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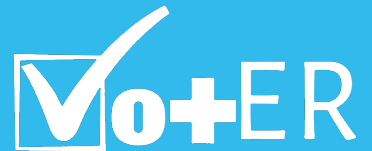


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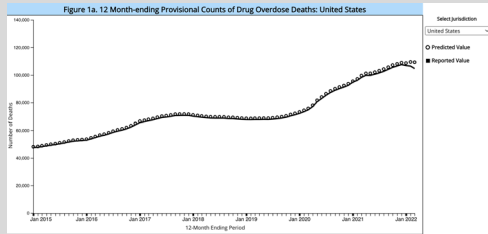


**INTERNATIONAL
OVERDOSE
AWARENESS DAY**

**AUGUST
31TH**



Current Chapter



DEATHS INCREASING



FENTANYL



BLACK AND
INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES



Current Chapter

HARVARD HEALTH BLOG

The opioid crisis and physician burnout: A tale of two epidemics

BURNOUT

Considering the Child Welfare System Burden From Opioid Misuse: Research Priorities for Estimating Public Costs

July 30, 2019

Daniel Max Crowley, PhD, Christian M. Connell, PhD, Damon Jones, PhD, Michael W. Donovan, MA
Supplements and Featured Publications, Deaths, Dollars, and Diverted Resources: Examining the Heavy Price of the Opioid Epidemic, Volume 25, Issue 13

CHILD WELFARE

Each year, opioid overdose, misuse, and dependence account for:



\$35 billion in health care costs¹

Patients who experienced an opioid overdose accounted for \$1.94 billion in annual hospital costs.²



\$14.8 billion in criminal justice costs³

Each dollar invested in addiction treatment reduces drug-related crime, theft, and criminal justice costs by \$4-\$7.⁴



\$92 billion in lost productivity⁵

The losses stem from premature death due to overdose, "productive hours" lost to OUD, and opioid-related incarceration.

pewtrusts.org

TRILLIONS OF
OVERALL COSTS



THE \$26B SETTLEMENT IS A GO; PURDUE IS STILL TBD; AND TEVA, ABBVIE/ALLERGAN, AND ENDO HAVE REACHED AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE

ABOUT THAT \$26 BILLION SETTLEMENT

On July 21, 2021, a \$26 billion offer to settle was made by opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (\$5 billion) and the “big three” distributors McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Cardinal Health (\$21 billion) to resolve their liabilities in over 3,000 opioid crisis-related suits nationwide.



CVS, Walgreens and Walmart Must Pay \$650.5 Million in Ohio Opioids Case

A federal judge ordered the big pharmacy chains to bear partial responsibility for the deadly drug crisis.





What percentage of
tobacco settlement money
and revenue
has been spent on
prevention and treatment?

POLL QUESTION



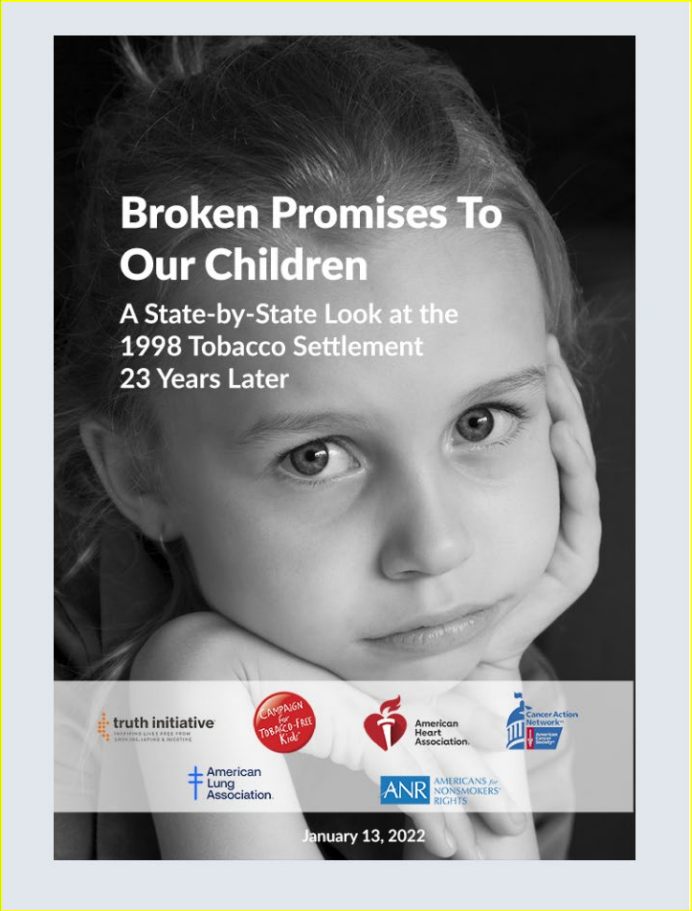
2.7%

POLL ANSWER



A State-by-State Look at the 1998 Tobacco Settlement 23 Years Later

Despite receiving \$27 billion from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes, the states continue to severely underfund tobacco prevention and cessation programs proven to save lives and money. In the midst of a youth e-cigarette epidemic, such programs are as critical as ever.



ZERO

The number of states that fund their tobacco prevention and cessation programs at CDC-recommended levels. Only 10 states meet half the recommended amount.



For every **\$11** the tobacco industry spends to market its deadly products...

...states spend only **\$1** on tobacco prevention programs.

tfk.org/statereport



Most at risk to smoke populations:

- Lower income
- Less educated
- Midwest and South
- American Indians/Alaska Natives
- LGBTQ
- Uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid
- People with mental illness
- “Black Americans die at higher rates from smoking-caused diseases, in large part due to the tobacco industry’s predatory targeting of Black communities with menthol cigarettes”



Who decides
how this settlement money
is spent?

POLL QUESTION



All of the above

POLL ANSWER



Opioid settlement money

Supplant
instead of
supplement

Buy a
helicopter for
personal use

Democrat

Republican



SEPTEMBER



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Every **Person**, Every **Family**, Every **Community**



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