

ANONYMOUS OHIO

What do you see as causes of the epidemic in your community and in Ohio? :

The high is cheap and easily obtained. Several area doctors prescribed large amounts of opioids for many years and everyone knew where to go to get them.

What steps might we take as a state to combat the opioid epidemic? :

Treatment with random testing, then step down to a halfway house for a minimum of one year. All clients must get jobs so that they can transition back into society. Reporting probation for 5 years with random drug testing paid by the client. Three failed drug screens, then prison.

WHAT NOT TO DO:

Do not make it harder for people who have chronic pain and legitimately need opioid medication. A law that would force someone to see their Doctor weekly is absurd and only benefits the Doctor and insurance company. For example, people with high deductibles would have to pay a copay AND Doctor visit as well as more money for copays for the medication. Additionally, the time spent at the Doctor's office would be time wasted for the client.

What might we do as individuals and a community to reduce opioid abuse?:

Keep your medication locked up at all times.

Anything else you'd like to share?:

I am a licensed mental health therapist and a licensed chemical dependency counselor.