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NEWSLETTER

SCOTUS Ruling: Drug Use Does Not Justify Violation of Civil Liberties

Communities deserve sensible gun laws that reduce violence and save lives. Protecting public safety and basic freedoms requires laws that are clear and tied to actual threats to public safety – not rooted in failed drug war logic. Learn more about the SCOTUS decision and its implication on people who use marijuana.

[**Read the Press
Release**](#)

A Father Who Lost His Son to Overdose

James Moore lost his son Jeffrey to an overdose in 2015. Since then, he has devoted his life to creating a world where no one else has to face that loss by advocating for care, not punishment. James reminds us that "keeping someone alive is not enabling addiction, it's giving them a chance to survive."

[**James and Jeffrey's
Story**](#)

Off-Duty EMT Reverses Overdose at Knicks Parade

Overdoses can happen anywhere, and when they happen, every minute counts. We're grateful to Simone Kelly and the many other harm reduction heroes whose actions keep people alive.

[**Why Naloxone Matters**](#)

DPA's Summer Reading List

Here are five books for people who want to learn more about the drug war. These are some of our favorites – let us know if we missed any!

[**Start
Reading**](#)



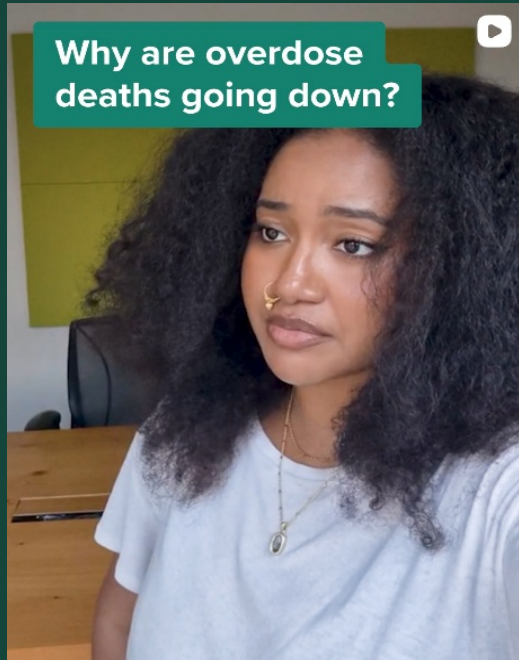
Cannabis Week of Unity

DPA's federal marijuana team - Mike, Maritza, and Cat - participated in Cannabis Unity Week in Washington, D.C. to demand that Congress decriminalize marijuana, free people incarcerated for cannabis offenses, and clear records.



California Senate Hearing

Our California Policy Manager, Shivani, attended a California Senate Public Safety hearing and offered analysis for a bill that would prohibit officers from denying or obstructing medical attention for someone under law enforcement control. If someone is experiencing an overdose, this bill would reduce situations where police prevent paramedics from reaching the person.



Featured Post:

Why are overdoses going down? Many factors have contributed to this decline including increased access to public health tools and more widespread public education. However, far too many people are still dying due to overdose. If we want deaths to keep declining, we need to invest in harm reduction services.

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Drug Policy In The News

CBS – [Overdose Deaths Fall for 3rd Straight Year Amid a Changing Drug Supply and Funding Cuts](#)

STAT News – [Bipartisan Bill Seeks to Allow Direct Prescribing of Methadone for Opioid Addiction](#)

NY Times – [Estonia Won the War on Fentanyl. What Came Next Was Even Worse](#)

Slate – [It's Been Two Years Since the Supreme Court Made Homelessness a Crime. The Result Speaks for Itself.](#)

The Hill – [Don't Pull Apart What's Finally Working to Curb Overdose Deaths](#)

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