The Opioid Epidemic: Let's Talk About It

**Erie County**
In 2016, Erie County reported 80 accidental deaths due to drugs, up 38% from 2015

**Pennsylvania**
In 2015, there were 3,505 drug deaths in Pennsylvania, up 30% from 2014

**United States**
In 2015, there were 52,404 drug overdose deaths in the U.S.

% of primary drug in overdose deaths
- 29% Fentanyl
- 24% Heroin

Overdose deaths in Pennsylvania
- 30% increase since 2014
- 10 deaths each day

Overdose deaths in America
- 11% increase in drug overdoses
- 16% increase in opioid overdoses

2016 deaths in which drugs were a contributing factor
- 95 deaths

2015 deaths in which drugs were a contributing factor
- 3,505 deaths

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% of overdose deaths by age
- 61% ages 21-40
- 33% ages 41-60

% of overdose deaths by age
- 47% ages 20-39
- 44% ages 40-59

45% of heroin users are also addicted to opioid painkillers

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WAYS TO HELP

If someone has taken drugs and becomes unresponsive, CALL 9-1-1 immediately.

Helpline for addiction: 1-800-662-4357 (HELP)

NEED ACCESS TO NARCAN?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT MAY BE AT RISK TO OVERDOSE?

THESE PHARMACIES CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH DOSES OF NARCAN

Giant Eagle
Wegman’s
Walgreens

Get Naloxone Now
LEARN HOW TO RESPOND TO AN OVERDOSE EMERGENCY BY GETTING TRAINED ONLINE AT:
GETNALOXONENOW.ORG

TREATMENT

PA Center of Excellence - Esper Treatment Center
25 West 18th Street
Call: (814) 459-0817
EsperTreatmentCenter.com

Gaudenzia Erie, Inc.
414 W. 5th Street
DETOX ADMISSIONS
Available 24/7
Call: (814) 459-4775

Erie County Office of Drug & Alcohol Abuse
155 West 8th Street, Suite 418
Erie, PA 16501
Call: (814) 451-6877

Find a drug take back location in Erie by scanning this QR code:

Approximately 17.5 million American adults had a serious mental health disorder in the past year. Of these, about 4 million people also struggled with a co-occurring substance dependency.

You are not alone. Help is out there.

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