

## ADDICTION POLICY FORUM: DRIVING CHANGE

We lose 192 people a day to drug overdoses - like a plane crash every day in America. At Addiction Policy Forum we are united to defeat this epidemic. We are people and families struggling with substance use disorder, families that have lost a loved one, policymakers, volunteers, researchers, health care professionals, law enforcement and advocates.

Addiction Policy Forum is dedicated to eliminating addiction as a major health problem. This Impact Report highlights our work in the past year.

Together, we can be relentless in concentrating our power on new, innovative ways to help us turn this tide. We would love your continued support to help us double-down in 2019 to save lives and expand our support to families in crisis.



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Addiction Policy Forum CEO



With your generous support in 2018 we tackled key priority areas this year:

### PRIORITY

**Help Families in Crisis** In 2017 there were 70,237 drug overdose deaths in the US.<sup>1</sup>

**Expand Treatment Access and Integration into Healthcare** between July 2016–September 2017, Emergency Department visits for opioid overdoses increased 29.7%.<sup>2</sup>

**Prevention** 90% of people with a substance use disorder began using substances before the age of 18.<sup>3</sup>

**Help Children Impacted by Addiction** Over nine million children in the US live with a parent who has a substance use disorder.<sup>4</sup>

**Raise Awareness** In 2017, 19.7 million Americans had a substance use disorder.<sup>5</sup>

**Advocate and Educate** Nearly half of adults have a family member or close friend with addiction.<sup>6</sup>

### ADDICTION POLICY FORUM'S IMPACT

Helped more than **34,000 individuals in crisis** through our Addiction Resource Center (ARC).

Disseminated resources, training and technical assistance on substance use disorders to **196 Emergency Departments** through our partnership with Yale School of Medicine and the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Educated **3,500 parents** about evidence-based strategies for preventing addiction.

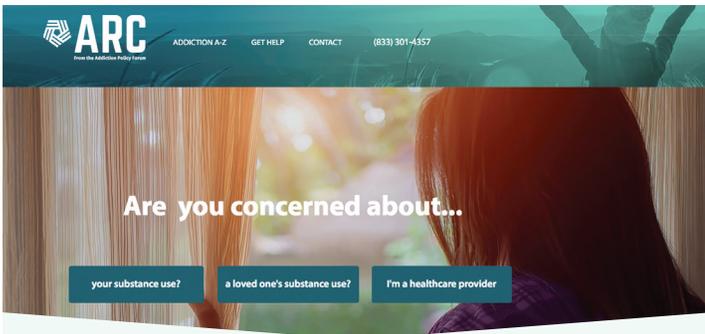
Provided training on addiction and child welfare and school interventions to **650 prosecutors** nationwide.

Provided resources for **educators** and school administrators on children impacted by addiction.

Disseminated **44,200 education toolkits** on topics ranging from Rx disposal to brain science and overdose reversal.

Reached over **12 million Americans** through programs and awareness campaigns.

Helped with the passage of the largest opioids package in our nation's history, HR 6, with over **400 Capitol Hill visits** by patients and families impacted by addiction.



## ADDICTION RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

The Addiction Resource Center has expanded to all 50 states. The website and treatment database provides quality resources for patients and families in crisis.



## THE ADDICTION SERIES

This animated video series aims to expand public understanding about addiction and replace the myths and misinformation that keep substance use disorders from being treated like any other medical condition.



## STATE CHAPTERS

Our 50 state chapters play an integral role in finding and supporting families impacted by addiction, while disseminating the materials our team has developed. We now have 62 Chairs and Co-Chairs across the country.



## #174ADAY

Our #174aDay campaign raises awareness and honors those we lose every day to addiction. The campaign reached more than 2,000,000 people and showed the human impact of this disease.



## EMERGENCY MEDICINE INITIATIVE

Addiction Policy Forum disseminated evidence-based best practices for Emergency Departments that will save lives and help turn the tides of this deadly epidemic.



## TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS

This toolkit translates the science of prevention into ten evidence-based strategies parents can implement.

### SOURCES:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db329-h.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6709e1.htm>
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