



## Biden Administration Recommends Rescheduling Marijuana

The Department of Health and Human Services has recommended rescheduling marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act from Schedule I to Schedule III. This change has symbolic value, but it would not end marijuana criminalization. Most marijuana conduct would remain illegal under federal law.

[Learn more](#)



## International Overdose Awareness Day: Take The Quiz

August 31 was International Overdose Awareness Day. At DPA, we remember the lives lost and continue fighting for solutions. Overdose is preventable. The crisis doesn't have to be this way. Take our quiz and get up-to-speed on what's causing the overdose crisis and how we can end it.

[Take the quiz](#)



## Measure 110 Creating “Tangible, Life-Saving Changes”

Decriminalizing drugs and investing in health is providing crucial services to the people of Oregon. See how Measure 110 has enabled more detox facilities and treatment services to open, reduced reliance on the criminal legal system, and helped pave a path to recovery.

[Learn more](#)



## Take Action: Tell Congress to Support the TEST Act

A health approach to fentanyl is critical for saving lives. Unfortunately, lawmakers are calling for harsh penalties for fentanyl that will only make the overdose crisis worse. Tell Congress to support the TEST Act to move toward an approach to fentanyl that is based in health and evidence instead of fear and punishment.

[Take action](#)

## Over 1,000 Overdoses Reversed at NYC’s OPCs

OnPoint NYC announced more than 1,000 potentially fatal overdoses have been reversed at their two overdose prevention centers (OPCs) since opening in 2021. OPCs are vital in the fight against overdose deaths. DPA is leading the charge for OPCs across the country.

[Learn more](#)

## Will the Opioid Crisis Deliver Its Worst Harms to Black and Brown People?

It started as a crisis among white people. Now, overdose deaths are increasing the fastest in Black and brown communities. In their latest piece for The Nation, DPA's [Jules Netherland](#), DPA Board Member [Helena Hansen](#), and David Herzberg break down the racial history and impact of the opioid crisis.

[Read the article](#)

## Busting Myths Around Oregon's Decriminalization of Drugs

NowThis Politics published a video about drug decriminalization in Oregon. It explores the myths about decriminalization, and what we can learn from Oregon's approach.

[Watch the video](#)

## DPA Hosts Film Screening, Love in the Time of Fentanyl

DPA hosted a screening and community discussion of the film "Love in the Time of Fentanyl" at Los Angeles City Hall. The event was a partnership with Community Health Project LA and USC Institute for Addiction Science. The film vividly captures the experiences at a Vancouver overdose prevention center.

[Learn about the film](#)



**No one has to die of an overdose.**

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Truthout - [Don't Blame Drug Decriminalization for What the Housing Crisis Has Caused](#)

CNN - [Emerging Group of Synthetic Opioids May Be More Potent Than Fentanyl, Study Warns](#)

TalkingDrugs - [Decriminalization Under Attack: US Media Goes After Oregon's Drug Policy Model](#)

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