

# OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN JONESBORO AR.

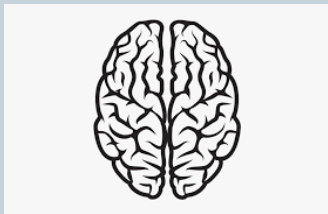
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Jonesboro Arkansas has had nearly half of the 444 reported drug overdose deaths involved opioids which does not count the number of deaths caused by overdose.



"The deadliest drug problem is not meth, cocaine, and certainly not marijuana. It is the opioid epidemic."

- Opioid usage affects how we go about our day to day lives. By taking opioids you are putting your health in danger.



## How opioids affects our brain....

## How do drugs get to the drug dealer....

- Opioids affect both a fully developed and developing brain. Opioids should not be taken without care since it causes harmful health effects. Opioids should not be conceived by just anyone.

- Opioids can stop the brain from producing dopamine on its own which causes us to experience depression, no motivation, bad concentration, and many other dangerous characters to add to our body.

- In order for this to stop, we can have multiple watch programs that can help monitor and moderate the prescription of opioids.

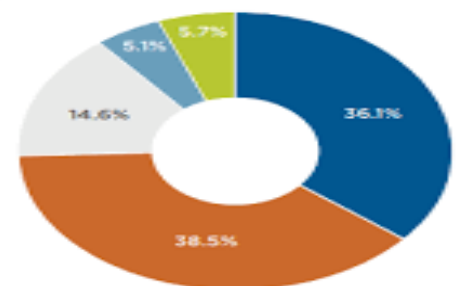
- By having multiple watch programs we will be able to actually see and tell how drugs are specifically getting to the drug dealer.

Opioids are very dangerous to our overall health. Not only does it impact our brains tremendously, but it affects how we live our day to day lives. Not everyone should be able to rely on opioids to help their pain.

## Ways Jonesboro has tried helping the epidemic

- A drug take back box outside the Police Department where people are able to dispose of their prescription medications that they no longer use or need.
- Opened up programs around the town

Chart 6. Source of Misused Prescription Painkillers



■ Prescription from a Doctor  
■ From Friend or Relative for Free  
■ Bought or Took from Friend or Relative  
■ Some Other Way  
■ Bought from Drug Dealer or Other Stranger

Note: Misuse in 2017 among people age 12 or older.  
Source: SAMHSA, 2018.