



Just Released New Report: The Drug Treatment Debate

Most Americans understand that drug treatment is a needed support for people struggling with addiction. What's not as clear is what treatment actually means and what it should look like. Our latest report looks at why accessible and voluntary treatment wins out over forced treatment.

[Read the Report](#)



Get the Facts on CA Prop 36

On November 5th Californians will vote on Proposition 36, which would increase criminalization and divert funds from substance use disorder treatment. Our fact sheet explains why Prop 36 is not a solution to overdose, public drug use, or violence – and will in fact make conditions worse.

[Get the Facts](#)



2025 DPA Member Card: Winning Design Selected

We just finished counting the votes, and we have the winning design for the official 2025 DPA Member Card. Take a look at your new card! And if you claim your 2025 DPA membership by giving today, we'll send your new Member Card as soon as we print it!

[See the Card](#)

Americans Deserve a Plan for the Overdose Crisis

The election debates are over. Sadly, we saw no clear questions or answers about overdose at any of the debates. Americans deserve a real plan for overdose that will save lives. Our post-debate Twitter thread outlines what any overdose plan must include.

[Read the Thread](#)

Black People Can't Be Left Behind in Federal Marijuana Legalization

Black people have been especially harmed by marijuana criminalization. We need bold and far-reaching approaches at the federal level to ensure that legal marijuana markets build Black wealth, strengthen communities, and finally deliver on the unfulfilled promises of regulated marijuana.

[See Why](#)

2023 Overdose Deaths Decrease Slightly

New reports of CDC provisional data showed U.S. overdose deaths decreased from April 2023 to April 2024. This is encouraging, but losing over 100,000 people in one year is unacceptable, and a higher rate than before COVID. We are still in an overdose crisis.

[See the Data](#)

DPA Helps Mark Inaugural OPC National Solidarity Week

This year, DPA worked in partnership with a community of people and organizations from across the nation to lay the groundwork for Overdose Prevention Centers National Solidarity Week. In August, community partners held Solidarity Week events in 15 states, building #OPCSolidarity nationwide.

[Learn More](#)



FEATURED POST: I Lost My Son to Overdose: To Save Lives, We Need Drug Policies to Change

After seeing her son struggle and fail to get the help he needed for his addiction, Susan Ousterman realized drug policies need to change. People need access to effective treatment and supports, not punishment and barriers.

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Drug Policy In The News

Politico - [Everyone Is Tough on Drugs Again](#)

The Guardian - [Kamala Harris promises full marijuana legalization – is that a gamechanger?](#)

Politico - [Donald Trump's unlikely weed wager](#)

LA Times - [Endorsement: No on Proposition 36. California shouldn't revive the disastrous war on drugs](#)

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