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The Impact of Opioids in Your Community

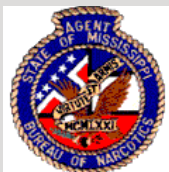
In MS, 1 in 10 people misuse prescription drugs.

Continued misuse eventually leads to physical dependence, followed by full-scale mental addiction when a person loses the ability to stop the misuse on sheer will power alone. No community, city, or county in our state is immune to this disease. Addiction is in fact a chronic disease, not a moral failing or a lifestyle choice. Addiction does not discriminate. It occurs in families from all walks of life, regardless of age, sex, race, income, religion or education. Understanding the problem and prevention are keys to keeping you and your loved ones safe. Prescription drug abuse has surged 400% in the past decade. More teens say it is easier to acquire prescription drugs than it is to buy beer. According to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, for the past three years there were 486 reported drug overdoses in Mississippi. Of those reported, 394 were opioid related. Therefore, more than 81% of the reported overdoses were a result of the illusive and cunning beast known as opioid addiction.

During this event, you will hear from a panel with representation from across the state and your local community. You will also hear from someone who has been personally impacted by the destruction of opioid addiction. The goal is to learn more about this topic and what you can do to help reduce the death and destruction caused by opioid addiction.

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