

October 2025 NEWSLETTER



New Tool Tracks Federal Cuts to Overdose Prevention and Health Services

The federal government is making cruel cuts to lifesaving overdose prevention services and addiction treatment. We just released a new tool with the Legal Action Center tracking these cuts, their impact, and how you can help fight back.

Learn What's at Stake



Tell Your House Rep to Cosponsor the MORE Act

The MORE Act was reintroduced in Congress! It would deschedule marijuana to end federal criminal penalties, repair the harms of criminalization, help ensure a fairer industry and so much more. We passed it in the House before—help us do it again by taking action and writing to your representative today.

Take Action Today!



Parents Who Lost Children to Overdose Share Their Stories

Our new video features parents who lost children to overdose or have kids living with addiction. Their message is clear: care saves lives, not wars. "There are so many areas where that money could be invested into life, into love...not into war".

Watch the Video



Join Us at the Reform Conference!

Drug policy is about making policies and legislation that help people, and it's also about people on the ground coming together to create networks of care, support, and action. Be a part of the change at the Drug Policy Reform Conference, November 12-15, in Detroit this year. It's only a month away!

Register Today

What Happens When You Seek Help with Substance Use?

For a lot of people, it starts a cycle of being shut out from the lifesaving services they need. Our new video explains that the way forward is making care available when people need it and removing the barriers that keep people from getting better.

Check Out the Video

Federal Funding Cuts Jeopardize Overdose Prevention and Recovery

Our Executive Director answered some urgent questions to help us understand the immense threat posed by federal funding cuts and what can be done to protect our loved ones and ourselves.

How You Can Help

Quiz: Do You Know What Options Are Available for Treatment?

Take our quiz to find out how well you know the treatment options for substance use disorder. And make sure to check out our brand-new <u>addiction treatment resource</u>. It's a wealth of knowledge on addiction treatment: including options, settings, and frequently asked questions.

Test Your Knowledge!

Why Do We Work in Drug Policy Reform?

We asked DPAers why they do this work... We've faced punishment, navigated recovery, and lost loved ones to overdose. At DPA, no matter our why, we're grateful to be part of the movement towards supportive, health-based approaches to drug use.

Here's What We Said



FEATURED POST:

The Last Couple Months in Drug Policy

Check out our August and September Months in Review to find out what has been happening in drug policy including the MORE Act, Overdose Awareness Day, and a loss of faith in forced drug treatment.

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August in Review

September in Review

Drug Policy In The News

Bloomberg Law - <u>Drug Deaths Plunged. Trump Wants to Cut Funds Cited for the Drop.</u>

R Street - Why Laws that Equate Drug Distribution to Murder Are Counterproductive

KQED - How San Francisco's Harm Reduction Strategies Are Changing Under Mayor Lurie

Talking Drugs - "Throwing Away Knowledge": Researchers Speak on US Defunding

The Atlantic - The New War on Weed

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