



The G.A.P. Network

A program of Prevention Action Alliance

Registration is Now Open: Grief to Advocacy for Prevention Conference Columbus Area June 1st, 2019

Speaker Spotlight

Lisa Athan, MA, CGRS
Founder, Grief Speaks

"No Blame, No Shame:
Navigating Stigmatized Grief"
&

"Understanding and Supporting the Forgotten Mourners-
Bereaved Children and Bereaved Siblings"

Lisa Athan is the Executive Director and Founder of Grief Speaks. Lisa is a national speaker for teenagers and adults and has over 30 years of experience in the fields of addiction, mental health, death and dying, grief, and other losses of various kinds.



Ms. Athan is also the Co-Founder and Child Bereavement Specialist for Camp Clover, a week-long bereavement day camp in New Jersey for children 7-15 years old who have lost a parent, sibling, or other important person in their lives through death.

This educational conference will address:

- Substance Use Disorder/addiction and behavior
- Coping with grief & trauma
- Combating stigma
- Advocacy for prevention
- Peer support options

Who should come?

- Family members and friends who have lost someone to substance overdose loss or Substance Use Disorder/ addiction
- Professionals looking to learn about Substance Use Disorder/addiction and grief
- Community leaders looking to identify local resources
- Advocates for prevention

Want to help us promote the Conference?

Contact [Tyler Begley](mailto:TBegley@PreventionActionAlliance.org) at TBegley@PreventionActionAlliance.org.

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Governor DeWine Announces Plan to Combat Substance Abuse and Mental Illness



[Read News Article and Watch Video](#)

2017 Here are the National Numbers

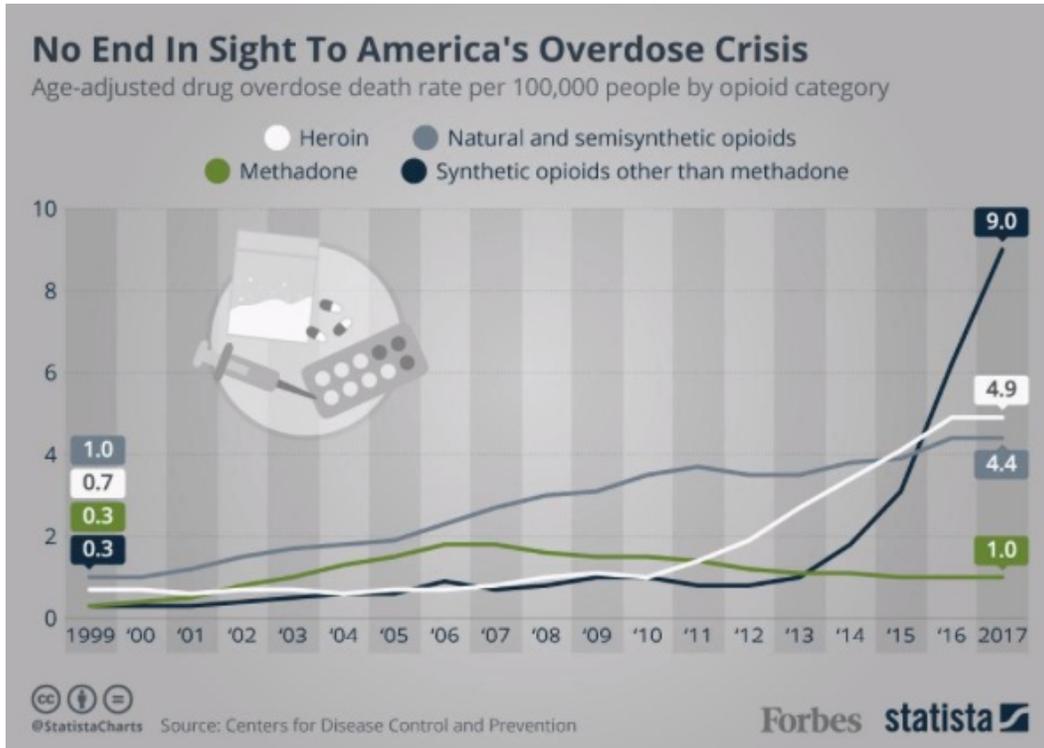
Using data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Statista released a variety of infographics about the opiate epidemic. Here are some highlights:

- Percentage of adults who have heard of opioids but did not know exactly what they were as of 2017: 27%.
- In 2017, there were 70,237 deaths from drug overdoses in the U.S. last year which is

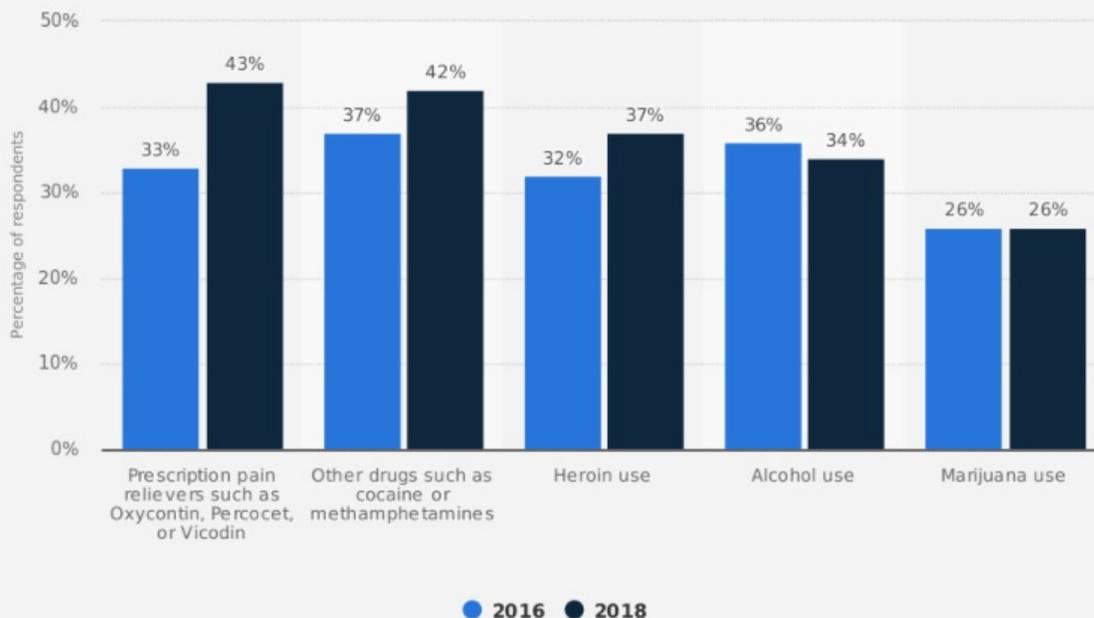
a record high.

- Overall rate of deaths from overdoses increased 9.6 percent between 2016 and 2017.
- The death rate from synthetic opioids such as fentanyl skyrocketed by 45 percent.
- According to [CDC](#), the age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths in the U.S. was 6.1 per 100,000 people in 1999 and that soared to 21.7 in 2017.
- Virginia had the highest death rate per 100,000 inhabitants at 57.8, followed by Ohio (46.3) and Pennsylvania (44.3).

[Click Here for Statistics and Facts about the Addiction Epidemic](#)



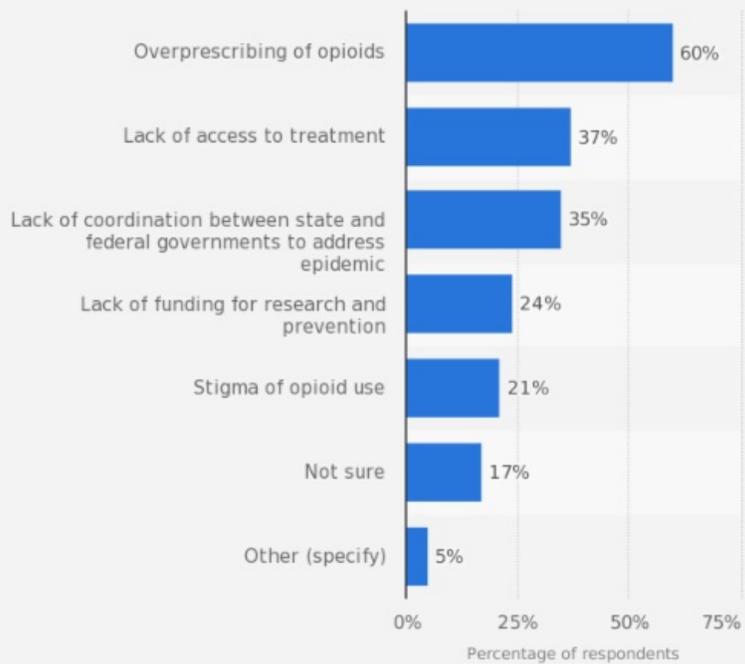
Percentage of adults in the U.S. who felt select substances were a serious problem in their community in 2016 and 2018



Source
AP-NORC
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Additional Information:
United States; AP-NORC; 2016 and March 14 to 19, 2018; 1,054 respondents; 18 years and older

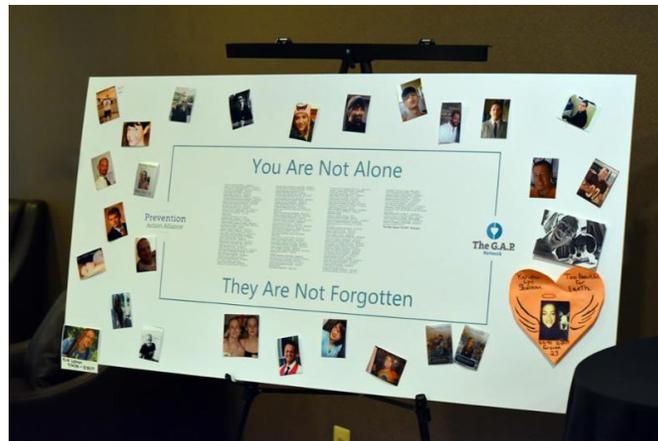
Which of the following are barriers to effectively combating the opioid epidemic?



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Research!America
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Additional Information:
United States; Zogby; January 2018; 800-1,000; 18 years and older

Honoring Our Grief



The opioid epidemic has devastated Ohio. Currently, 14 Ohioans each day are passing away due to substance misuse, and each one of them is loved by someone.

You are not alone in your grief. [Here we remember those people as the fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters that they were.](#) They are not forgotten.

If you would like to make a submission to the Memorial Banner, please contact Tyler Begley at tbegley@preventionactionalliance.org.

[Memorial Banner Web Page](#)



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