

The Opioid Emergency in the Historic Triangle

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Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition

- Convened stakeholders in August 2017 to generate a coordinated community response to the opioid emergency in the Historic Triangle area.



Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition

- Currently 9 agencies are represented on the coalition and still growing.
- Examining current efforts in the community to determine areas for collaboration and identify opportunities to expand.



Opioid Epidemic

- A national problem.
- Over 90 Americans die each day from an opioid overdose. ¹
- Estimated economic burden of opioid misuse is \$78.5 billion a year. ²



The Opioid Epidemic in the U.S.

In 2015...

 **12.5 million**
People misused prescription opioids¹

 **2.1 million**
People misused prescription opioids for the first time¹

 **33,091**
People died from overdosing on opioids²

 **2 million**
People had prescription opioid use disorder¹

 **15,281**
Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids^{2,3}

 **828,000**
People used heroin¹

 **9,580**
Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids^{2,5}

 **135,000**
People used heroin for the first time¹

 **12,989**
Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin^{2,4}

 **\$78.5 billion**
In economic costs (2013 data)⁶

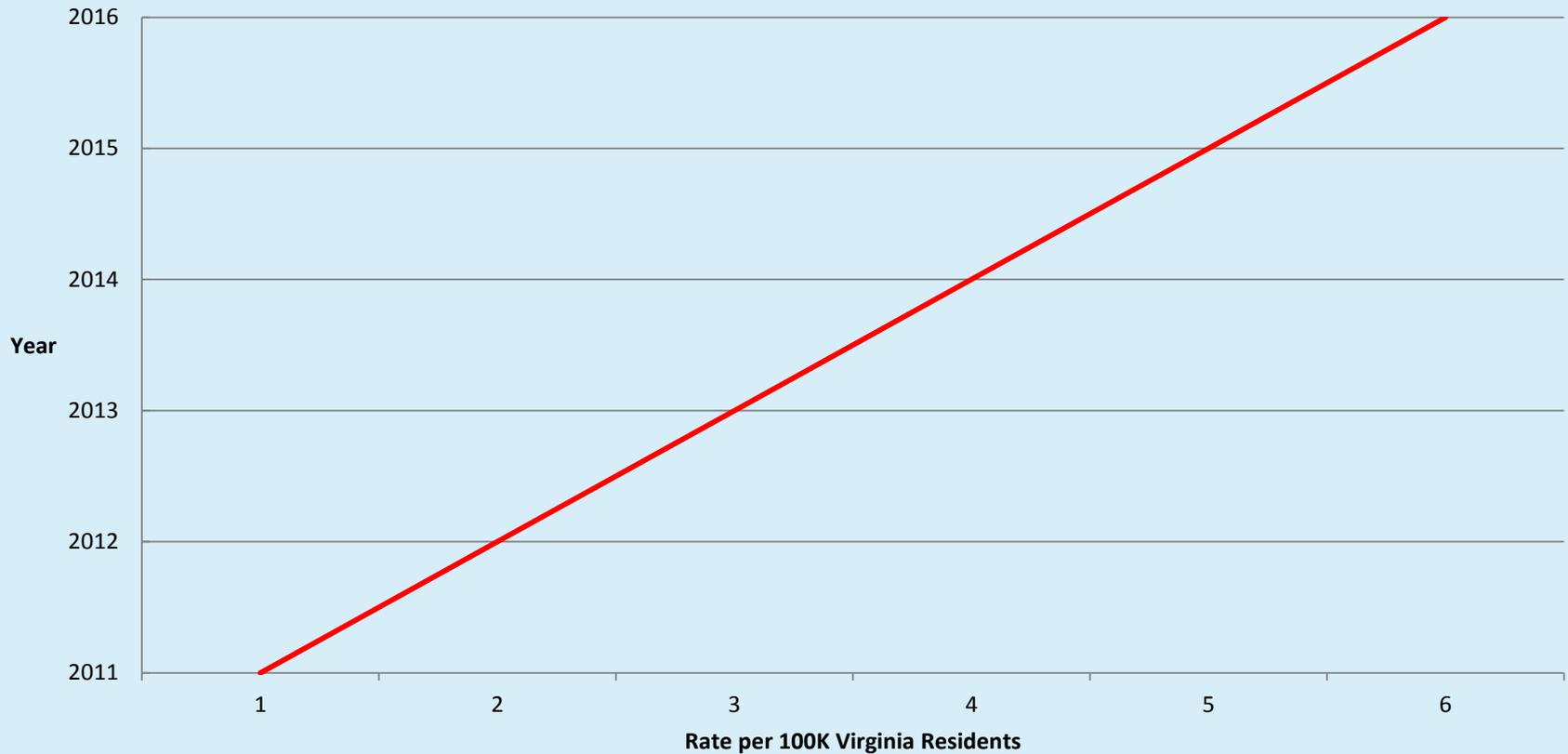
Sources: ¹2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (SAMHSA), ²MMWR, 2016; 65(50-51):1445-1452 (CDC), ³Prescription Overdose Data (CDC), ⁴Heroin Overdose Data (CDC), ⁵Synthetic Opioid Data (CDC), ⁶The Economic Burden of Prescription Opioid Overdose, Abuse, and Dependence in the United States, 2013. Florence CS, Zhou C, Luo F, Xu L. Med Care. 2016 Oct;54(10):901-6

Updated May 2017. For more information, visit: <http://www.hhs.gov/opioids/>



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Fentanyl and/or Heroin Overdose Death Rates in Virginia



Source: Virginia Department of Health. Data. [Opioid Addiction](#)

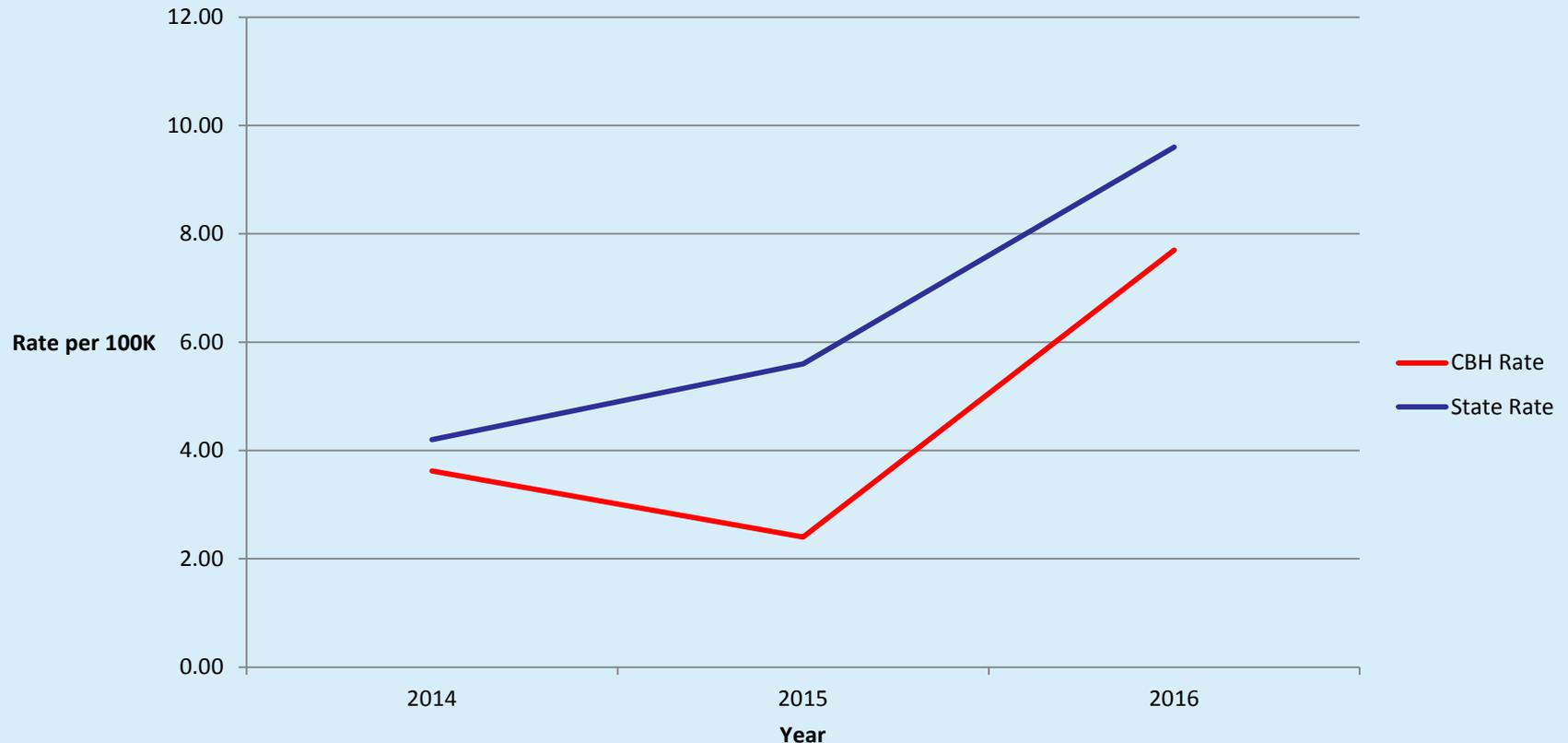
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Opioid Epidemic in the Historic Triangle Area

- The Virginia Department of Health provides data related to Opioid Addiction.
- The data can be filtered by the local Community Service Board area.
- The next 5 slides contain data for the areas Served by Colonial Behavioral Health which include: James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg and York County



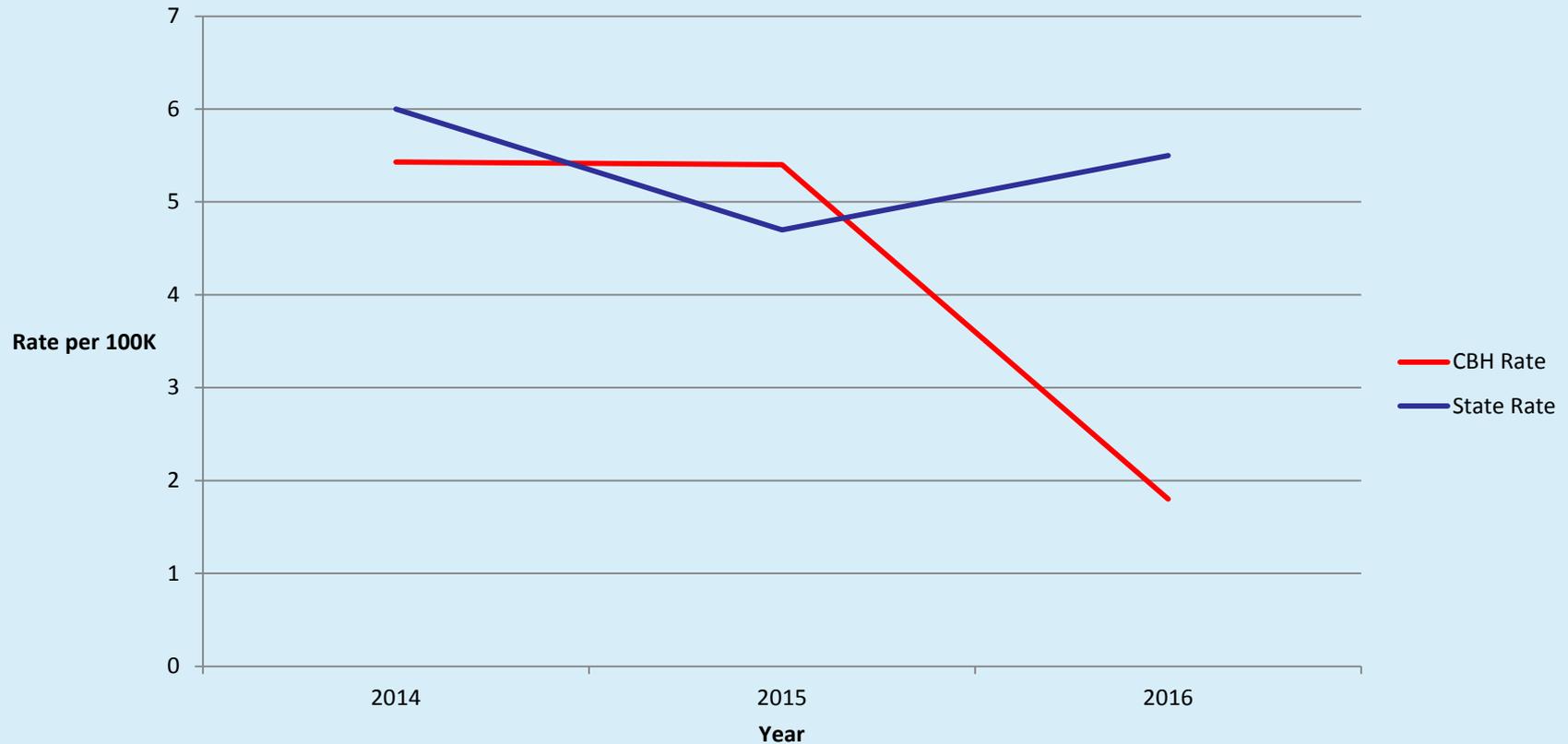
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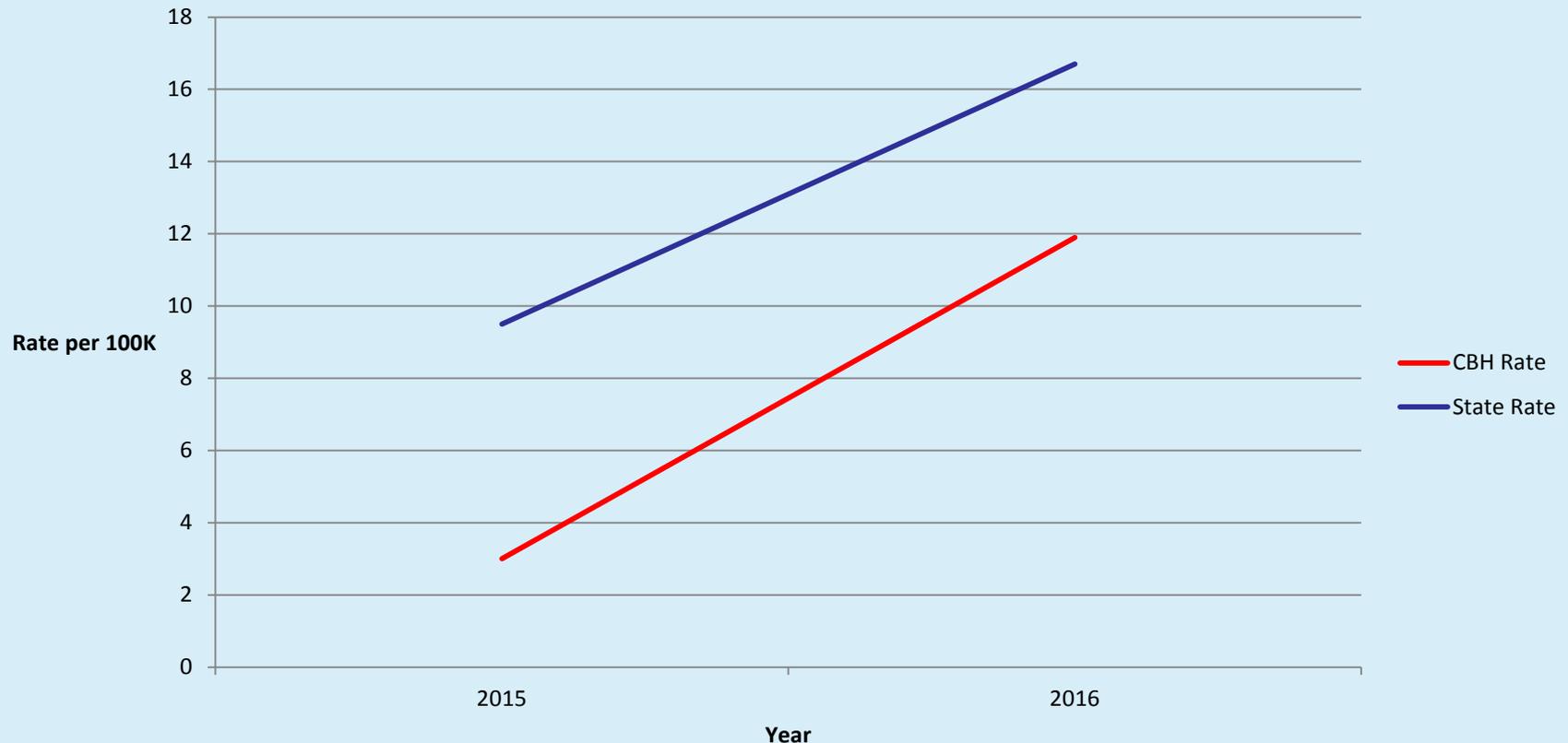
Prescription Opioid Overdose Death Rates



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Emergency Department Visits for Heroin Overdose



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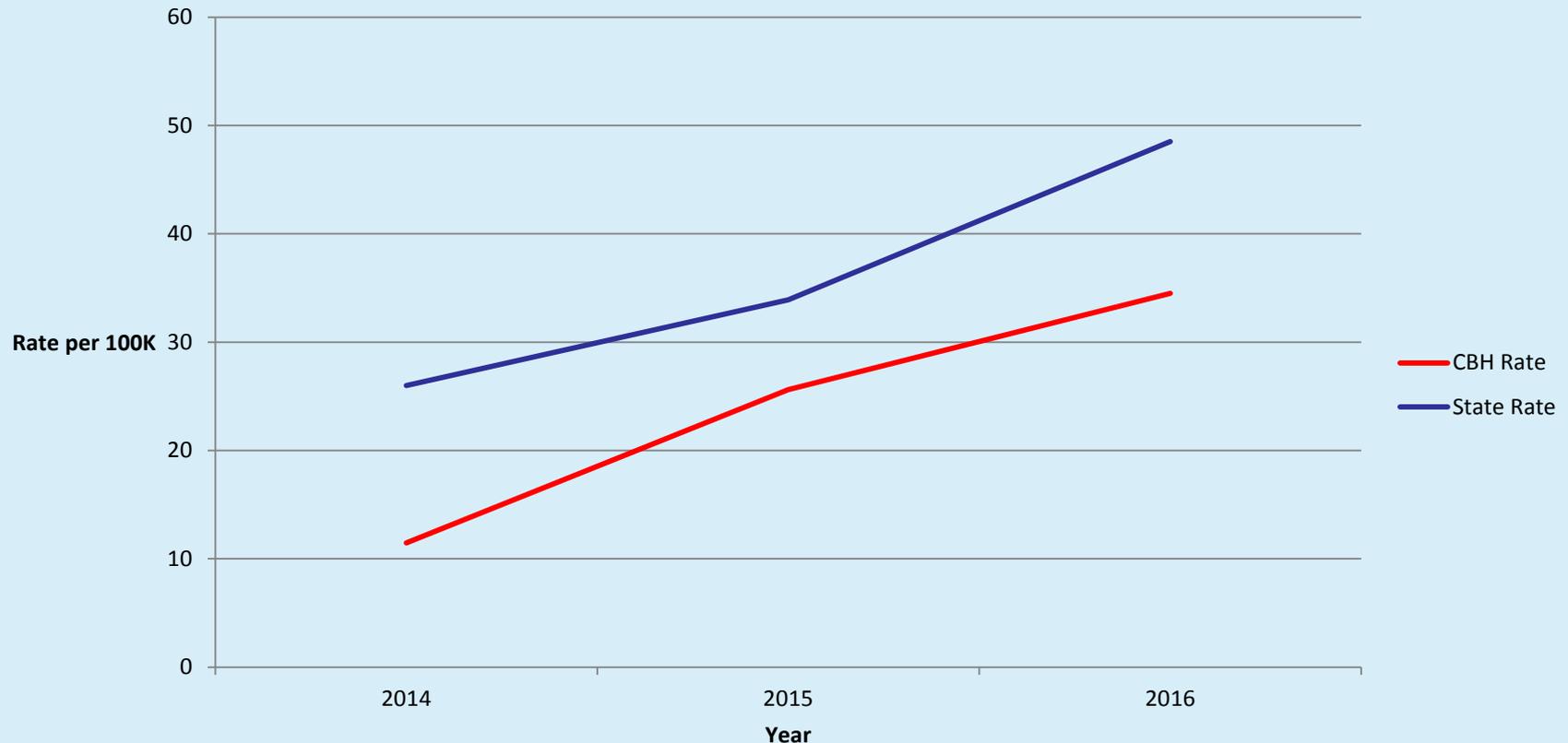
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EMS Administration of Narcan



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How to Respond

- The impact of the opioid emergency is not isolated and requires a multi-pronged approach to address the issue.
- A community solution to a problem that impacts the whole community.



Treatment

- Addiction is a long-term illness.
- Educate about treatment options.
- Encourage compassion and understanding regarding treatment for addiction.
- Prescriber education.
- Consumer education.
- Safe drug disposal options.



Prevention

- Get ahead of the problem using a variety of evidence-based strategies.
- A single agency or individual will not solve this problem. It takes a coordinated community response using multiple strategies.



Prevention

- Education
- Tracking and Monitoring
- Proper Medication Disposal
- Harm Reduction
- Multi-Component



Questions



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