies. For more information, visit http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdf/caring_for_kids.pdf.

Other resources:

- The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, which can assist in finding links to therapists, www.nctsn.org
- The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, which can offer ways to help a friend or family member who has been sexually assaulted, www.dvsac.org/resources/help-family.cfm
- The National Childhood Traumatic Stress Network, which provides a survival guide for victims of acquaintance rape, http://nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/caring/acquaintancerapeguideforvictims.pdf
- National Children's Alliance, which provides a state-by-state listing of Children's Advocacy Centers, community-based facilities dedicating to providing support and care to victims of child abuse, www.nca-online.org
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, which can offer guidance if your child has been sexually assaulted, http://pathwayscourses.samhsa.gov/vawc/vawc_8_pg3.htm

Job Placement and Re-entry Programs

Recovery to Work

Recovery to Work is an employment program that combines vocational rehabilitation services with alcohol, drug addiction, and mental-health services for four priority populations in Ohio. The priority populations served are:

- Individuals addicted to opiates.
- Individuals with a mental illness and/or addiction involved with the criminal justice system.
- Veterans with a mental illness and/or addiction.
- Individuals with severe and persistent mental illness.

For more information, call Brian Penrod at **419-617-2456**.

ExOffenders.net

Exoffenders.net is a private website that provides resources to people who have criminal records so they can find employment. For more information, visit <https://exoffenders.net/contact-us>.

FelonOpportunities.com

The website offers information about jobs, housing, and programs for Ohioans with felony convictions. For more information, visit <http://felonopportunities.com/jobs-for-felons-in-ohio>.

Ohio Civil Impact of Criminal Conviction

The Ohio Civil Impact of Criminal Conviction's website allows visitors to look up criminal offenses and find out what legal barriers are likely to apply to those convictions in addition to court-imposed sentences. For more information, visit <http://civiccoho.org>.

Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation

The website of the Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Transit offers an interactive map of Ohio that allows users to quickly find local transit options. For more information, visit <http://dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/Transit/Pages/default.aspx>.

Ohio Public Transit Association

The Ohio Public Transit Association offers assistance to tackle public transportation challenges in Ohio communities. For more information, visit www.ohiopublictransit.org.

Rural Health

The Rural Health Information Hub provides access to health care resources for rural communities. For more information visit, www.ruralhealthinfo.org.

Housing

Ohio Recovery Housing

Ohio Recovery Housing is dedicated to the development and operation of quality alcohol- and drug-free living in a community of recovery for people with substance-use disorders. For more information, visit www.ohiorecoveryhousing.org.

OMHAS Recovery Housing

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) has information on recovery housing. Contact Alisia Clark at **614-644-8428** or Alisia.Clark@mha.ohio.gov, or visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=753>.

Recovery Housing Environmental Scan

In 2013, the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Service Providers developed a report regarding the state of recovery housing in Ohio. For more information, visit <https://obc.memberclicks.net/assets/OHRecoveryHousing/ohiorecoveryhousingjune2013%20final.pdf>.

Ohio Center for Independent Living Options

The Ohio Center for Independent Living Options offers assistance in breaking down barriers, creating options, and promoting change for those in need of safe, affordable housing. Call **513-241-2600**. Other opportunities for housing assistance can be found at <http://www.ohiohousinglocator.org>.

School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SRO) may be eligible to receive funding under the Drug Use Prevention Grant. To start, SROs may either select from an approved curriculum listed below, or submit a different curriculum that will be reviewed by a committee. In addition to conducting the drug-use prevention program, SROs are expected to counsel groups and meet one-on-one with students regarding drug-use prevention issues. To find a complete list of programs approved by the Ohio Attorney General's Office visit <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Local-Law-Enforcement/Drugs/Drug-Use-Prevention-Program-Grant>.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) programs are eligible to receive funding under the Drug Use Prevention Grant. D.A.R.E. provides students from kindergarten through high school with the skills necessary to recognize and resist pressures to experiment with drugs and to avoid gangs and violence. Lessons emphasize self-esteem, decision-making, interpersonal communications, the consequences of drug abuse, conflict resolution, and positive alternatives to substance abuse. For more information, visit www.dare-oh.org.

Submitting Tips and Reporting Suspicious Activity

Ohio Safer Schools Tip Line

The anonymous phone line directs information to the Office of Homeland Security, which immediately provides the information to the appropriate school administrator. The tip line can also immediately notify local first responders, when appropriate. Administrators can order free posters and other materials to promote the tip line in schools.

Students can submit information on:

- Bullying.
- Potential suicide risks.
- Violence.
- Drugs.
- Other school safety issues.

Calls or texts to **844-SaferOH (844-723-3764)** are answered by analysts in the Ohio Homeland Security's Threat Assessment and Prevention (TAP) Unit. When action is needed, the TAP Unit immediately forwards information to local school officials, local law enforcement agencies, and others, if necessary.

For more information on establishing a tip line in your school visit https://saferschools.ohio.gov/content/tip_line_information.

Tip Submit Mobile

TipSubmit Mobile is a free app for Android and Apple devices that allows tipsters to submit secure and anonymous tips to local law enforcement agencies, school administrators, or Crime Stoppers. It can be used for school-based information, such as suicide-prevention, bullying, and safety issues. It is also a valuable for law enforcement as the community can use it to report any criminal activities. For more information, visit www.tipsoft.com/index.aspx?P=TipSubmitMobile.

Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)

The BCI Tip Line at Attorney General Mike DeWine's Office, **855-BCI-OHIO (855-224-6446)**

Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System

The Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) collects information on outpatient prescriptions for controlled substances dispensed in Ohio pharmacies. For more information, visit the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy at <https://pharmacy.ohio.gov>, or OARRS at www.ohiopmp.gov/Portal/Default.aspx.

Prescription Drug Disposal

Prescription Drug Drop Box Locations

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Office has partnered with the Ohio Department of Health and Drug Free Action Alliance to provide free collection bins to local law enforcement agencies in Ohio. The drop boxes, which are mailbox-style disposal bins, are placed inside law enforcement agencies to be used by residents during business hours. For more information, visit www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims/Drug-Diversion/Prescription-Drug-Drop-Boxes.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

To find other ways to get rid of leftover prescription medication, visit the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency website, www.epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/Home/Rx.aspx.

Prescription Drug Disposal

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy offers information on pharmaceutical drug collection. Visit <http://pharmacy.ohio.gov/Documents/Pubs/Special/DrugTakeBack/Drug%20Enforcement%20Administration%20Releases%20New%20Rules%20on%20Pharmaceutical%20Drug%20Collection.pdf>.

Law Enforcement Training and Support

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy offers advanced training courses that focus on narcotics investigations. Officers can register for these courses through OPOTA's online course catalog. Visit Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's website at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Peace-Officer-Training-Academy/Course-Catalog.

Naloxone for First Responders

Naloxone Administration Training

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine provides online training for peace officers about naloxone administration. The training is available through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG). A public version of the training is available, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Media/Videos/Naloxone-Educational-Video.

Naloxone Rebate

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine secured a \$6 per vial rebate with Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturer of naloxone. For information on how to receive the rebate, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/NaloxoneRebate.

Naloxone Funding for First Responders

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services committed \$500,000 for county health departments to purchase Naloxone for first responders. For more information, visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Portals/0/assets/Initiatives/GCOAT/2015-naloxone-grant-program.pdf>.

Project DAWN

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a community-based overdose-education and naloxone-distribution program. For more information, visit www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/drug/ProjectDAWN.aspx.

Diversion Initiatives

Community Recovery Project

Many communities are launching collaborative agency efforts to help people with opioid addictions get access to treatment. For example, Colerain Township in Hamilton County formed a quick-response team made up of paramedics, police officers, and counselors to respond to overdose calls. Response team members visit the overdose survivor within 72 hours to offer counseling and referrals. The team also drops off a resource packet offering the phone numbers of treatment facilities and information about addiction. The township program strives to reduce repeated overdoses and deaths, while providing more information to addicts and their families. For more information about the program, contact Peter Baden at ppbaden@gmail.com, or visit <http://communityrecoveryproject.org>.

Lucas County – DART

In Lucas County, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Office worked with the sheriff's office, prosecutor's office, and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to establish the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART). Working beyond their role as first responders, the DART officers and victim advocates intervene in situations involving opiate overdoses and/or abuse with victims and their families. Upon contact, the team assists an overdose survivor with addiction resources. For more information, call the Lucas County Sheriff's Office at **419-213-4960**.

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction provides funding opportunities to common pleas and municipal courts to enhance alternative sentencing options. For more information, visit www.drc.ohio.gov.

Drug Courts and Specialty Dockets

For information about specialized dockets, including the development of a drug court, contact the Ohio Supreme Court Specialized Docket Section at **614-387-9425**.

Legislation

Legislative Advocacy

For information on pending Ohio legislation involving drug abuse, contact Amy O’Grady, director of Criminal Justice Initiatives for Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, at **614-728-4943** or **Amy.OGrady@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**.

For a list of Ohio legislators, visit **www.legislature.ohio.gov**.

Synthetic Narcotics

For information on synthetic drugs, visit Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine’s website at **www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/FAQ/Synthetic-Drug-FAQs**.

The Ohio Revised Code lists all of the controlled substances in Ohio, mostly by chemical names. Currently, all known cathinones (“bath salts”) are illegal. Also, any drug that is emergency scheduled by the Drug Enforcement Administration or U.S. Attorney General is also automatically scheduled in Ohio.

Last year, Ohio Attorney DeWine collaborated with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy to support the enactment of an administrative rule to schedule certain synthetic cannabinoid compounds as controlled substances. Therefore, any changes made to the core of the drug in an attempt to evade the law are futile. This rule is specific only for cannabinoids but is currently being reviewed to include fentanyl.

Funding

Drug Use Prevention Funding

Several kinds of programs are eligible for funding for a complete list of approved programs please visit the Drug Use Prevention Grant webpage. Programs not on the approved list may be considered if additional information demonstrating their effectiveness is submitted.

The programs must be presented by a D.A.R.E. officer or school resource officer for public school students. Summer programs off school grounds, but in conjunction with a public school, may be considered. Grants cover up to 50 percent of an officer's salary conducting drug-use prevention in public schools, in addition to some other expenses.

Complete guidelines and the application process can be accessed on the Ohio Attorney General's website at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/DrugUsePreventionGrant.

Medicaid and Health Care Coverage

To check eligibility for Medicaid coverage and begin enrollment, visit: <http://benefits.ohio.gov>.

To see the services covered by Medicaid, visit <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/FOROHIOANS/CoveredServices.aspx>.

Grants

Drug Free Communities Grant

The Office of National Drug Control Policy's Drug Free Communities Program provides grants to local drug-free community coalitions to increase collaboration among community partners and to prevent and reduce substance use by youths. For more information, visit <https://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/news/2016/02/qa-how-homeless-youth-programs-can-benefit-drug-free-communities-funding>.

Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services Grants

The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services offers grants for a wide range of topics, including recovery-support services, prevention, and early intervention services. For more information, visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=725> and <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=144>.

Federal Grant Alerts

To subscribe to federal grant announcements, visit www.grants.gov/manage-subscriptions.html. A participant can opt to receive email alerts of all grant notices, or notices based on criteria such as topic, sub-agency, or funding opportunity number.

To connect with the U.S. Department of Justice locally, contact Jennifer Thornton at the U.S. Attorney's Office at Jennifer.Thornton@USDOJ.gov.



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