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How is the opioid epidemic affecting you, your family, and your neighborhood? :

My son overdosed and died in May of 2017.

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

The people who sell it and make it too available to anyone.

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

People don't report what they see enough, they just get on Facebook and make fun of what they see.

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

Probably what I said before this, nobody takes this seriously enough, it is serious, so many mothers have lost children that they love.

Anything else you'd like to share?:

Drug programs need to let families be more involved with their loved ones, I was always told they couldn't tell me anything because my son was an adult, I felt so frustrated by that, how could I help him. One counselor told me to put him out on street. I wanted my son to know someone cared about him. I don't believe in tough love. My son also suffered from depression, there needs to be a focus on mental illness.