

This is Silent **No** More

- The raw stories of young people who became addicted to opioids and how substance use disorder affects their relationships and their lives.
- The testimony of family members who lost their loved ones to overdose deaths.
- Real life information about what these drugs look like, where they come from, and how Fentanyl is being used to make fake pills sold on the street.
- Real cases of young people prosecuted for killing their friends by illegally sharing drugs.
- The relationship between mental health and substance use disorder.
- The science behind addiction: How opioids hijack the brain.
- Recovery IS POSSIBLE; there is HOPE in getting help!

Main Takeaways from the Virginia Department of Health¹

- Fentanyl (prescription, illicit, and/or analogs) caused or contributed to death in 76.4% of all fatal overdoses in 2021.
- Fatal non-opioid illicit drug overdoses are on the rise. In 2021 compared to 2020, fatal cocaine overdoses increased 24% and fatal methamphetamine overdoses increased 42%.
- Preliminary numbers from Q1 2021 identified the largest number of fatal drug overdoses, all substances, ever seen to date in Virginia (n=688) and the increase continued throughout the year: an increase of 15% in 2021 compared to 2020.

¹Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Fatal Drug Overdose Quarterly Report, 4th Qtr 2021, Edition 2021.4, Publication Date: April 2022 and 1st Qtr 2022, Edition 2022.1, Publication Date: July 2022

“You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.”

~ C. S. Lewis

To Schedule Silent **No** More

for your school, agency, organization, non-profit or community

Call or Email us Today!

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CDC Provisional Data for 12-month period ending February 2022:

104,034² – Reported Number of Drug Overdose Deaths

108,642³ – Predicted Number of Drug Overdose Deaths

This equates to 297+ deaths per day or

1 death every 5 minutes in the United States

^{2,3} <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

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**Overdose Prevention Initiative:
Outreach on Invisible Dangers
(O.P.I.O.I.D.)**



**United States Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Virginia
in partnership with
Drug Enforcement
Administration**

“[Silent No More] was life changing; I never knew how these drugs actually change the brain and knowing this, I will never do drugs.”

~ Patrick Henry High School Student

Silent No More Team

Our team is comprised of *experts*

who are intimately familiar with dangerous drugs and their short and long-term effects on the brain, on one’s life, on relationships with family/friends, and on its impact on the community as a whole. We educate students, parents and the community on the invisible dangers of these dangerous drugs, including opioids and prescription painkillers. What our team does not do: tell people what to do. Instead, we educate individuals and share experiences, so that individuals can make fully informed decisions.

We do not tell your kids *not* to do drugs. We educate them, so they choose *not* to.

Who Are Our Experts?

1. Family members who have lost loved ones to overdose
2. Clips from *Chasing the Dragon*, a documentary by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), filmed at Rappahannock Regional Jail in Virginia
3. DEA Agent
4. Federal Prosecutor
5. Mental Health Expert
6. Medical Doctor Board Certified in Pain Management, Anesthesiology and Board-Eligible in Addictionology
7. Former substance user in Recovery

“I know kids who do drugs; after seeing this presentation, I will never look at them the same way again, because now I understand.”

~ Patrick Henry High School Student

“Three people very close to me died of overdose and I will do anything to make sure other kids never feel alone again.”

~ Patrick Henry High School Student

Get Smart About Drugs:

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

<https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/>

A DEA Resource for Parents, Educators & Caregivers

If you or someone you know needs help with substance use disorder, please call or go to:

SAMHSA’s National Helpline

(800) 662-HELP (4357)

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS)

<https://curbthecrisis.com/treatment-and-recovery/treatment/>

Substance Abuse & Addiction Recovery Alliance of Virginia (SAARA)

ALIVE RVA Warm Line:

(833) 4PEERVA or (833) 473-3782

The US Attorney’s Office does not endorse organizations; but is providing this information as possible resources.