Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson

Addressing an Epidemic

Summit on Reducing the Supply of Illegal Opioids in Washington State

In 2015, Drug Overdose Deaths Exceed Motor Vehicle, Firearm Deaths



Addiction On the Rise



Executive Order 16-09

"To reduce the supply of illegal opioids, I have requested, and the Attorney General has agreed to partner with the Washington State Patrol and Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, to convene local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and community partners to develop and recommend strategies."

— Gov. Jay Inslee

Key AGO Opioid Work

- Social and Health Services opioid addiction leading to abuse and neglect
- Labor and Industries Litigating to enforce groundbreaking L&I opioid guidelines
 - Over two dozen health care providers denied from L&I provider network
- And more

The Challenge

- Changing and growing problem
- Fentanyl
- Comprehensive, multidisciplinary response needed

Next Steps

AGO will work with WSP, WAPA, to develop a report out from the content of this summit

 Intended to help Washington policy makers make decisions to reduce opioid abuse
 Recommendations for administrative improvements, legislative changes

Thank you

- AGO Policy Team
- Washington State Patrol
- Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys