



Mission

The mission of the U.S. Attorney's Heroin Education Action Team (USA HEAT) is to reduce the growing harm to Connecticut families and communities caused by heroin/opioid abuse by increasing community understanding of this epidemic. USA HEAT is a partnership between the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut and families who have lost a loved one to an overdose. These courageous moms, dads, brothers, sisters and children share their story in order to help others avoid the grief of losing a family member from this dangerous epidemic.

Heroin, Fentanyl, and other opioids are increasingly available on Connecticut streets, with deadly consequences. The victims of drug addiction and overdose deaths are getting younger. Abuse of these deadly drugs is not limited to any particular socioeconomic group. The increasing incidence of opiate abuse fuels violent and property crime in our communities, stresses our social services network, burdens our healthcare system, and reaches into our schools. Most of all, this scourge is devastating Connecticut families and robbing us of the promise and potential of thousands of our citizens who are enslaved by addiction.

USA HEAT seeks to inform our communities of what we are up against, and what we can do to fight back. Our team members deliver a compelling message, based on the tragedy that they have experienced first-hand. USA HEAT seeks to mobilize our communities to implement a coordinated, effective response to this growing threat. Acting U.S. Attorney Len Boyle and his staff partner with members of the team to deliver a truly powerful message to community groups about the growing heroin epidemic and its real impact on our families.