INDIANA’S OPIOID EPIDEMIC IS BECOMING DEADLIER AND COSTING THE STATE BILLIONS

OPIOID USE IN INDIANA CONTINUED TO WORSEN THROUGH 2017

In 2017, 1,700 Hoosiers died from drug overdose
An all time high and a 75% increase since 2011

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OPIOID USE COSTS INDIANA BILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR

Economic damages in 2017 in Indiana
$4.3 BILLION

Lost productivity
$3.3 BILLION

Direct Damages (e.g., acute hospitalizations, incarceration, treatment of NAS and foster care)
$1 BILLION

Damages over the past 15 years in Marion County ($7,759 per resident)
$7.4 BILLION

HUMAN TOLL GOES BEYOND DEATHS

Infants exposed to opioids during pregnancy can suffer from:

NAS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome)
Experiencing symptoms such as: tremors, sleep problems, poor feeding, vomiting and diarrhea

NAS Rates have risen 87% in Marion County and 86% in Indiana from 2013-2014 to 2015-2016

Number of Indiana children in foster care tripled due to drug misuse by parents
— from 2,837 in 2003 to almost 9,000 in 2016

Injection-drug users run the risk of serious disease, including hepatitis C and HIV.

In Marion County, acute hepatitis C infections have risen more than 12-fold from 2013 to 2017

In Marion County from drug overdoses in 2017
355 deaths
An all time high and a 123% increase since 2011

Note: All 2017 data are preliminary.

Sources