Heroin use is part of a larger substance abuse problem.

Nearly all people who used heroin also used at least 1 other drug.

Most used at least 3 other drugs.

**Heroin** is a highly addictive opioid drug with a high risk of overdose and death for users.

People who are addicted to...

- Alcohol (ALCOHOL)
  - Are 2x more likely to be addicted to heroin.

- Marijuana (MARIJUANA)
  - Are 3x more likely to be addicted to heroin.

- Cocaine (COCAINE)
  - Are 15x more likely to be addicted to heroin.

- Rx Opioid Painkillers
  - Are 40x more likely to be addicted to heroin.

**SOURCE:** National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2011-2013.

Responding to the Heroin Epidemic

**PREVENT People From Starting Heroin**

Reduce prescription opioid painkiller abuse.

Improve opioid painkiller prescribing practices and identify high-risk individuals early.

**REDUCE Heroin Addiction**

Ensure access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT).

Treat people addicted to heroin or prescription opioid painkillers with MAT which combines the use of medications (methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone) with counseling and behavioral therapies.

**REVERSE Heroin Overdose**

Expand the use of naloxone.

Use naloxone, a life-saving drug that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when administered in time.

**SOURCE:** CDC Vitalsigns, July 2015