



*Working to Reduce the Number of Opioid Prescriptions in Kentucky by One-Third by 2025*

June 2021

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**Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS)  
June Newsletter**

**DEA National Take Back Day Results**

The DEA has published state engagement on the previous National Drug Take Back Days. On April 24, 2021, Kentucky:

- Had 75 Law Enforcement organization participate
- Had 54 Collection Sites
- Collected a drug weight of 11,984 pounds

Kentucky has collected a total of 191,212 pounds of drugs since this initiative started! If you are interested in seeing the full report, you can find it here: [DEA Drug Take Back](#)

**Additional Resources on KY SOS Website**

To start and/or further conversations around non-pharmacologic pain treatments, like using a Comfort Menu, use this checklist: <http://www.kentuckysos.com/portals/2/documents/ComfortMenuAlliantQuality.pdf>

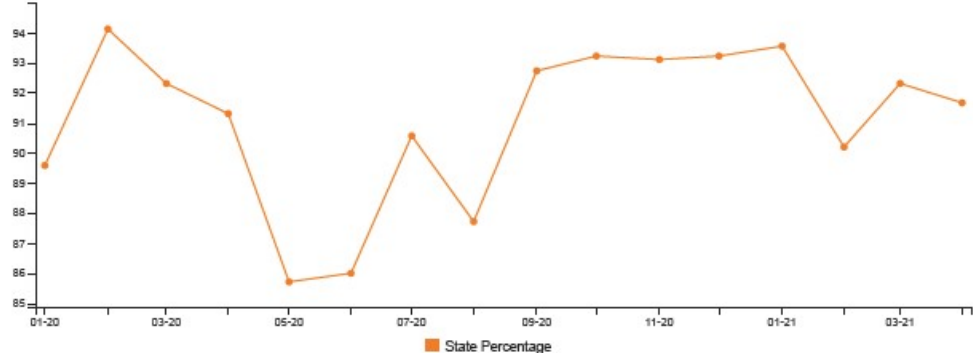
Informational resource to explain risks of opioids and benzodiazepines combination, please visit <http://www.kentuckysos.com/portals/2/documents/Medication-Risk-Alert-Opioids-and-Benzodiazepines.pdf>

All other KY SOS resources can be found at <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Resources>

**Data Update**

Statewide Opioid Stewardship Program  
KY SOS-6 The organization provides non-pharmacologic analgesia.

Percentage Answered Yes



KENTUCKY Cabinet for Health and Family Services



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**KY SOS Metric 6** – The Organization Provides Non-Pharmacologic Analgesia. KY SOS hosted an educational webinar on May 27, presented by UK Healthcare. Dr. Kristy Deep, Cheryl Benze, and Dr. Joy Coles presented this informative webinar on KY SOS metric 6: the organization provides non-pharmacologic analgesia. Listen to the webinar recording and view slides posted on the KY SOS website, [www.kentuckysos.com](http://www.kentuckysos.com) . Click on the Events & Education tab, then go to Presentations & Recordings. Please share with others in your facility.

Dr. Kristy Deep is an internal medicine hospitalist and co-chair of the Opioid Stewardship Committee at UK Healthcare. She is also an active member of the KY SOS Advisory Committee.

Cheryl Benze is a Board Certified Music Therapist and Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Coordinator for UK Healthcare’s Integrative Medicine program.

Dr. Joy Coles is an advanced practice provider and nurse practitioner for UK Healthcare’s Cardiology program. She has been a long standing member of UK Healthcare’s Non-Pharmacologic Analgesia task force and is also a faculty member in the College of Nursing.

If you would like additional information about this webinar or would like to contact the presenters, please contact Emily Henderson, [ehenderson@kyha.com](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com).

KY SOS continues to encourage all facilities to submit their monthly data into KY Quality Counts (KQC). Please continue to report **monthly** data on both the process and outcomes measures. Education and the future of the program are based in part on the data reported. Areas of improvement and areas of success will be highlighted and emphasized as KY SOS continues. If you need assistance with data input or navigation of the KQC data collection system, please contact **Emily Henderson** ([ehenderson@kyha.com](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)) or **Melanie Moch** ([mmoch@kyha.com](mailto:mmoch@kyha.com)).

## The Happenings

### *Upcoming Events/Webinars*

**KY SOS August Webinar** – Jessica Johnson, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist with Robley Rex VA Medical Center, will present *More than Opioid Stewardship: The Overdose Crisis and Health System Care for People Who Use Drugs* on August 18, 11:00 AM EST – 12:00 PM EST.

**Zoom Information:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89452437180?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89452437180?pwd=VkhSMTZjRkxNTzY0c0hJeklQMTN4dz09)

[pwd=VkhSMTZjRkxNTzY0c0hJeklQMTN4dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89452437180?pwd=VkhSMTZjRkxNTzY0c0hJeklQMTN4dz09)

Meeting ID: 894 5243 7180

Passcode: 2501

**KY SOS Webinar** – Mercy Health Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital will present on their peer support specialist program in the emergency department. The date/time will be announced once confirmed.

**For more information, please visit [www.kentuckysos.com](http://www.kentuckysos.com) or contact a KHA staff member to assist.**

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*Missed a webinar? All presentations are recorded and can be found under the events & education link.*