

FENTANYL – The Synthetic Opioid That is Poisoning

Our Children

Every day we hear of healthy young athletes, musicians, television stars and your children's friends dying from the newest epidemic – Fentanyl poisoning. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid which is inexpensive to produce, 50 times more potent than Heroin and much easier to get. The drug has no taste or smell and is deadly in the amount of just a few grains of salt.

All recreational drugs today should be suspect of containing Fentanyl. This means unregulated Marijuana and even Vape could unknowingly contain Fentanyl. Fake Pills for common prescriptions such as Xanax, Adderall and Oxycodone are being mixed with Fentanyl and other fillers, pressed in a pill press to look EXACTLY like their prescription counterpart. Your children can connect with someone on social media to get these pills without knowing they are laced with Fentanyl.

What can you do? First, CARRY NARCAN. Naloxone (Narcan) is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids—including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications—when given in time. Narcan is available without a prescription and can be purchased over the counter. TALK with your children, they do hear you! Worcester Goes Purple, with the support of Atlantic General Hospital, Worcester County Sheriff's Department, Worcester County Board of Education, and other community partners will be hosting an information meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Stephen Decatur High School starting at 5:30 pm for meet and greet with community resources. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Please come out and get the current information on Fentanyl, instruction on using Narcan, and free Narcan. Someone's life may depend on it.

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