State Responses to the Opioid Crisis and the Impact on Abuse, Misuse and Diversion

New Jersey

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NJ Attorney General Announces Creation of New Office to Fight Opioid Addiction Crisis

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► The Office of the New Jersey Coordinator of Addiction Response and Enforcement Strategies – **NJ CARES**

► “NJ CARES will combine all the relevant authority and resources within the Department of Law and Public Safety to unleash a full attack on this deadly epidemic.”
NJ CARES Initiatives

- **Statewide Opioid Response Teams – ORTs**
  - 24 hours-a-day / 7 days-a-week
  - Expansion of the Law Enforcement Assisted Addiction and Recovery Referral Program – LEAARRP
    - Shifting individuals with addiction into treatment rather than incarceration
    - Reducing the potential for subsequent overdoses
- **Substance Abuse Recovery Advocate – SARA**
  - Recovering peers trained by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- **Multidisciplinary Crisis Intervention**
NJ CARES Initiatives

- Public-Facing Opioid Awareness Dashboard
NJ CARES Initiatives

- Integrated Drug Awareness Dashboard – IDAD
  - Web-based, information-sharing dashboard integrating disparate opioid-related data
  
- Primary Stakeholders:
  - New Jersey Office of the Attorney General
  - New Jersey State Police
  - New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program

- Main Goal: Provide a holistic view of the opioid epidemic in New Jersey
NJ CARES Initiatives: IDAD

Office of the Attorney General

NJ State Police
- Drug Monitoring Initiative (DMI)
- Data Points:
  - Drug arrests
  - Drug identification and analysis
  - Naloxone administrations

NJ Prescription Monitoring Program
- Prescription Information
  - Controlled Dangerous Substances
    - Schedule II, III, IV, V
  - Human Growth Hormone
  - Gabapentin
NJ CARES Initiatives: IDAD

- Enable data-driven policy and collaboration
- Develop targeted interventions (i.e. – ORTs)

- Identify at risk populations and potential overdose victims
- Identify individuals and groups responsible for drug distribution
- Support drug investigations with data-driven intelligence

- Identify and minimize prescriber/pharmacy shopping and overprescribing
- Identify patients at risk for developing opioid use disorder (OUD)
- Enable a wider base of stakeholders to access and analyze de-identified NJPMP data
NJ CARES Initiatives: IDAD

- **Department of Health**
  - Naloxone administrations
  - Infectious disease rates
- **Medical Examiner’s Office**
  - Toxicology results
  - Overdose deaths
- **Department of Human Services**
  - Drug treatment data
  - Child welfare data
- **Department of Children & Families**
  - Neonatal abstinence syndrome data
- **Department of Corrections**
- **Office of Information Technology**
- **Juvenile Justice Commission**
- **Department of Education**
- **State Parole Board**
- **State Forensics Lab**
- **Department of Military & Veteran’s Affairs**
- **Governor’s Office**
- **Governor’s Counsel on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse**
- **Statewide Opioid Working Group**
NJ CARES Initiatives: IDAD

The Platform

A Foundation of Insight
An integrated analytics and reporting platform for government officials

Support all Stakeholders
Enable data-driven decision making across all levels of government

Improve Outcomes
Strengthen multi-agency collaboration, streamline processes, and save lives

Opioid Epidemic

Identify Early Signs of Addiction
Deter Drug Trafficking

Prescription Drugs
Prescribers/Dispensers

Treatment
EMS/Hospitals/Recovery Coaches

Overdose Victims
Drug Courts

Law Enforcement
Illegal Substances

Patients
NJ CARES Initiatives

- **The New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program – NJPMP**
  - NJPMP integration initiative
  - NJPMP user role expansion to include certain mental health providers
    - Psychologist; Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Marriage and Family Therapist; Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor; Professional Counselor; Psychoanalyst
  - Advanced data analytic platform acquisition
NJ CARES Initiatives

CII, CIII, CIV, & CV Opioid Prescriptions Processed

- 2%↑
- 24%↓

CII Opioid Prescriptions Processed

- 18%↓
- 26%↓

CII, CIII, CIV, & CV Opioid Dosage Units Dispensed

- 6%↑
- 27%↓

CII Opioid Dosage Units Dispensed

- 15%↓
- 28%↓