



Guess which one abuses opiates?



# They all do.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Talk with your kids. Educate yourselves – **drugfree.org** has tools, resources and answers.

*“There is no set demographic that defines a heroin user; they represent all ages and lifestyles. The heroin user can be the neighbor next door, your co-worker, nephew, niece, or your own child.”*

—Geauga County Juvenile Court Judge Timothy Grendell

- Be observant by watching for suspicious behavior in your neighborhood or at work. You can anonymously call the tipline at 440-279-2065 to make a report.

*“The use of heroin is having a devastating impact on families and businesses.”*

—Tracy Jemison, President of Geauga Growth Partnership and former Geauga County Commissioner

- Dispose of unused or old prescriptions. Take to the following locations: Geauga County Sheriff's Department, Chester Township, Russell Township, Chagrin Falls and Middlefield Police Departments—it's the **ONLY** safe way.

*“Opiates can kill you the first time.”* – Scott Niehus, Chardon Chief of Police

- Ask your physician for alternatives to opiate-based pain medications (Vicodin, Percocet, Oxycontin, or Oxycodone) which are frequently abused. Abusers often move onto heroin, which is much cheaper, easier to buy, and offers an even more intense high.

*“Everyone in Geauga County can make a difference in fighting opiate addiction.”* – Chardon Municipal Court Judge Terri Stupica

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If you need help, call the Geauga County COPELINE at 285-5665 or 1-888-285-5665.

For additional resources call 211.

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