Gotting the Opiate Crisis in Ohio | 2011-2017

**Gov. Kasich signs Ohio’s “Pill Mill” Bill into law, cracking down on illegal pain clinics fueling the opiate crisis.**

**SPRING/SUMMER ’11**
- Task Force establishes statewide GAP Network to promote family engagement efforts to combat opiate addiction.
- Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) expanded.

**MAY ’11**
- Gov. Kasich signs legislation that further expands availability of naloxone by permitting physicians to issue a standing order.
- Governor’s Cabinet Opiate Action Team, in partnership with Ohio’s medical community, releases opioid prescribing guidelines for treating chronic pain.

**JAN. ’12**
- Project DAWN reaches 1,000 rural communities.

**MAY ’12**
- Gov. Kasich announces prescriber guidelines for management of chronic, non-terminal pain introduced.
- Ohio establishes Southern Ohio Treatment Center to address treatment needs of residents in Appalachian communities.

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**MAY ’13**
- Ohio establishes Southern Ohio Treatment Center.
- Ohio Medicaid provides coverage of medication-assisted treatment.

**JUL. ’13**
- Gov. Kasich signs legislation establishing a naloxone pilot project.

**MAY ’14**
- Four Southern Ohio counties implement Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) expanded.

**JULY ’14**
- Investments target funding for prevention, ($8.1M), recovery housing, ($3.2M) and drug assets ($1.5M).

**DEC. ’14**
- Highway Patrol reports that it has saved more than 38,000 prescription pills (1,000 cases) and 14,150 grams of heroin (906 cases) for calendar year 2014.

**FEB. ’15**
- State budget includes $15M investment for naloxone (resulting in 3,500 doses saved in SEP. 2015), creates partnership to expand the availability of treatment within state prisons and upon release and authorizes additional $55M to expand Addiction Treatment Program to additional county drug courts.

**SEPT. ’15**
- Ohio uses one of 14 sites to receive approx. $40M from the Centers for Disease Control to combat prescription drug overdose.

**FEB. ’16**
- Gov. Kasich signs “Good Samaritan” legislation that provides immunity from prosecution to those who seek emergency help for the victim of an overdose.

**FEB. ’17**
- Ohio Department of Public Safety provides more than $3.5M to support local drug task forces throughout Ohio.

**MAY ’16**
- Ohio Medicaid provides coverage of medication-assisted treatment for calendar year 2014.

**JAN. ’16**
- Medicaid expansion begins — 482,000 Ohioans now have access to treatment services.

**JUNE ’16**
- Gov. Kasich signs bipartisan “Good Samaritan” legislation that provides immunity from prosecution to those who seek emergency help for the victim of an overdose.

**JUNE ’16**
- Ohio Department of Health and Mental Health and Addiction Services partner to launch media multi-media naloxone/fentanyl awareness campaign.

**MARCH ’16**
- A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report recognizes Ohio’s comprehensive response to the increase in fentanyl-related deaths” and “a wide range of activities across Ohio state government in response to the opiate crisis in Ohio.”

**JANUARY ’17**
- Gov. Kasich signs legislation strengthening prescription drug oversight, encouraging responsible treatment and supporting readjusted prescribing. Prescriptions include registration of all pharmacy to healthcare dispensal access to naloxone (including schools, homeless shelters and halfway houses); limitations on high volume prescriptions; and intensified regulations for mediations providers.