



## Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team

### *Opiate Addiction and Abuse Statistics*

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#### The Problem

##### National Statistics

- Enough prescription painkillers were prescribed in 2010 to medicate every American adult around-the-clock for a month (Source: Center for Disease Control)
- 39 percent of all opioids prescribed come from emergency departments (Source: National Institutes of Health)
- From 1993 to 2005, opioid prescribing for pain-related emergency department visits increased from 23 percent to 37 percent (Source: National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey)

##### Ohio Statistics

- Between 1997– 2010, Ohio's per capita dosage of opioids increased from 7 pills per person to 67 pills per person – that is a 1000 percent increase (Source: Ohio State Board of Pharmacy)
- Prescription painkillers accounted for 45 percent of Ohio's 1,544 overdose deaths in 2010 (Source: Ohio Dept. of Health)
- 27 percent of Ohio's high school students are using illegal prescription drugs (Source: SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health)
- Prescription opioids (pain medications) are associated with more fatal overdoses than any other prescription or illegal drug including cocaine and heroin combined (Source: Ohio Dept. of Health)
- 8.2 million doses of prescription painkillers were legally dispensed to Scioto County residents in 2011. That amounts to 103.6 doses for every man, woman and child (Source: Ohio Board of Pharmacy)
- 85 percent of substance abuse treatment requests at the Scioto County Counseling Center are for opioid addiction, marking a 300 percent increase in the past three years (Source: Scioto County Rx Drug Action Team)
- Fatal and non-fatal poisonings from drug overdoses cost Ohioans \$3.6 billion annually (Source: Ohio Dept. of Health)

#### Making Progress

- Prescribing levels in Scioto County dropped by 1.5 million doses between 2010 and 2011 (Source: Ohio Board of Pharmacy)
- Ohio Highway Patrol (Source: Ohio Highway Patrol)
  - 2011 compared to 2010:
    - 500 percent increase in drug seizures
    - 46 percent increase of prescription narcotics seizures - 57,000 doses seized
  - January - March 2012 compared to January - March 2011:
    - 60 percent increase in heroin seizures
    - 41 percent increase in prescription narcotics seizures

