FACTS ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND OPIOID ABUSE IN DELAWARE

Most abused opioids are free, bought, or stolen from friends or family

About 1 out of every 100 Delawareans are dependent on opioids

4 out of 5 new heroin users started out misusing prescription painkillers

OVERDOSE RATE

Delaware has the 13th highest fatal opioid overdose rate in the United States

TREATMENT CAPACITY

Treatment capacity in Delaware for Opioid dependency is a third of what is needed

$109 MILLION IN HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR DELAWARE

Delaware has the third highest per capita health care costs in the nation from opioid abuse at $117 per person

OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN

for the first half of 2016, there were 912 prescription drugs prescribed per 1,000 Delawareans. Over half of which were for prescription opioids

32% of victims of opioid overdoses in Delaware are between 25 and 34 years old.

67% of drug overdose deaths are opioid related

Gun Fatalities Car Fatalities Overdoses

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More Delawareans die from overdose than motor vehicle fatalities or gun fatalities


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