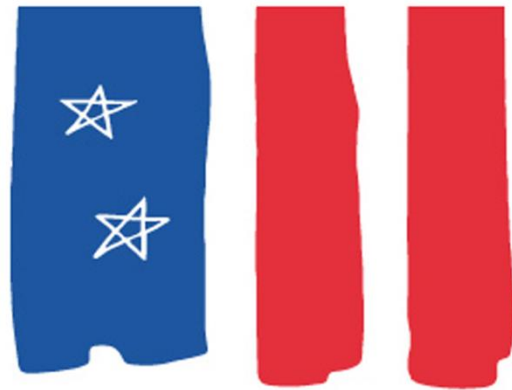




Engaging Faith Based Leaders in Community Prevention Efforts

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Who We Are



The Partnership For A
Drug-Free New Jersey



What We Are Facing Current Drug Trends



Opiate Abuse In New Jersey

Survey Finds 1 In 5 College Students Have Abuse Prescription Medication

N.J. legislature tackles addiction: List of bills included in major package



Heroin and opiate addiction are on the rise in New Jersey. (Thinkstock)

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Today, New Jersey legislators are expected to tackle the state's burgeoning heroin and prescription drug abuse, a crisis that has

The bills will be announced at a news conference at noon. Sen. Joseph Vitale (D-Middlesex), who introduced the package in 2013, said he hopes the legislation will bring about a meaningful change and help shape the conversation in New Jersey as one about a public health enforcement problem.

Below is a list of the bills expected to be presented to the legislature and brief summaries of their intent:

S-2366, sponsored by Senators Weinberg and Rice, would require doctors to inform patients of the dangers of certain prescription drugs and require practitioners to inform them of their intent.

S-2367, sponsored by Senator Codey, would require curriculum on substance abuse to make sure that students receive prevention education.

S-2368, sponsored by Senator Rice, would increase substance abuse prevention efforts by \$5 million.

S-1998/A-3129, sponsored by Senators W. Assemblymen Conway and Lagana, Assemblywoman Benson and Assemblywoman Su, would require physicians to register for the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to help identify individuals who are doctor shopping or who are operating "pill mills."

S-2029, sponsored by Senators Turner and Vitale, would increase the state's collection and resource targeting by government agencies to identify and prevent anonymous substance abuse surveys.

S-2369/A-2839, sponsored by Senators Vitale and Benson and Assemblywoman Vair, would expand the number of places individuals can drop off unused prescription drugs, including locations at every county sheriff's office and in county and municipal health departments that chose to participate.

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N.J. lawmakers set to combat heroin, opiate abuse

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(Photo: Staff photo)

TRENTON – State lawmakers unveiled a package of more than a dozen bills in a sweeping effort to curb prescription drug abuse, a crisis that has hit New Jersey and especially the Jersey Shore.

Christie cites death of friend, urges more vigilant about prescription drugs



The Overdose Protection Act, which allows law enforcement to carry the antidote naloxone, would be expanded to include substance abuse workers.

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N.J. lawmakers unveil package of bills aimed at curbing heroin, pill abuse

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Sen. Joseph Vitale speaks Wednesday at the announcement of a package of bills focused on the state's heroin crisis.

A package of bills aimed at stemming heroin and opioid painkiller addiction in New Jersey was announced on Wednesday by lawmakers, the first coordinated legislative response to a crisis that has overwhelmed the health care system, confounded law enforcement and caused hundreds of deaths.

The 21 bills, which have bipartisan support and several of which have already been introduced in the state Senate or Assembly, focus on education, prevention and access to treatment.

173 Comments Inside N.J.'s historic push to tackle heroin epidemic



introduce bills to battle drug addiction
by Senator Joseph Vitale (D-Middlesex), have
aged 20 this 15 combat the malicious and pervasive
addiction in New Jersey. The legislation focuses on
areas to recover. (Video by Andrew Wale | NJ Advance
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of state legislators plans to introduce a sweeping package
seek to bolster substance abuse treatment and education in
ing the largest legislative push on drug abuse in years as the
is a spiraling heroin epidemic.

by NJ Advance Media ahead of an announcement today,
available to treatment providers and patients, increase
facilities and physicians, and reevaluate how the state's
unity addresses prevention and recovery.

"Vitale (D-19), who led the charge to begin assembling the 21
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Confronting NJ's **New** Drug Problem

TASK FORCE ON HEROIN AND OTHER OPIATE USE
BY NEW JERSEY'S YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS




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A strategic action plan to address a burgeoning heroin/opiate epidemic among adolescents and young adults

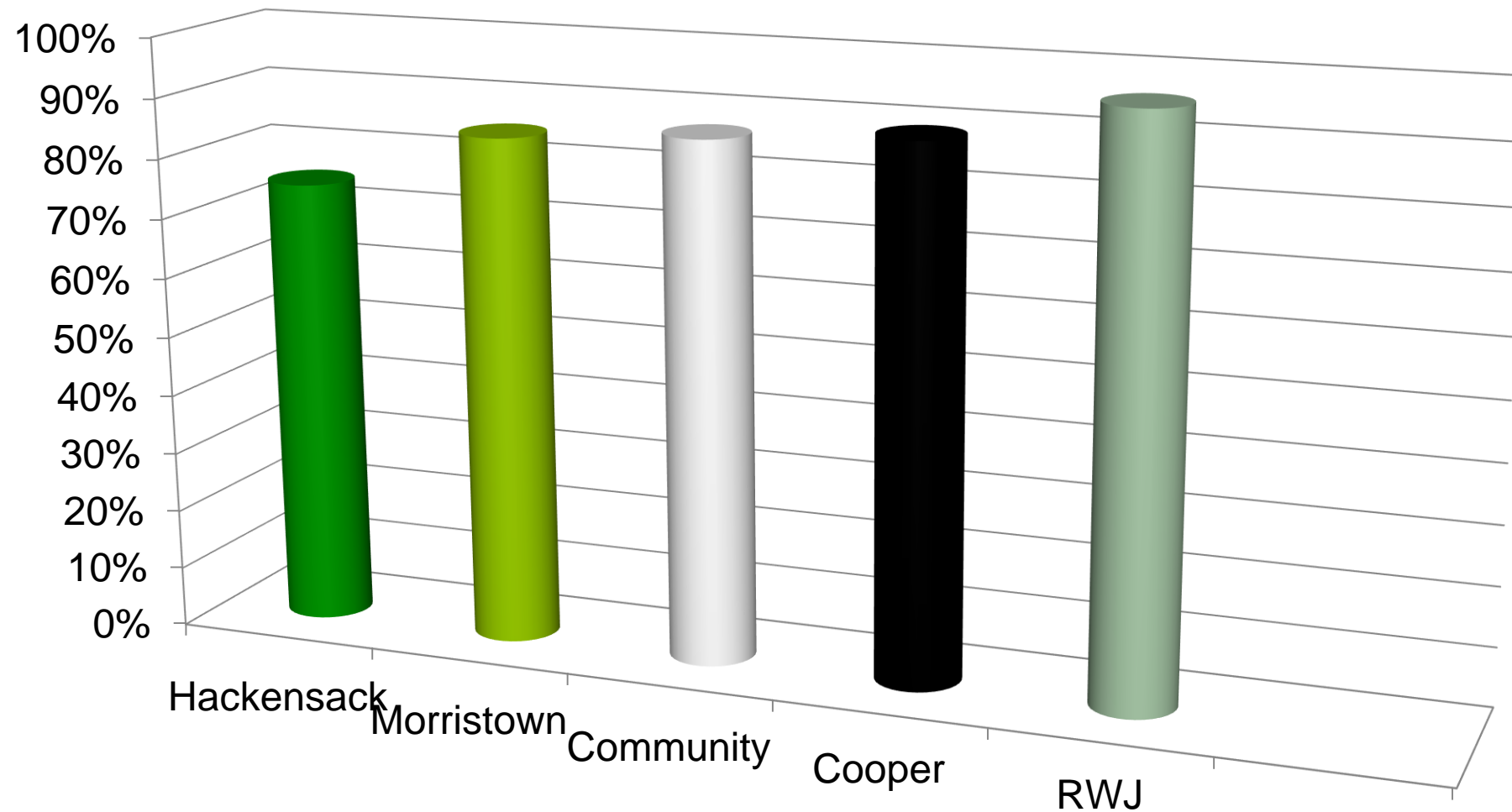


Engaging Stakeholders

- Law Enforcement
- Physicians
- Faith Based Leaders
- Community Prevention Agencies



Physicians and Law Enforcement



Percentages of Doctors who intend to make opioid prescribing changes or apply learnings to their practice as a result of attending the Do No Harm Symposium



Do No Harm Symposium Series

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

2015



NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Developing Solutions to New Jersey's Opioid Epidemic

DEA New Jersey Division, HIDTA New York and New Jersey, and the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey organized the Do No Harm symposiums to address New Jersey's opioid epidemic. These symposia brought together healthcare practitioners from across the state to discuss and develop solutions to this public health crisis.

In 2014, a total of five symposia were held based on the goals set forth in the *Administration's Epidemic: Responding to America's Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis*. This plan focused on educating healthcare providers; the link between overprescribing and development of a substance use disorder; appropriately prescribing controlled medications; the importance of safe and legal prescription drug disposal; and the value of participating in the New Jersey prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP).

Several physicians in attendance said that they learned the benefits of PDMPs and would use the system more. Throughout the series, hundreds of physicians registered for the New Jersey PDMP at a mobile PDMP registration table.

Perhaps most importantly, many of the 1,000 healthcare providers who attended a Do No Harm symposium reported that they would change the way they work with their patients. Specifically, healthcare providers reported learning important tips on how to identify patients who might be diverting drugs or who have a substance use disorder. Healthcare providers also mentioned the importance of educating their co-workers and staff about the scope of this issue; and reported plans to revise their prescribing protocols and expand the use of non-pharmaceutical methods of pain management.¹³²

Action Item: Coordinate Interagency Response to Emerging Drug Related Criminal Activity in Locations with Limited Law Enforcement Resources (5.3.J)

The economic boom associated with the oil and gas development in the Bakken Region of North Dakota and Montana continues to place a strain on the area's infrastructure and security. In conjunction with the Domestic Policy Council, ONDCP has worked with our Federal, state, tribal, and local partners to address emerging threats in the Bakken region. In August 2014, ONDCP released its updated and expanded *Northern Border Strategy*, which includes a section dedicated to drug trafficking in the Bakken region and our efforts to address this threat. Also, in late 2013, ONDCP designated Williams County, ND, which lies at the heart of the Bakken region, as part of the HIDTA program. In addition, Federal agencies jointly launched "Project Safe Bakken," an initiative that will address crime and target drug trafficking organizations and criminal enterprises operating in the Bakken region and surrounding communities.

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He contrasted that number with the 75 deaths caused by Hurricane Sandy last year.



Medical community seeks ways to battle addiction

By ADAM C. UZIALKO
Staff Writer

Medical professionals and law enforcement officials acknowledged a correlation between an increase in the prescription of opioid painkillers and the upward trends in statewide heroin use and addiction at the "Do No Harm" symposium at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

The symposium was designed to find solutions and alternate ways of treating patients in a bid to reduce dependence on legally prescribed opioids, according to

partnership between doctors and law enforcement together to combat the problem."

Dr. Iqbal Jafri, director of a pain-medicine program at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute and a clinical professor at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, offered potential alternatives to the prescription of opioid painkillers, stating that the medical costs associated with prescription drug abuse can reach up to \$635 billion per year.

According to Jafri, by employing a multidisciplinary approach and including the input of other professionals like psy-



Assessing the Need

- Requests from Faith Leaders for information to help them to become engaged in the prevention of opiate abuse in their community.
- Conversations with Faith Leaders regarding the need for information and resources on prevention and treatment.
- Faith-based leaders and officials are valuable resources for those suffering from substance abuse – particularly during this epidemic of opiate abuse here in New Jersey



Capacity

Who is a Faith Based Leader?

Who to Invite:

- All Denominations
- Clergy Leaders
- Volunteers
- Lay leaders
- Youth leaders
- Law Enforcement Clergy



Capacity

Who is a Faith Based Leader?

How to Invite:

- Invitations sent to all denominations of Faith Leaders
- Outreach through the State Office of Faith Based Initiatives
- Information shared with Municipal Alliances and other community prevention and treatment organizations.



Engaging Faith Leaders

Do No Harm



A symposium addressing the role of *faith based* leaders in preventing substance abuse and supporting families in crisis

Topics to be explored:

- Current trends in substance abuse afflicting New Jersey families
- The dynamic of addiction and how to prevent substance abuse in your congregation
- Resources and information to assist those suffering from addiction
- Key steps in supporting long term recovery

December 4, 2014

Newark Museum
49 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Registration & Breakfast: 8:00am-9:00am

Symposium: 9:00am-12:30pm



In order to register for this FREE symposium, visit:

www.drugfreenj.org/faithbaseddonoharm

This symposium is part of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey's Do No Harm Symposium Series. There is no cost to attend.

This symposium is designed to empower the faith based community with resources and information to help prevent and address substance abuse in their congregation.

For more information, please call: 973-467-2100

- Clergy
- Lay leaders
- Volunteers
- Youth Leaders

“This symposium is aimed at educating the religious community about this deadly epidemic and providing resources and information for them to assist the families in their congregations. Our objective is to better equip our religious community leaders to handle the opiate abuse epidemic in their congregations so we can save more lives.”



Engaging Faith Leaders

Do No Harm

A Symposium with New Jersey's
Faith Based Community

Registration & Breakfast

Welcome:

- Angelo M. Valente, Executive Director, Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey
- Timothy P. McMahon, Acting Unit Chief, Drug Enforcement Administration New Jersey Division
- Jeanette M. Grimes, MHS, PDFNJ Educator

Panel Discussion: The Current State of Addiction in New Jersey

Moderated by: Jeanette M. Grimes, MHS
9:15am - 10:45 am

The Dynamics of Addiction and the Impact on the Family:

- Fran Miceli, Med. LCADC, CSW, Clinical Director The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore

A Local Perspective on the National Epidemic of Prescription Drug Abuse:

- Group Supervisor Phil Streicher, Tactical Diversion Squad, Drug Enforcement Administration - New Jersey Division

Preventing Substance Abuse:

- Rebecca Alfaro, MSW, Director of Prevention and Training, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Break: 10:45am-11:00am

Panel Discussion: Recovery, Resources, & Responding to Those in Need

Moderated by: Jeanette M. Grimes, MHS
11:00am - 11:55am

Face of the Issue:

- Henry Mohammad Hamilton

Getting Help NJ:

- Patrick Roff, NJ Recovery Advocate, New Jersey Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

The Essentials of Long-Term Addiction Treatment

- Glen King, MHS, LCADC, Executive Director, Freedom House, Inc.

Closing and Networking



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- Understanding Addiction
- Scope of the Issue
- Prevention
- Face of the Issue
- How to Help Someone Find Help
- Supporting Someone in Long Term Recovery



Planning the Agenda

- Family Counselor
- Drug Enforcement Administration - NJ
- Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug-Abuse
- Face of the Issue
- How to Access Recovery
- How to Support Long Term Recovery



Family Dynamics of Addiction

The Seven C's

- I didn't Cause it.
- I can't Control it
- I can't Cure it

But,

I can help take Care of myself by:

- Communicating feelings
- Making good Choices, and
- Celebrating myself

Lost Child – Tries to Escape the Overwhelming Problems

- Usually a “good” kid
- Spends most time alone
- Quiet, withdrawn
- Lives in fantasy world
- Often suicidal



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LifeFaith

Clergy reminded of role in addiction battle

“You are the first responders for families,” Fran Miceli told the 75 clergy and staff of religious institutions and law enforcement officials at the Do No Harm symposium at the Newark Museum last week.

The clinical director for the Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore, Miceli spoke about the dynamics of addiction and the impact on the family. After four decades as a counselor and state administrator, Miceli gave the liveliest talk of the day.

She talked about how addiction can affect a family and how children assume roles to cover, say, for an alcoholic father.

“Comedians talk about doing something funny as a child to break tensions (in the family),” said Miceli. The highlight of the symposium for me was the five volunteers she engaged to role-play the parents and three children in a dysfunctional family and how each copes.

This was the first symposium to gather religious leaders because they have intimate relationships with people and family who may turn to them for help.

“Faith-based leaders and officials are valuable resources for those suffering from substance abuse — particularly during this epidemic of opiate abuse here in New Jersey,” said Angelo M. Valente, executive director of the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) for the 23 years it has existed. The need for these symposia arose after the U.S. experienced a crisis in the abuse of prescription drugs.

“More Americans abuse prescription drugs than the number of cocaine, hallucinogen, methamphetamine, and heroin abusers combined,” said Phil Streicher, supervisor of the Tactical Diversion Squad of the N.J. Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The danger for any household is that children can easily find these drugs in their medicine cabinet. Oxycodone was originally developed to treat pain for cancer patients. Opioids are the most common pills diverted for the black market and may fetch anywhere between \$15 and \$30 per pill.

Since 2007, New Jersey has seen the drug overdose rate increase by 71 percent, with three-quarters from pharmaceutical abuse. Experimenting has begun as early as age 12.

Miceli said that with more sports teams for children, they are being pushed to perform beyond their physical capabilities and being medicated for pain. Streicher noted the overdose deaths of a dozen celebrities including Whitney Houston and Elvis Presley.

Streicher’s squad monitors and inspects the more than 46,000 DEA registrants in New Jersey that are licensed to dispense drugs, which he said is a daunting task for the small number of inspectors. Abuse can and

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MEDIA COORDINATOR Fran Miceli, right, the presenter in a program about the clergy’s role in fighting drug addiction, speaks as her role-playing skit volunteers listen during a symposium last week on drug addiction.

first five symposia were directed at doctors and medical personnel, so they could understand how these drugs can be diverted, according to Christopher A. Jakim, the assistant special agent in charge of the state division of the federal DEA.

He said that several enforcement groups collaborate including the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, to provide assistance to federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the U.S.

This symposium was co-sponsored by the state division of the DEA. Other speakers included Rebecca Alfaro, director of prevention and training for the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Patrick Roff, recovery advocate for the state Division of Mental Health and Ar-

executive director of Freedom House.

The PDFNJ was housed in Hoboken, where Valente resides, until it moved to Millburn six years ago. There are 11 employees who mount statewide anti-drug advertising campaigns among other programs.

PDFNJ is a private not-for-profit coalition of professionals from the communications, corporate and government communities whose collective mission is to reduce demand for illicit drugs in New Jersey through media communication.

The PDFNJ received more than \$70 million donated for broadcast time and print space. Valente said that symposia in 2015 will target health professionals and school administrators.

Rev. Alexander Santora is the pastor of The Church of Our Lady of Grace & St. Joseph, 400 Willow Ave. Hoboken, 07030, fax (201) 659-



Utilizing Prevention Science

CADCA's Seven Strategies to Effect Community-Level Change

CADCA: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

**Provide
Information**

Build Skills

**Provide
Support**

**Reduce
Barriers and
Enhance
Access**

**Change
Consequences**

**Change
Physical
Design**

Modify Policy



Strategies for Change

- Provide Information:
 - Church bulletin
 - Town hall meetings
- Build Skills
 - Curriculum program- Strengthening Families, Life Skills Training
 - Trainings for sectors within the community- religious leaders, pediatricians, real estate agents, etc
- Provide Support
 - Mentoring program, supportive programs
 - Alternative activities



Strategies for Change

- Reduce Barriers and Increase Access
 - Offer materials in other languages
 - Offer trainings on-site
- Change Consequences
 - Recognition events and public awareness
 - Use opportunities to deter negative activity
- Change the Physical Design
 - Signage in the place of worship
 - Bushes and landscaping, if blocking visibility in a place of access
- Modify Policy
 - Changing community systems or practices
 - Encourage use of the medication drop box locations



Comprehensive Programming

- Comprehensive direct service programs will:
 - Meet the needs of the community
 - May be evidence-based from the National Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices
 - May collect empirical data to support outcomes
 - Account for community readiness
 - Reduce barriers and create opportunities for high-risk youth and families
 - Complement the cultural composition of the community



Available Statewide Resources

Getting Help in NJ: Intervention, Referral to Treatment and Recovery Support

Patrick Roff, MA
Addiction Recovery Advocate
NJ Division of Mental and Addiction Services
December 4, 2014

What is Substance Abuse Treatment?

- Treatment of Any Disease –
 - Care and management of a disease and its symptoms by trained, certified and licensed professionals
- “Bio-Psycho-Social” Treatment
 - Biological – total abstinence from all substances not prescribed by doctor.
 - Abstinence from Alcohol and Drugs while in treatment
 - Includes prescription drugs not prescribed to you
 - Includes alcohol always (in every form), even if your substance was heroin/cocaine
 - Includes overusing/abusing prescriptions

Issues in Getting Help

- Avoid the “WHY” Question – *for now*
 - Very likely your loved one had no idea what they were getting into, and when and if they did it was too late – addiction takes over choices.
 - Deeper “Why’s” connected to addiction can be addressed as treatment begins and during the life-long process of recovery.
- Humble yourself -- This is not about you
 - Counseling is not admitting failure
 - Talk with professionals - Be teachable
 - Follow professional advice
 - Doctor/ Treatment Professionals
 - 12 step Recovery Fellowships – NA/AA
 - Recovery Center/Coach

Recovery from Addiction

- Recovery -- Daily Process of establishing and maintaining continued abstinence (one day at a time) – often called a “Program of Recovery”
 - A new way of being the world/A new way of living – ABSOLUTE HONESTY --> Happy, Joyous and Free
- HOWEVER – in early sobriety people are more likely to get worse before they get better in terms of happiness, moods and feelings
- Involvement at Self Help Groups like AA and NA or involvement some “inner work” (counseling/therapy)
- Self –Respect/Self-Understanding/Self-Awareness/Self-Care --> WORKING WITH OTHERS

Recovery Centers in NJ

1. Eva's Village Recovery Center
16 Spring Street
Paterson, NJ 07501
(973) 754-6784 evasrecoverycenter.tumblr.com
2. Living Proof Recovery Center
108 Somerdale Ave.
Voorhees, NJ 08043
855- 967-3268 centerffs.org/recovery-center/welcome
3. Hope All Day Recovery Center
600 S. Odessa Avenue
Galloway Township, NJ 08205
(609) 379-CLUB (2582) hopeallday.org



Supporting Long Term Recovery

The essentials of long-term addiction treatment



"Saving Lives and Reuniting Families"

Freedom House Long-Term Model

Able to attend to the multiple needs to the Individual, which is a suggested NIDA principle.

- Person can remain in treatment while addressing medical problems
- Helps build social relationship
- Psychological problems can be address while in treatment or with parallel care
- Vocational/employment



Freedom House, Inc.

Typical Protocol

- Blackout period
- Attend group, individual and didactic sessions
- Drug screening
- Seek and maintain fulltime employment
- Resolve legal issues
- Make restitution
- Pay bills
- Make a contribution towards your treatment and or room and board.



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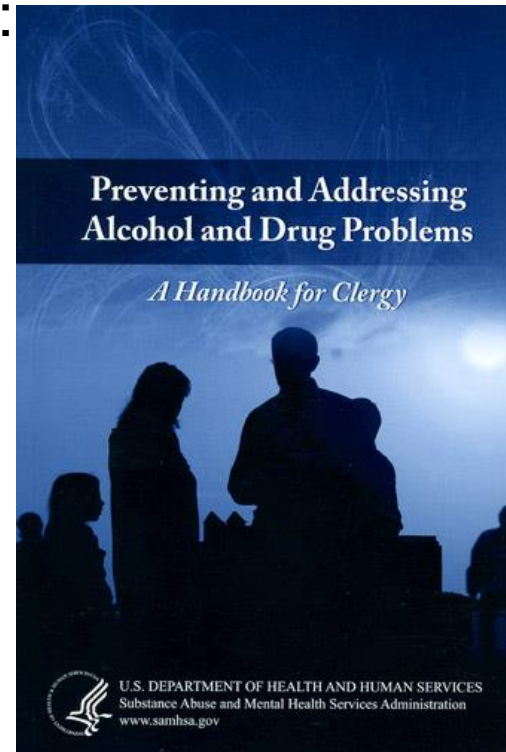


Implementation

Resources Provided To Attendees

Addiction

- On-Site Package of Information and Contacts
- Posters and materials provided to help reduce stigma
- Access to no-cost, on-site prevention program
- Access to Online toolkit of PSAs for use:
 - Bulletins
 - Newsletters
 - Websites
 - Email Blasts
 - Posters and Fliers



Access to Education Campaign on the Signs and Symptoms of Opiate Abuse

Visit this website if your child is depressed.



Visit this website if your child is nodding off.



Every day, two families in New Jersey lose a child to opioid abuse.



Are you talking to your kids yet?

Visit drugfreenj.org



Visit this website if your child is very itchy.



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Only watch this video if you love your children



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Campaign Educating on Rx Drugs and Encouraging Engagement




Would you give your child **HEROIN** for a broken arm?

Find Out How Prescription Drugs Can Lead to Heroin Abuse.

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Legitimate opiate use before high school graduation is independently associated to a **33% INCREASE** in the risk of future opioid abuse after highschool.

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Would you give your child **HEROIN** to remove a wisdom tooth?

Ask Your Dentist How Prescription Drugs Can Lead to Heroin Abuse.

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Evaluation Results

- 100% of the attendees stated they would implement the substance abuse prevention strategies shared.
- 95% of attendees indicated they would share with other faith leaders in their community.
- 90% of attendees felt prepared to assist someone access treatment.



Creative Evaluation

Artistic Representation

Oral Processes

FOCUS GROUPS

Key Informant Interviews

Written Evaluation



Lessons Learned

Positives

- Desire become engaged in this issue
- Access to large audiences
- Respected members of their community



Lessons Learned

Negatives

- Stigma Exists
- Location Matters
- Volunteers and Faith Based Leaders Have a Lot on the Plate
- Limited Technical Skills



Take Home Message

Clergy become first responders in drug war

LORRAINE ASH, @LorraineVAsh 3:52 a.m. EDT September 21, 2015



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MORRISTOWN For decades, churches have allowed Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous groups to meet in their basements, but that's not enough anymore, the Rev. Sidney Williams told some 60 clergy people from across the state who gathered Wednesday in the pews of his Bethel AME Church.

Not with the state drug overdose rate, driven mostly by opiates, up 71 percent since 2007, a statistic compiled by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey's Do No Harm Symposium was geared for faith-based leaders who want to learn more about the opiate epidemic and how



Thank you!

