Californian Public Policy and State Legislation on PDA

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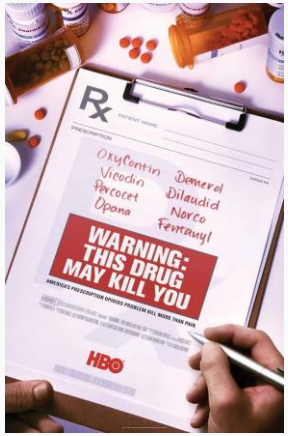
Our Perspective

Californian Public Policy and State Legislation:

- Have addressed the problem of PDA firsthand
- Have acknowledged that the problem of PDA has grown extremely worse over the years

Our Plan of Action:

- Amend a current pending bill in the California Legislature called AB- 1512
- Create a new bill that will also limit its prescription refills for no more than 3 days



Our Ability to Impact Change

Public Policy in the CA Government has:

- Authority & Power
- Leadership
- Resources
- Knowledge

Efforts by the CA Government

Current bills in legislation

- Bill AB-182 (H.O.P.E. Act)
- CURES program

Pending bills in legislation

- Bill AB-1512 proposed by Assembly Member Kevin McCarty

Impact of Our Previous Efforts

Voluntary Drug Take Back Program

Positives

- Safe disposal

Negatives

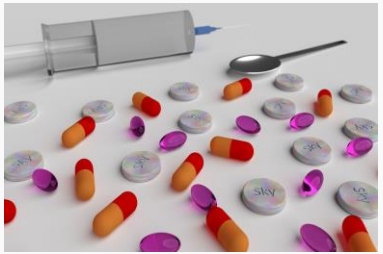
- Voluntary
- Only in specific locations

Threats to CA State Government's Efforts

- Physicians
- People who believe the government has too much power
- A citizens' initiative or a ballot initiative
- Replacement legislation

Our Novel Solutions

Our bill:



- Create a law for physicians to be more educated in prescribing drugs
- Integrates drug abuse into school curriculum

Amending Bill AB-1512:

- People should be taxed after first refill (a cent per mg), tax will go towards rehab
- 3 day dosage
- Prior to refill, patient must have a mandatory eval with their doctor

Which Connections Will Be Most Beneficial?

Connections with other Power Groups

- Education
- Hospitals
- Pharmacy
- Medical school and board

Connections to Prioritize

- Education and pharmacy

Action Time!

Educate incoming physicians

- Focused classes

Start with the children

- Elementary school
- Cartoons

Thanks for listening!