

**Break the**

**Connection.**

# HEROIN



Stop Prescription Drug Abuse  
Before it Starts.

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## MERCER COUNTY CTC TALKING POINTS

### • WHAT IS PA STOP?

PA Stop is designed to educate Pennsylvanians about the risks of prescription painkiller and heroin use, the relationship between painkiller and heroin use, and what to do when you need help. We are working to prevent non-medical use of prescription painkillers and, in so doing, to break the connection between heroin and prescription painkillers. **Together, we can stop opiate addiction before it starts.**

### • THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC HAS IMPACTED MERCER COUNTY

PA has a much higher overdose rate than most states. In Mercer County, overdose deaths continue to rise each year. In 2017, there were 41 overdose deaths.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SAVE LIVES IN MERCER COUNTY

**Do not share medications.** Most people who misuse opioids get them from friends or relatives.

**Don't save medications when you no longer need them.** Proper disposal of unused drugs can prevent addiction and overdose.

**Learn how to get help for addiction.** Explore our website to learn the basics of addiction treatment and how to find local support.

**Use PA Stop materials to educate and activate your community about opioid risks.** By every measure, the overdose epidemic has hit Pennsylvania particularly hard.

**Join our Prevention Efforts!** Make a difference. Be a part of Mercer County Communities That Care. Contact us today!

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