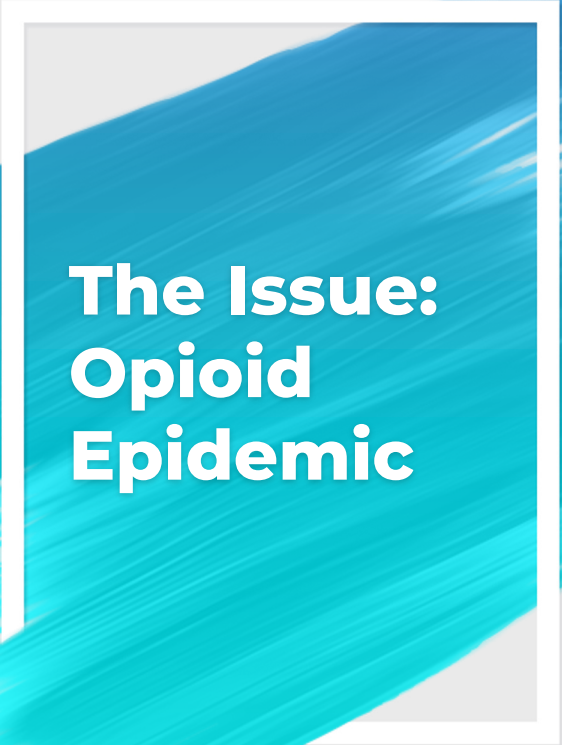




Harm Reduction Brief

**Assessment of available and
needed resources**



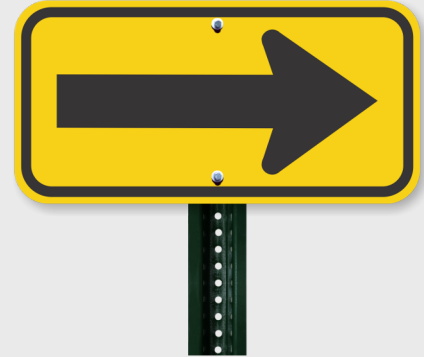
The Issue: Opioid Epidemic

- The opioid crisis had significant health implications
- The 'War on Drugs' harmed the communities socially and structurally
- The result has been more disease, stigma, and lack of resource access

Equitable Responses

Acknowledgement
t of the issue of
disproportionate
harm.

The best response is
is in reducing harm.
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Legislation

- Needle Exchanges are illegal in PA
- SSP (Syringe Services Programs) are recognized by the CDC to reduce:
 - Infection
 - Drug Use
 - Fatalities

SSPs are cost-effective and lifesaving.

Legalization of Sharp Exchange programs is a bi-partisan issue supported by Republican and Democrat Lawmakers.

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PA Treatment Laws

High Intensity Drug
Trafficking Area
Program

David's Law (Act
139 Reversal)

State Funded
Assistance - Single
County Authorities

Inmate Centered
Programs

Governor Wolf is
very forward about
his support of
implementing
harm reduction
programs and
legalizing SSPs.

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Meadville Assets

Crawford County Drug and Alcohol:

- Do not provide needles
- Provide counseling, sexual health resources, and other connections

Other Organizations:

- Meadville Medical Center
- CHAPs
- Human Services
- Crawford County Care Center

Pennsylvania Specific Assets

- PA Centers of Excellence
- Other Local Groups
 - Prevention Point (Philly and Pittsburgh)



<https://ppponline.org/>



<https://www.pppgh.org/>

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National Resources

Nationally Funded are very similar to State because states have power to allocate funds as needed.

- Unions/ Recovery Support
 - SMART, Narcotics Anonymous, INPUD, YPR, SAMHSA, broken No More, Changing the Narrative

◦ Hotlines

- Never Use Alone

◦ NGOs

- Next Distro
- National Harm Reduction Coalition
- Drug Policy Alliance
- NASEN
- Many More

Current Resources are insufficient

- **They uphold systemic barriers (Racism, Classism, Ageism, etc.)**
- **All resources are not accessible or do not offer most needed services**
 - **SSPs are endorsed as economically and socially equitable by the**

Policy change should be focused on creating measures that will benefit all people and reduce the damage that has been caused by the 'War on Drugs'.

Education for young people on drug safety, as well as understanding the systemic biases and policies that continue to hurt many communities.

Resources

https://pastart.org/prevention-happens-here-lp/?_sft_language=english

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>

<https://americanaddictioncenters.org/rehab-guide/alcohol-drug-hotline>

<https://nasen.org/sep/operation-in-my-back-yard->

<https://harmreductionhelp.cdc.gov/s/topic/OTOt0000000CwJBGA0/all-resources>

<https://harmreduction.org/resource-center/harm-reduction-near-you/>

<https://www.cddaec.org/>

<https://www.mmchs.org/Patient-Visitors/Drug-Alcohol-Treatment-Guide.aspx>

<https://nida.nih.gov/drug-topics/alcohol>

<https://www.findcenter.com/topics/addiction>