An opioid is a drug that reacts with opioid receptors on the brain, resulting in a euphoria and calming sensation.

**Facts:**

Opioids can be illicit or prescribed, but no matter what, they are dangerous if abused!

- Common Opioids include **HEROIN, OXycodone, FENTANYL, METHADONE, AND MORPHINE**.
- On average, **100 PEOPLE IN THE U.S.** die every day from Opioid abuse.
- **4 OUT OF 5** new Heroin users started off by abusing prescription drugs.
- **OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS** have been increasing since the **LATE 1990’S**, when physicians began prescribing the drug at higher rates than ever.
- **EVERY STATE IN THE UNITED STATES** has seen an increase in Opioid abuse.
  - In 2014, **70%** of people who misused prescription drugs were **WHITE, 20% HISPANIC, AND 10% BLACK**.
  - Most affected by this epidemic are those ages **18 TO 25 YEARS, 26 TO 34 YEARS, AND 45-49 YEARS**.

References/For More Information visit: CDC.gov or DEA.gov