

THE WAR ON HEROIN AND OPIOID ABUSE

Assemblyman Stec took part in a number of forums to listen to parents, school officials, health care providers, and individuals addicted to heroin and opiates.

As a result of his efforts, multiple laws were signed to combat the war on heroin and opioid abuse. Reform areas include:

Prevention and Education

 Reduced prescription limits, required pain management education, improved data collection, and a mandate for pharmacists to provide more information on drug addiction.

Detoxification

 Longer evaluation periods for patients, mandated insurance coverage for overdose medication, and more trained professionals administering overdose medication.

Rehabilitation and Treatment

 Better access to support services and requirements for insurance companies to use state-approved criteria for level of care.

Recovery

 Expand long term programs and require the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to administer housing opportunities with certified drug counselors on staff. The Assembly Minority Task Force on Heroin Addiction and Community Response produced findings, strategies and solutions, which can be found in the Heroin Elimination Prevention Plan (HELP). To view the report, visit goo.gl/iQkMtx in your web browser.

Help for drug abuse is available by calling. **1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369)**, texting **HOPENY (Short Code: 467369)**, or visiting our website www.oasas.ny.gov/accesshelp.

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