

ALARMING FACTS ! YOU NEED TO KNOW !



Your Responsibility as a Parent, Friend, Co-worker

- In 2015, in Somerset County, 23 people died from a heroin or other related overdose; 47 people were revived and saved after a heroin overdose when administered Narcan (Naloxone)
- Last year, 44 people died every day in the U.S. from overdosing on prescription painkillers
- In 2014, 62 prescriptions for painkillers were written per 100 N.J. residents which equates to approximately 5.4 million prescriptions
- Many with heroin dependency began with narcotics obtained from a medicine chest; safely store or dispose of unused/expired prescription medications. Find an RX drop box location at safecoalition.org
- Opiate addiction is a treatable medical disease

"The doctor came in. He did not need to say a word. The look on his face said it all. I have never begged for anything in my life. But I begged that doctor. I begged him to tell me it was not true that my 18-year old daughter who had not come home that night, lay dead on a stretcher in that ER, of a heroin overdose."

Read more

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- Report a Drug Overdose/Save a Life Without Fear of Prosecution New Jersey's "Opioid Antidote and Overdose Prevention Act" (P.L.2013, c.46) allows you to report a drug overdose and/or seek medical assistance for yourself or another person without fear of prosecution
- Watch a video to learn how to administer the Life-Saving Drug Naloxone (Narcan):
<http://www.state.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/initiatives/naloxone.html>
- Receive free training in the use of Narcan (Naloxone) to reverse a heroin/opioid overdose, receive a free Narcan kit and if eligible, a treatment voucher for 30 days of free medication-assisted treatment. Contact Somerset Treatment Services at 908-722-1232 for more information
- Seek professional help. When you notice changes in behavior that might imply drug abuse, call 855-652-3737 for N.J. Connect for Recovery (warm line) or 211 for Addictions Hotline of N.J.

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