


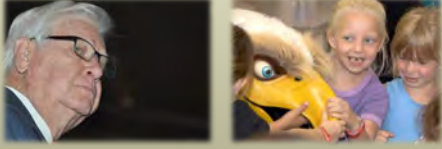
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Saving Lives, Providing Hope


Critical Access Hospital Substance Abuse Summit, 3-7-2018




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Why Operation UNITE?

**Unlawful
Narcotics
Investigations,
Treatment, and
Education**



*Lexington Herald-Leader
January-February 2003*



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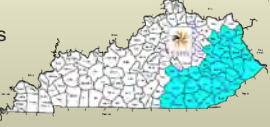
Who we are

Vision


- UNITE is a collaborative model striving to prevent abuse of drugs and facilitate recovery.

Mission

- We create strategic partnerships
- We provide leadership
- We promote education
- We coordinate treatment
- We support law enforcement

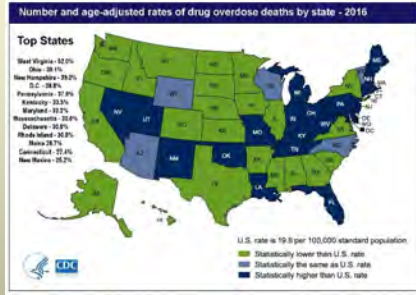


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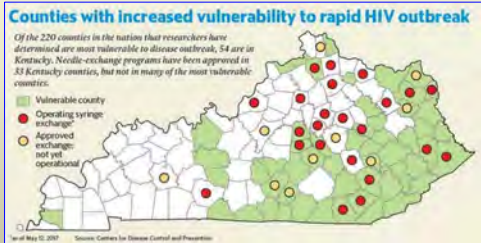
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Why we care



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Acute hepatitis C infections – largely the result of prescription painkiller abuse - more than tripled from 2007-12 among young people in rural areas of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia - Source: CDC, May 2015

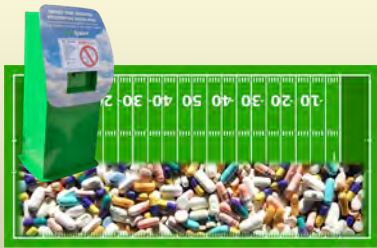


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DEA
Two full-time detectives assigned as Special Agents to investigate federal-level cases

Buy-Money
Assist local law enforcement agencies with street-level drug purchases



Rx Take-Back Boxes
More than 10.6 tons of pills collected – enough to cover one-half a football field



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\$12.6 million
Value of drugs removed from the streets


4,400
Individuals arrested

97%
Conviction rate

22,000
Drug tips received



Angel Initiative
Pro-active approach to assist individuals receive treatment for substance use



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4,300
People have entered long-term treatment with a UNITE Voucher

1,200
Inquiries each month about a substance use issue


\$2.5 million
Amount of fines, restitution and child support collected from Drug Court participants




Drug Courts




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"When everything seems like an uphill struggle, just think of the view from the top."



Hope Wall
Celebrates sobriety and gives hope to those struggling with an addiction



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FindHelpNowKY.org





KY HELP Call Center
1-833-859-4357
Statewide treatment assistance line



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It's all about the ...



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Don't go down that road!
Avoid ALL addictive substances



Drugs
Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana



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UNITE Service Corps

- Members serve 54 elementary schools
- Provides **Math tutoring**
 - Test scores **increased 56.5%** in 2016-17
- Incorporates **Prevention** as a major component
 - Uses science-based "Too Good for Drugs" and "Take 10" curricula
 - Test scores **increased 51.4%** in 2016-17
- Sponsor or co-sponsor **UNITE Clubs**
- Members of their anti-drug community coalitions
- Certified by Kentucky for disaster response



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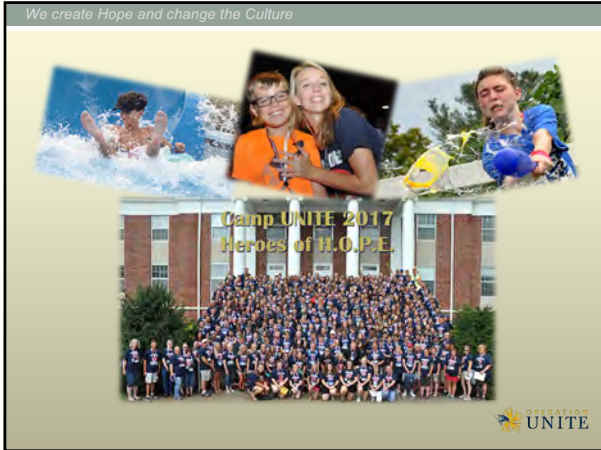
UNITE Clubs

- School anti-drug clubs
- Help youth develop healthy attitudes and behaviors by learning and practicing life skills; enhancing academic performance; connecting peers, adults and communities; and learning through service
- Conduct activities designed to help make their schools and communities healthy and drug-free
- Mentor younger students



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Accidental Dealer

- Anyone who unknowingly provides access to prescription or over-the-counter medications to individuals who may enter their home
- 70% of teens obtain their drugs from family members or friends – often without their consent

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Give Me A Reason

- A **Voluntary** Drug Testing initiative to help your child make positive life choices concerning alcohol and other drugs.
- Voluntary drug testing is a **Reason** for your children to resist peer pressure to use drugs.
- They can tell their friends: ***"I can't use drugs, my parents drug test me!"***



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UNITE Community Coalitions

- Local problems require local solutions
- Offers a variety of ways for concerned citizens to become involved in fighting the drug epidemic



Most motivated people have a personal connection to substance abuse. They just need to be given a task to do.



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UNITE Community Coalitions


- Formal alliance of organizations, groups and agencies
 - Business & Industry
 - Educators
 - Faith-based communities
 - Local and state governmental agencies
 - Medical community
 - Non-profit and civic organizations
 - Anyone impacted by substance abuse
- Grass-roots effort to address local problems
- Advocates for legislative solutions



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Who Should be Involved?

- Business & Industry
- USC Members, Schools, Retired Teachers, Students
- Faith-based Communities
- Local & State Governmental Agencies
- Non-profit and Civic Organizations
- Medical Community
- Any interested individual (especially those who have been impacted by substance abuse)




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**Be the light.
Be involved.**



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Treatment Helpline	KY HELP Call Center	Drug Tipline
1-866-908-6483	1-833-859-4357	1-866-4424-4382
