



West Virginia's Opioid Treatment Moratorium

The Issue	The Facts
<p>In 2007, the West Virginia Legislature passed a legislative moratorium on Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) (§16-5Y-12).</p> <p>As a result, there are only 9 licensed Opioid Treatment Programs in the state that can legally offer Methadone for use as Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT).</p> <p>No new Certificates of Need can be granted, so long as this moratorium is in place.</p> <p>With the rises in Drug Overdose Deaths, Viral Hepatitis rates, and HIV rates, we need to be able to utilize as many weapons in our arsenal as possible.</p> <p>A lack of access to treatment and care for Substance Use Disorder, HIV, and Viral Hepatitis has impacted families and communities across the state.</p>	<p>West Virginia's rate of Drug Overdose Deaths in 2007 was 22.4 (per 100,000).</p> <p>In 2018, that rate has more than doubled to a staggering 51.5 (per 100,000)</p> <p>West Virginia's Opioid Crisis has resulted in several issues, particularly among People Who Inject Drugs.</p> <p>In 2018, Injection Drug Use in West Virginia has been the cause of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our highest-in-the-nation rate of Hepatitis A Virus of 124.4 (the national rate is 3.8)• Our highest-in-the-nation rate of Hepatitis B Virus of 7.3 (the national rate is 1.0)• Our second-highest-in-the-nation rate of Hepatitis C Virus of 3.9 (the national rate is 1.2) <p>In 2019, Injection Drug Use in West Virginia accounted for 62.3% of all new HIV infections in the state.</p>

Grassroots Advocacy Matters

We want to increase access to Substance Abuse Disorder treatment and HIV and Hepatitis services for you, your family, and your community.

We are asking for your input on these four things:

- 1.) Help us to overturn West Virginia's **legislative moratorium on Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) (§16-5Y-12)**
- 2.) Take our statewide survey on West Virginia's Opioid Treatment Moratorium
- 3.) Join us on one of our upcoming state advocacy update town hall sessions and participate in our forthcoming Statewide Days of Advocacy
- 4.) Sign on to our forthcoming sign-on letter to state legislators, agencies, the Governor, and the Governor's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse and Treatment

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