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The Alliance4Kids



FACT SHEET

- ◆ Pilfering is the **NUMBER ONE** source for opioid abuse among youth.
- ◆ 88% of parents surveyed reported failing to keep prescription opioids away from their children in locked containers.
- ◆ Our youth opioid epidemic is growing . . . over **700,000 children** between the ages of 12 and 17 are estimated to begin prescription drug use through **pilfering** each year.
- ◆ The FDA, children’s advocates, and recognized schools of health, like the Johns Hopkins’ Bloomberg School of Public Health have called for **improved packaging of opioids** and other addictive drugs to keep them out of the wrong hands.

- ◆ “Child resistant” vials designed in the 1970s are not effective in preventing pilfering.
- ◆ The average annual cost to maintain an opioid addiction ranges from \$3,500 to \$70,000. The cost of one Emergency Room visit can vary from \$956 – 3,750. Just the cost of drugs used in recovery from opioid addiction can run from **\$5,998 to \$14,112**, according to federal statistics.
- ◆ A lifetime of addiction to opioids can add **\$250,000 or more** to public health care costs.
- ◆ The cost of these updated prescription vials purchased in bulk can run from **\$.84 cents to \$5.95** depending on the supplier.
- ◆ Eliminating pilfering in Oregon could prevent up to 82,000 Oregon teens from initiating abuse, **saving upwards of \$420 million in health care costs, and \$290 million in lost productivity and criminal justice costs to the state’s economy over the next decade.**
- ◆ **It could also save lives!**



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