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Numbers Served – Substance Abuse Treatment: In FY 2013/2014, 13,872 Tennessee residents were admitted into substance abuse treatment through SAPT Block Grant-funded programs. This data includes detoxification treatment (24 hour care), rehabilitation/residential treatment, ambulatory (outpatient), and opioid replacement therapy.

Tennessee treatment admissions by primary substance of abuse (TEDS, 2014):
- Prescription opioid pain relievers: 30.4%
- Marijuana: 16.0%
- Alcohol with secondary drug: 15.5%
- Alcohol: 13.7%
- Amphetamines: 7.3%
- Cocaine (smoked): 6.1%
- Heroin: 5.0%
- Cocaine (other route): 3.0%

Numbers Served – Substance Abuse Prevention: In FY 2013/2014, 183,537,850 prevention services were provided in Tennessee. Of those, 16,614 were provided using individual-based programs and strategies, and 183,521,236 were provided using population-based programs and strategies.

Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant: The SAPT Block Grant serves as the cornerstone of each State’s substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery system. By statute, 20 percent of the SAPT Block Grant must be dedicated to critical substance abuse prevention services. The grant is allotted to States by a formula based on the overall funding level set by Congress each year. Tennessee received the following SAPT Block Grant allotments for the past four years:
- FY 2016: $31,978,247
- FY 2015: $29,359,704
- FY 2014: $29,340,645
- FY 2013: $27,956,082

Opioid Overdose Deaths
Opioid overdose deaths have been on the rise nationally and in Tennessee.
- 2011 Heroin Deaths: 19 (Unreliable rate)
- 2014 Heroin Deaths: 149 (2.3 per 100,000)
- 2011 Prescription Opioid Deaths: 473 (7.4 per 100,000)
- 2014 Prescription Opioid Deaths: 571 (8.7 per 100,000)