The Opioid Crisis: The Epidemic Destroying our Communities

There is one death every 18 minutes due to opioid overdose!

Overdose Deaths by Race in 2014 (per 100,000 People)*

Mortality Among Tribal Citizens in the USET Area 2002-2013

9% of all deaths were related to substance use
20% of substance use deaths were related to opioids
93% of opioid deaths were due to prescription drugs

Ways to Reverse the Epidemic

Expand prescription drug monitoring programs and implement a "real time" prescription database.
Identify clinicians with inappropriate prescribing patterns and educate about best practices.
Help local jurisdictions and law enforcement reduce abuse and illicit distribution.
Increase access to and training for administering naloxone to reduce opioid overdose deaths.
Increase community prescription drug disposal programs.

SAMHSA’S EFFORT TO FIGHT OPIOID MISUSE & ABUSE

Community awareness programs such as the Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF-RX) grant helps states and Tribal Nations create strategies to prevent overuse through education to schools, prescribers, patients, and parents. Additionally, the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) helps states to use the data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to create effective and strategic prescription drug prevention plans.

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