

ANONYMOUS MILFORD, OH

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

Very good friend is a heroin addict. They have a felony warrant for failure to appear for possession. If this person is picked up on that warrant they'll receive at least a year long prison sentence. Putting addicts in prison is not the answer. Take that possible jail sentence away and put them in a mandatory program, ankle monitor maybe (without costs as most don't have the money to pay for a monitor). Forcing an addict to get clean isn't going to work for most! That just makes them more inclined to go right back using! Treatment without possible jail or prison time would be more effective, again, in my opinion!

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

Too much availability of the drugs.

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

Make the death of an overdose a mandatory 20-year prison sentence for the dealer with no possible release for 10 years might deter dealing! And anyone caught dealing any drugs, 10-year mandatory with no parole for at least 5 years.

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

We have had a war on drugs going on now for, what, 25-30 years, and it's not helping! The drugs being made legal may just cut the price enough to make dealers go away if there's no big profit in it for them! A tax structure on the order of flat tax, where everything new, except the essentials, are taxed might also help deter the top of these drug dealers. If they had to pay taxes on the expensive cars some drive with non-taxed money now, they might also decide it's not worth it.