



Opioid Impacts On Health & Wellbeing

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Physical Impacts

Sedation & Cognitive Dysfunction



Dry Mouth & Tooth Decay



Dependence & Tolerance



Respiratory Depression



Nausea & Constipation



Hepatitis & Low Immune Response



Vein Collapse



Overdose & Death



Increased Sensitivity To Pain



Mental Health Impacts

Difficulty Concentrating



Sadness & Depression



Insomnia & Sleep Issues



Mood Swings



Higher risk for suicide



Anxiety



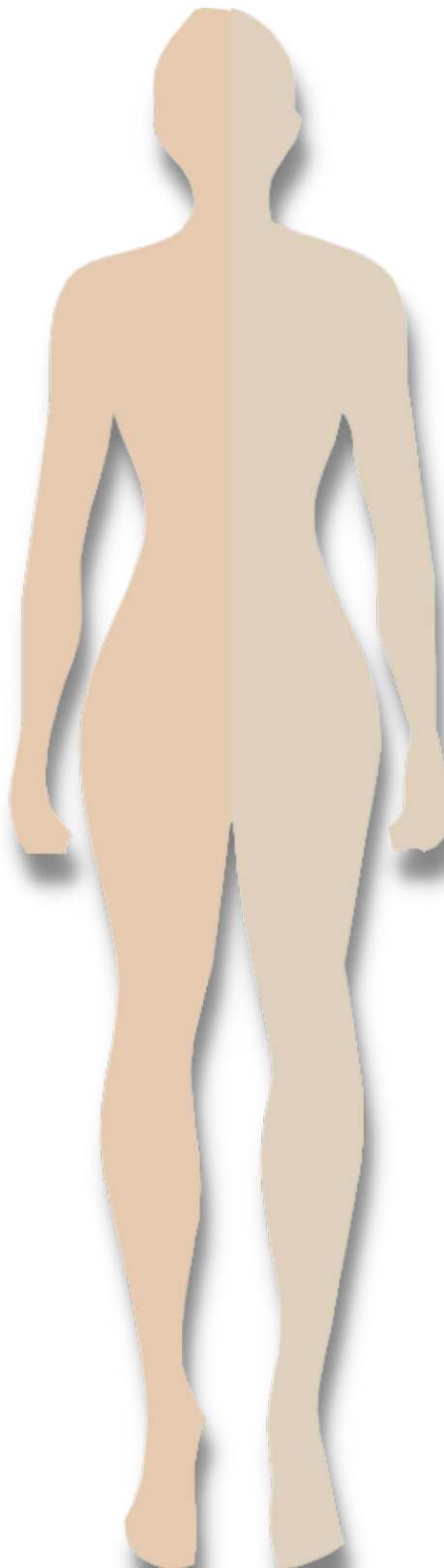
Loss Of Interest



Irritability



Isolation & Loneliness





The Unseen Impacts On Children

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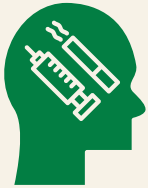
A Growing Crisis



75% MORE opioid-related deaths nationwide from 2015-2020



8.7 MILLION CHILDREN nationwide have a caregiver who suffers from a substance use disorder



1 IN 4 high school seniors have some lifetime exposure to opioids



Suicide is the **3rd** leading cause of death in youth ages 10-24 & in **20%** of deaths by suicide opiates were present



47% of child poisoning deaths involved opioids as the poisoning agent in children aged 5 years & younger



77% of teen overdose deaths were associated with Fentanyl

A Devastating Toll on Children



Every 25 minutes in America, a baby is born suffering from opioid withdrawal, which can mean:

1. Lower Birthweights
2. Respiratory Conditions
3. Feeding Difficulties
4. Seizures
5. Longer Hospital Stays

A Lifelong Impact

Children dealing with traumatic experiences can face social, emotional, physical, and mental health challenges that last into adulthood



Left unaddressed, early childhood adversity can lead to **school failure**, risky behaviors like **alcohol and drug use**, & increased chance of health conditions like **obesity & heart disease**

