



OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR
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Opiate Epidemic in Ocean County

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HEROIN

Ocean County, New Jersey

**In only one year,
heroin deaths of 18-25 year olds
in New Jersey rose 24%**

**They didn't all start at 18...
Are you talking to your kids yet?**

drugfreenj.org

Remember Your
Drug Facts And Safety
Information





Strategic Plan

- Education/Prevention
- Enforcement
- Treatment/Breaking Cycle of Addiction



Education/Prevention

- Back to School Nights-APs attend back to school night
- Prosecutor's Forums- October 24, 2013-Pine Belt Arena, Toms River
 - December 12, 2013-Stafford Township Arts Center
 - May 27, 2014-Pine Belt Arena, Toms River
 - January 15, 2015-Playing it Clean Forum, athletes
 - **June 12, 2017 - "CALL TO ACTION" forum**
 - Brick Forums
 - 2018-Forums in Lacey, Little Egg and Berkeley
- Right Turns Videos
 - Paid for by drug dealers through forfeited funds
 - To be distributed Countywide through schools system
 - Additional videos being produced focusing on parents and their role and involvement in stemming the tide of drug addiction



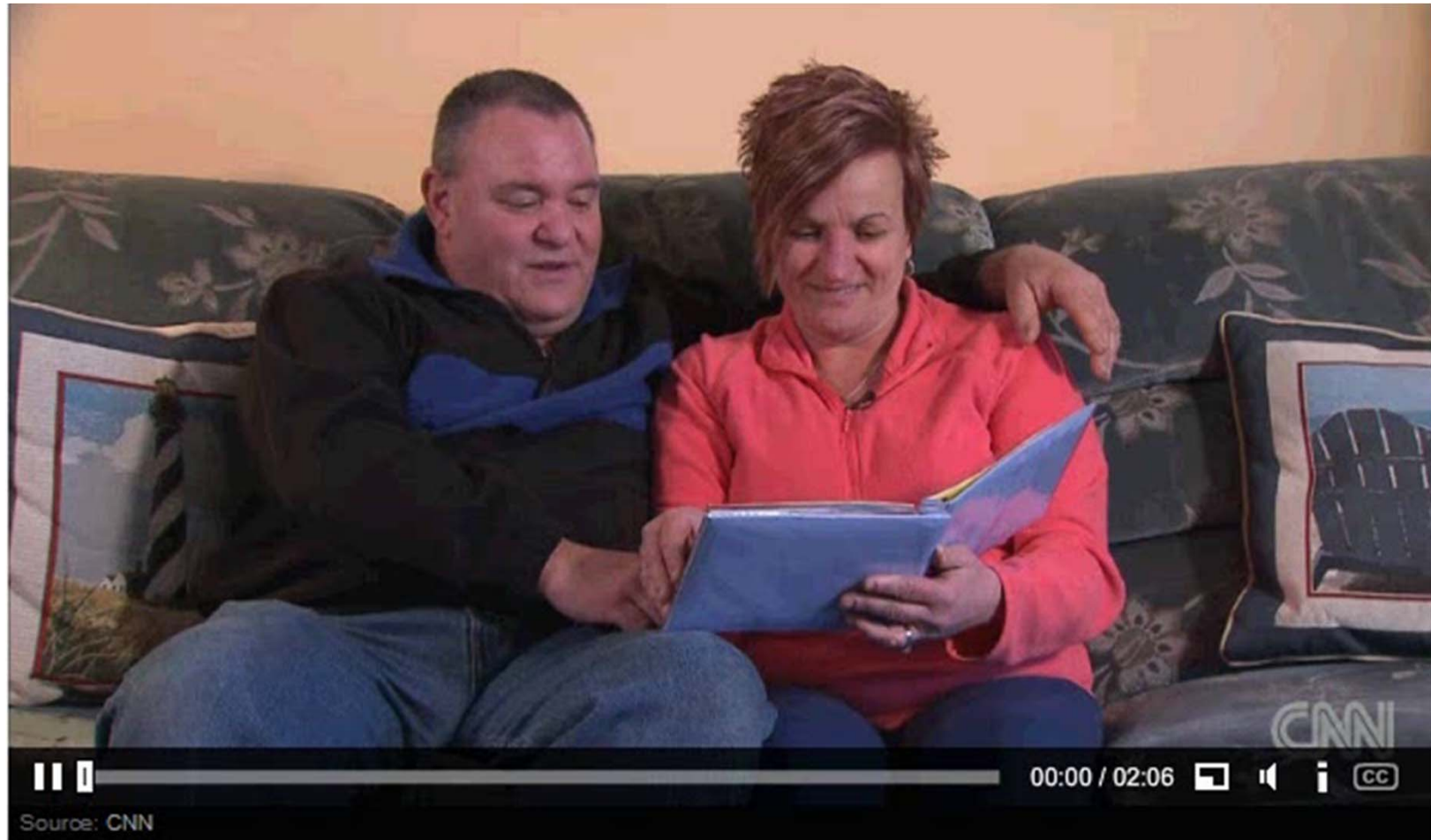


Enforcement

- Southern Narcotics Unit-focusing on drug distribution activity in the southern portion of the County
 - Designated a HIDTA County, Oct/17
 - Aggressive Prosecution- Leading the State in prosecuting **strict liability** (36 since 2014)
- Overdose Fatality Review Team Pilot county
- Aggressive Forfeiture Policy
- Countywide K-9 operations
 - Pawn Shop Ordinance-RAPID System
 - Project Medicine Drop- 18 PDs have boxes; (4 had them in 2013); 12,000 pounds in 2017; over 31,000 pounds destroyed to date; Funeral cards distributed



Strict Liability





Heroin/Opiate Crisis

- 36 strict liability death investigations (2014-17)
- 50% to 60% between 21 YOA and 40 YOA
- Mostly “cocktails” of various opiates
- Fentanyl involved in death:

2014- 10%

2015- 30%

2016- 60%

2017- 65%

Approximately 4 to 1, male to female deaths



How Narcan Works/Cure at Home





Narcan/Naloxone Program

Narcan utilized by every Police Agency in the County-Ocean County led the State in this life saving effort (98% of PDs in NJ are carrying)

- 129 deployments in 2014, 272 deployments in 2015, 502 deployments in 2016, and 341 deployments in 2017 by law enforcement
- OD deaths 112 in 2013, 104 in 2014, 118 in 2015, 211 in 2016, 166 as of 1-31-18
- Fentanyl effects-17 of 20 OD deaths in March/16 were Fentanyl related



Treatment/Breaking the Cycle

Opiate Overdose Response Program (OORP): Partnership between Law Enforcement, Prevention and Health Care (RWJ Barnabas Health) to develop a strategy to combat the cycle of opiate addiction:

- Hospital; Emergency Room (Recovery Coach)
- Detox facility; identify treatment options
- Treatment Center
- Sober living/Outpatient Services
- Nurse Navigator/Coordinator



Blue H.A.R.T. Program-News12 NJ





Blue H.A.R.T.

Client walks into police headquarters;

- » Ocean Gate and Lacey PD-Monday
- » Stafford, Point Pleasant and Little Egg Harbor PD-Tuesday
- » Manchester PD-Wednesday
- » Brick PD-Thursday
- » Client taken for clinical analysis to one of the providers: Ocean Mental Health, Integrity, Preferred Behavioral Health
- » Client taken to Emergency Room or Detox
- » Admitted to treatment center, sober living
- » All clients tracked to determine status weekly
- » Continuing care to track outcomes



Are Treatment Programs Working??

- 560 OORP participants engaged at the hospital (Ocean County has the most OORP participants)
- 350 Blue HART participants walked into a police department for help
- Approx. 25% reduction in OD deaths
- Approx. 35% reduction in narcan deployments
- Could the treatment programs be working? More data will be needed.



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