Panther Forum for Parents – Resources

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OPIOIDS – are a class of drug that include heroin, Fentanyl and Pain relievers.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is like morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent. It is a medicine that was used to treat patients with severe pain. It is a drug that is also made in labs and used illegally. Synthetic opioids, including fentanyl are now the most common drugs involved in drug overdose deaths in the U.S.

- In **Santa Barbara County**: The number of opioid-related deaths involving fentanyl specifically **increased** from **6** in 2016 to **65** in 2021.
- When **used illegally**, fentanyl is often **made into pills** that look like other prescription opioids, or in a powder form that can be **smoked**, **injected**, or **ingested**.
- Drug dealers are also mixing fentanyl with other drugs such as: heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine.
- Fentanyl is quickly becoming the drug of choice for young people.
- Fentanyl can lead to a fatal overdose after just one use and is highly addictive
- An overdose can happen when opioid use suppresses breathing in a way that oxygen can't reach vital organs, and the body begins to shut down. It's important to note that an overdose can occur anywhere from 20 minutes to 2 full hours after drug use.
- Common physical and social signs: Fatigue, drowsiness, dark circles under eyes, mood changes such as agitation, change in friends, skipping school, isolating from family and friends.

Santa Barbara county also recently started the **Fentanyl is Forever** campaign:

- They are currently running campaign ads/commercials on radio and TV in both English and Spanish.
- Mrs. Herrera was recently given Fentanyl is Forever posters and she has posted them around campus.
- FentanylisForeverSB: There is a link "Get Naloxone" where families can get information on where they can obtain Narcan for FREE to be mailed to their Santa Barbara County address for FREE.

REFERENCES:

- https://www.fentanylisforeversb.org/
- https://opioidsafetysb.org/
- https://www.countyofsb.org/531/Alcohol-Other-Drugs

