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Opioid Fatalities in Westchester Increased

More than 200% from 2010-2015

- 27 (2010)
- 50 (2011)
- 48 (2012)
- 67 (2013)
- 59 (2014)
- 83 (2015)
- **59 (2016)**

* Westchester County had the 3rd highest percentage of drug deaths per 100,000 from 5.4 to 12 according to a report by the Rockefeller Institute of Government that analyzed data from 2010-2015.

Four Foundational Blocks

1. **Education** – Inform the public about the scope, causes, and consequences of the problem.
2. **Prevention** - Understand the pain points – physical and emotional – that can lead to addiction.
3. **Integration** – Coordinate resources to produce the most effective response possible.
4. **Action** – Involve everyone with a stake in the outcome sooner, not later.

Project WORTHY - Key Components

- **Narcan Training (2014)**
- **Co-Occurring System of Care (2016)**



Project WORTHY – Key Components

- **Public Safety/District Attorney Task Force**

- Analyzing, investigating and prosecuting heroin and opioid trafficking on a coordinated basis across Westchester,
- Removing heroin and opioid dealers from our streets and county by putting the best law enforcement resources in the field and the courts,
- Assisting local departments that lack the resources or otherwise have jurisdictional limitations to adequately investigate multi- jurisdictional trafficking on their own



Project WORTHY – Key Components

- Stakeholder Launch (June, 2017)
- Youth Leadership Summit (October, 2017)

