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115 People in the U.S. die every day from opioid overdose

$78.5 BILLION Estimated economic burden of prescription opioid misuse

80% Of heroin users first misused prescription opioids

What are Opioid Drugs?

- Percocet
- OxyContin
- Vicodin
- Fentanyl
- Heroin

National Data

102 Opioid Prescriptions
For every 100 People in Benton County

$3.2 Million Cost to taxpayers in 2017 for hospital treatment of opioid overdoses in Benton & Franklin Counties

20 Deaths Related to opioid overdose in 2017

64 Hospitalizations

Opioid Mortality Rate by Age & Year

- 0-17
- 18-34
- 35-64
- 65+

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Opioid abuse is a multi-faceted problem that requires more than one solution. Due to this, the 2018 Washington State Opioid Response Plan outlines multiple goals and strategies that have been shown to impact opioid abuse, overdoses, and deaths. Some of these strategies include:

**Access to Treatment**
- Alternative Pain Relief Methods
- Overdose Reversal Drugs
- Syringe Exchange Programs
- Improve data monitoring

**Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Providers:**
- Ideal Options: Kennewick, WA. 877.522.1275
- Lynx Healthcare: Kennewick, WA. 509.591.0070

**Support & Counseling Services:**
- WA State Community Resources: Dial 2-1-1 (healthcare, mental health, housing, food, legal aid, domestic violence, etc.)
- Narcotics Anonymous: Tri-Cities area. 833.437.3480
- Blue Mountain Heart to Heart Syringe Exchange: 509.529.4744
- Merit Resource Services: Kennewick, WA. 509.579.0738
- First Step Community Counseling Services: Kennewick, WA. 509.735.6900
- Somerset Counseling Center: Richland, WA. 509.942.1624
- Lourdes Desert Hope: Pasco, WA. 509.547.9000

**Hotlines:**
- Washington Recovery Hotline: 866.789.1511
- Alcohol Drug Helpline: 206.725.9696
- 24-Hour Crisis Line: 866.4.CRISIS (866.427.4747)

**Contact BFHD:**
- Kennewick Office
  - 7102 W. Okanogan Place
  - Kennewick, WA 99336
  - 509-460-4200
- Pasco Office
  - 412 W. Clark Street
  - Pasco, WA 99301
  - 509-547-9737

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