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Hey Chris,

I feel that some of these links may be beneficial for the CCHOCTF... Can you please forward?

Thank you.

-Edwin

PS – As of Monday, August 7, 2017, this email account will belong to Alec Knutson, Legislative Assistant to Alderman Murphy.

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Quick Links

- [State Police Roll Out Local Drug Referral Initiative](#)
- [What is Fentanyl, the Drug Linked to Thousands of Deaths in North America?](#)
- [What Happens When The Heroin Epidemic Hits Small Town America?](#)

Ideas for Cities

- [A Prescription for Action: Local Leadership in Ending the Opioid Crisis](#)
- [Suing Big Pharma for the Opioid Epidemic](#)
- [Needle and syringe programmes \(NSPs\) for HIV prevention](#)

In Depth - [Prevention and Intervention Strategies to Decrease Misuse of Prescription Pain Medication](#)

Every 19 minutes, someone in the United States dies from an unintentional prescription drug overdose. Over the past decade, pharmaceutical opioids caused more overdose deaths than heroin and cocaine combined. Existing strategies focus predominantly on naloxone distribution programs. A more comprehensive set of policies with additional actions should be taken at the local, state, and national levels.

- Fighting the opioid epidemic takes two policy forms; combating the supply of opioids and their abuse, and providing increased support and care programs for existing users.
- Policy initiatives that focus on the supply of prescription drugs should consider (1) abuse-deterrent opioid formulations, (2) increased medication storage security at home, (3) drug take-back opportunities, (4) improved clinician education, and (5) improved effectiveness of prescription drug monitoring programs.
- Provide psychosocial counseling and treatment for any disorders co-occurring with opioid abuse, such as vocational, rehabilitation, and case management services.
- Regulate “pill mills,” pain management clinics where large numbers of prescriptions are provided.
- Local officials should increase distribution of and access to naloxone among first responders, family members, and friends of individuals who may be misusing opioids.
- The Scottish government has funded a national take-home naloxone program since 2011 to educate families, friends, and caregivers on causes of overdose and administration of naloxone. All individuals released from prison who were on an opioid drug are given naloxone as they leave. This policy has led to a 20% to 30% reduction in opiate-related deaths among the prison release population.
- Implement evidence-based community and provider training programs on mental health, nonpharmacological pain treatment alternatives, substance abuse, and overdose prevention.

News for Democrats

- [White House opioid commission to Trump: “Declare a national emergency” on drug overdoses](#)
- [Democratic US Senators Push for Funds to Fight Opioid Crisis](#)
- [Slashing Medicaid is probably the worst way to fight an opioid addiction epidemic](#)

Pic of the Week

[Media Messaging Efforts to Reduce Opioid Misuse and Abuse](#)

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