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Preventing Opioid Use Disorders: Community Based Approaches that Work

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Opioid misuse and addiction is an ongoing and rapidly evolving public health crisis. Millions of Americans suffer from opioid use disorder, and millions more suffer from chronic pain. The urgency and scale of this crisis calls for innovative scientific solutions. Prevention research funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) can play an important role in addressing the crisis. We know from research that overall, prevention programs should enhance protective factors and reverse or reduce risk factors. We also know that intervening early in childhood can alter the life course trajectory in a positive direction. Based on these and other research principles, community-based and focused prevention approaches have yielded important strategies to ameliorate this problem. Addressing prevention needs can go far in helping to reduce the opioid crisis, and this briefing will focus on ways to accomplish that goal.

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