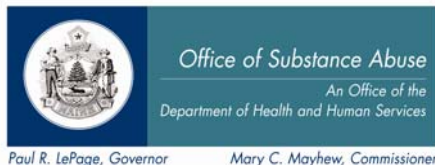


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The Issue in Maine:

- ❑ There were 6,863 OUI arrests in Maine in 2009.
- ❑ There were 42 alcohol-related fatalities on Maine's highways in 2008.
- ❑ A total of 3,571 OUI offenders participated in the DEEP program in SFY 2010.
- ❑ Drug-related deaths have increased dramatically in recent years primarily because of prescription drug abuse. In 1997, there were 34 drug-related deaths; in 2009, there were 179. 80% to 90% of these cases involve a pharmaceutical drug in some way.
- ❑ The number of admissions to substance abuse treatment for prescription opiate addiction went from about 400 in SFY 1998 to above 4000 in SFY 2008.



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The Maine Office of Substance Abuse (OSA) is the single state administrative authority responsible for the planning, development, implementation, regulation, and evaluation of substance abuse services.

The Office provides leadership in substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment. Its goal is to enhance the health and safety of Maine citizens through the reduction of the overall impact of substance use, abuse, and dependency.

Intervention: Targets people at risk or in the early stages of developing substance abuse problems and to minimize future problems.

Intervention Services:

Maine Driver Education and Evaluation Program (DEEP) – provides therapeutic intervention into the cause of the behavior that resulted in an impaired driving offense.

- ❑ DEEP seeks to increase every impaired driver's knowledge regarding the risks of alcohol and drug abuse and to provide insight into his or her own level of risk, and to assess the offender's level of harmful involvement with alcohol and/or other drugs to determine if the offense was an unusual circumstance or if it was the symptom of a larger substance abuse problem.
- ❑ Maine's Risk Reduction Program, Under 21 Program, and PRIME Solutions treatment curriculum make certain that each and every offender is assessed, with the goal of enhancing the safety and well-being of the citizens of the State of Maine.

Maine Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) – OSA administers the state's controlled substances Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). It provides patient specific reports to authorized health care professionals.

- ❑ Over four hundred pharmacies in and out of state are required to report all transactions for controlled substances (DEA Schedule Classes II-IV). These records are stored in a centralized database, in which health care providers can search for patients to determine their prescription histories.
- ❑ Created to prevent and detect prescription drug abuse, the PMP is rapidly becoming a standard health care tool. Nationally, PMPs have been shown to be effective at reducing access to prescription drugs of abuse.

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