Understanding and Preventing Addiction

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ADDICTION IN CONTEXT

The number of deaths that have resulted from the opioid epidemic is only a part of the crisis.
115 DEATHS PER DAY.

40% INVOLVE PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS.
PARENTAL OPIOID USE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE IN FOUR OHIO CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE
7 IN 10 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF ONE WHO ARE PLACED IN FOSTER CARE ARE PLACED DUE TO PARENT’S OPIOID MISUSE.
INTERGENERATIONAL PROBLEM
WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WITH ADDICTION DISORDERS?
RECOVERY IS SPOKEN HERE.

RECOVERY ALLY

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“My recovery makes me possible.”

– Dean Tom Gregoire, College of Social Work
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A Perfect Storm for Prescription Drug Misuse

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Myriad social, economic and environmental determinants are root causes of America’s opioid epidemic.

The misuse of prescription medications is an important vector that contributes to this serious public health problem.
A Perfect Storm for the Misuse of Medications:

- Our drug-taking culture
- Easy access
- Misperceptions of safety and legality
Our Key Messages

1. Only use prescription medications as directed by a healthcare professional
2. Do not share or take someone else’s medication
3. Keep your medications safe
4. Model safe medication practices
An initiative built and driven by students
An initiative with national impact