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Jeff Bornstein: Welcome to meet the partner saving lives by understanding the role of the justice system, my name is Jeff bornstein.

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Jeff Bornstein: And i'll be running this dialogue for health web forum with my colleague merlin Tucker we want to thank our partner for today's event the national overdose prevention network.

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Jeff Bornstein: except for those scheduled to speak, all other microphones have been muted to reduce background noise, you can listen to the audio through your computer speakers or connected headphones.

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Jeff Bornstein: We encourage you to share your thoughts and questions about today's event by typing them in the Q amp a box and will answer as many as time allows.

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Jeff Bornstein: click on the Q amp a button located on the zoom control bar at the bottom of your screen the Q amp a panel will appear then type your question and click send.

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Jeff Bornstein: Closed caption is also available just click on the live transcript CC button on the zoom control bar and select the option to view captioning.

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Jeff Bornstein: Now it's time to meet the Moderator of today's event Dr Carmen return of our is Dr Navarro is is the public health institute's senior Vice President of external relations and preventative medicine.

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Jeff Bornstein: The Director of the Center for health leadership and practice and director of dialogue for health for the Public Health Institute, she is also the director of the California opioid prevention network and the national overdose prevention network Carmen it's a pleasure to have you.

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Carmen Nevarez: Thank you so much Jeff and good morning, welcome to our audience today, this is a really interesting meeting that we're going to have.

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Carmen Nevarez: In that we have an opportunity to really look a little bit for moment at what the national overdose prevention network is.

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Carmen Nevarez: And then start to dig down into what is the role of the justice system and overdose prevention and explore effective partnerships within that.

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Carmen Nevarez: Within partnering with that justice system, I think that one of the things we hear really often from folks working across the country is justice system is a very complicated.

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Carmen Nevarez: organization, how do we understand who's really in charge here, how can we build some relationships, who do we go to.

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Carmen Nevarez: Well, today we're going to try to answer some of those questions and try to see if we can get a little bit closer to what we need to know in order to reach the right person at the right time and get them involved in our efforts before we have.

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Carmen Nevarez: problems that we have gotten completely out of control, so next slide please.

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Carmen Nevarez: let's start with a poll to figure out who we actually have in the audience today i'd like you to answer this question, do you already partner with or represent a sector of the justice.

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Carmen Nevarez: system, so your choices are yes, no or I am a member of the justice system and, if you are a member, the justice system,

would you please just in the chat.

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Carmen Nevarez: Just tell us what your role is so that we know who's in the audience and everybody can just have a sense of of who is it who is in this conversation with us.

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Carmen Nevarez: One of the things that we're going to do is we're also going to send you out right now posted in the chat.

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Carmen Nevarez: A brief outline of the parts of the justice system that will be touching on today, and you can download that or just watch that in order to to you know, to keep track with the conversation, this is a.

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Carmen Nevarez: Understanding the justice system is a layered.

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Carmen Nevarez: it's a layered organization with lots of nuance, and so we thought that this would be helpful as a bit of a cheat sheet and understanding the parts that are standing the parties and who you might want to be able to to.

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Carmen Nevarez: to work with, or to understand their work a little bit better so let's bring up the results of the poll.

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Carmen Nevarez: Okay, so we have three members of the justice system actually with us today, and hopefully we've got some sense of who they are in the.

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Carmen Nevarez: In the chat please feel free if you don't have to say your name just you know what part you're involved in.

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Carmen Nevarez: And I think that that what this poll tells us is that

we have a really long way to go in this conversation, to see if there's some some new ways that we could think of.

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Carmen Nevarez: In in partnering with justice understanding what Justice does and and really figuring out.

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Carmen Nevarez: How we can get more work done productively and really looking at all of the Members, our Community and make sure that we are that we're reaching as many people as possible.

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Carmen Nevarez: So for a second here let's talk about nope and let's go to the next slide so nothing is the national overdose prevention network and what we're here to do is to really support you in what you are trying to do at your local community level back in.

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Carmen Nevarez: Our team here at Public Health Institute Center for health leadership and practice launched a statewide forum for all coalition's organizations and individuals working to fight opioids in California.

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Carmen Nevarez: Through that work, we were able to build a successful learning network that's now serving 33 million Californians here's what we've learned.

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Carmen Nevarez: we've learned that in order to be successful working at the Community level trying to find opioids and overdose issues.

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Carmen Nevarez: That it takes very strong partnerships that stopping overdose deaths requires collaboration with key partners from your community and one of those key partners is justice that it involves leveraging assets that you already have in your community.

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Carmen Nevarez: If you want better results from your efforts, bring together your local leaders your local community members all of your

local community institutions.

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Carmen Nevarez: In order to implement Community driven initiatives that are also aligned with evidence based practices, it really matters to work across sectors by bringing everybody to the table.

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Carmen Nevarez: And finally, always adopt what works you don't have to invent everything new we really.

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Carmen Nevarez: We really focus on the key evidence strategies for overdose prevention prevent manage treat and stop you'll see this framework and much of what we talked about much fully present to you.

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Carmen Nevarez: So this network is something that we're making available nationally, we hope that you continue to participate in these conversations, as we go forward and.

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Carmen Nevarez: And and bring in some partners and bring in thoughtful discussions and, hopefully, can you know can continue to amplify the work that you are already trying to do in your communities.

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Carmen Nevarez: So it is my pleasure now to introduce our speaker today Cindy Cypriot each ad was an assistant US Attorney at the office of the US Attorney for southern district of California.

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Carmen Nevarez: keeping in mind that her position currently has heard developing partnerships and programs that further the US Department.

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Carmen Nevarez: of justice mission to prevent crime and enforce federal laws she's The co chair of San diego's multi disciplinary.

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Carmen Nevarez: feeling coalition which works across sectors to raise

public awareness and and the vicious cycle of addiction overdose deaths and we'll get a chance to hear some of those stories today, she also leads the juvenile smuggling prevention team and.

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Carmen Nevarez: As a That was a collaboration that the Attorney General selected as.

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Carmen Nevarez: Outstanding contributions to Community partnership for public safety.

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Carmen Nevarez: In addition, she's organized numerous events and efforts to address targeted violence and hate incidents earning the anti defamation league's Sherwood prize for Community engagement work combating hate.

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Carmen Nevarez: Cindy understands the legal system from a number of perspectives since she's worked as a staff to Ohio State legislature and in the US House of Representatives.

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Carmen Nevarez: She litigated for nearly a decade in the private sector, but for the last 23 years has worked in the office of the US Attorney.

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Carmen Nevarez: she's held several senior management positions, including the deputy chief of the civil division executive assistant to the US Attorney and first assistant to the US Attorney so with that I welcome Cindy to our conversation today.

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Carmen Nevarez: Good morning Sunday.

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Cindy Cipriani: morning Carmen it's a pleasure to be here with all of you.

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Carmen Nevarez: yeah Thank you so much, so let's start with this you're an assistant US Attorney for the office of the US Attorney tell us a little bit about yourself and the role that you play in this capacity in the intersection of the justice system and addiction.

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Cindy Cipriani: So I am actually from Ohio I know you have some ohioans out there who are participating in this and went to Ohio State work to the Ohio legislature.

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Cindy Cipriani: Following my undergrad degree and then move to Washington, where I got my law degree at georgetown and worked on Capitol Hill.

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Cindy Cipriani: And then came out to California, so I was in for a number of years in the civil division.

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Cindy Cipriani: But in about 2011 I was asked by the US Attorney to join her executive office staff and I became third in command of the US attorney's office and then second in command.

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Cindy Cipriani: And around that time, President Obama was in office, and he really wanted to emphasize, not just prosecuting and finally charges.

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Cindy Cipriani: But finding ways to prevent crime finding ways to solve problems and collaborate with Community partners so toward that end I did become involved, because the opioid crisis was just starting to really reach.

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Cindy Cipriani: into the national conversation, and people are starting to understand the roots of that problem, and then they turn extent of that problem.

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Cindy Cipriani: I did reach out to local partners and realize, there was an opioid coalition right here in San Diego I didn't need to reinvent the wheel and just needed to connect with those folks and it was a far ranging coalition.

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Cindy Cipriani: That represented public health medical examiner's office, the district attorney D, a number of local police officers and departments, including the Sheriff.

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Cindy Cipriani: And the local police, as well as prevention and treatment professionals, so it was a perfect vehicle to engage in conversation and collaboration and I became very active in the coalition.

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Cindy Cipriani: And ultimately started co chairing the coalition about five years ago, so it's been it's been I think i'm very thirsty for it, for me, I have.

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Cindy Cipriani: Someone with opioid addiction in my family it's a very personal issue for me, and I think I have a very real understanding of what the problem is and how complex the problem is and how important partnerships are to solving a problem.

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Carmen Nevarez: Thank you that's that's.

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Carmen Nevarez: that's good to hear that you're grounded in the theory of five partnerships are so critical.

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Carmen Nevarez: i'd like you now to kind of walk us through the justice system it's complex, most of us understand don't understand what the parts are and what the parts doing, myself included, so I very much like it if you talk about the.

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Carmen Nevarez: The real the parts.



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Carmen Nevarez: The relationships between those parts and maybe some opportunities for potentials and we'll dive into that a little bit more, but that's kind of the way i'd like you to set this up and I just want to remind the audience that in the chat.

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Carmen Nevarez: There is a document that you can download or you can just click on and it'll give you a little bit of an outline it'll help us to follow, along with what Cindy was going to talk about okay Cindy your turn.

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Cindy Cipriani: Right, this may be a bit of a long answer, but i'm going to give you a quick run through so many people, for example, starting with us attorney's office, many people don't really understand what the US Attorney does and what's different.

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Cindy Cipriani: what's the difference between the US Attorney and the district attorney so the US Attorney prosecutes federal crimes, there are 93 us attorneys.

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Cindy Cipriani: throughout the country they are nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate and in their district.

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Cindy Cipriani: They are the key the chief law enforcement officer so FBI DEA DHS all of those law enforcement agencies well they don't necessarily report up through the US Attorney The US has the final say.

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Cindy Cipriani: On when to prosecute what charges to bring with the media strategy or appropriate media responses on high profile cases.

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Cindy Cipriani: The US Attorney is is the convening voice for all the law enforcement executives and speaks for the administration from a law enforcement standpoint.

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Cindy Cipriani: And works closely with law enforcement partners on the local level, including the district attorney so in a given case, it may be that the US Attorney and the district attorney decide who should prosecute.

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Cindy Cipriani: In some cases they both prosecute, for example in the case involving the synagogue shooting here in Poway California.

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Cindy Cipriani: Both the US Attorney and the district attorney our family charges and they work very closely together on issues like overdose prevention.

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Cindy Cipriani: We have, for example, a team that evaluates overdose deaths and we try to go after the High Level dealers who are peddling the point the poisonous Sentinel.

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Cindy Cipriani: on our streets and we collaborate with district attorney on all of those cases so it's important when you do reach out.

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Cindy Cipriani: To more enforcement to keep both the US Attorney prosecuting federal clients and the district attorney prosecuting state crimes at the county level in mind.

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Cindy Cipriani: And the US Attorney is also connected to the broader DOJ justice system and that comes into play in the context of overdose prevention and addiction in numerous ways.

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Cindy Cipriani: One agency that's very important to this effort is the office of national drug control policy and you'll sometimes hear that often referred to as the White House drugs are.

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Cindy Cipriani: But basically, that office is the Office for the administration, the coordinates all of the policies of the administration that affect.

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Cindy Cipriani: overdose that affect addiction that affect drug use drug policy, the criminal justice aspects and the treatment aspects.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they also provide a great deal of funding for prevention, as well as law enforcement.

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Cindy Cipriani: So it's very important understand what that offices and how to connect to that office and the US Attorney can be a vehicle that offers a connection to that office.

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Cindy Cipriani: Part of that office is the high intensity drug trafficking area designation we refer to that as title.

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Cindy Cipriani: And height of provides a great deal of funding in local areas to prevention and to law enforcement.

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Cindy Cipriani: So, for example, haida is the entity that helps us put on every two years and opioid conference it's a regional conference that brings in people from all throughout the Western Region.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they help us basically provide voice to all different aspects and perspectives.

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Cindy Cipriani: They also have a funded prevention person in heighten that is a very important person at your coalition, if your area happens to be in a heightened.

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Cindy Cipriani: area you definitely want to contact the Member of heightened who serves and a prevention capacity.

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Cindy Cipriani: They also work on really groundbreaking programs, for example, one of the programs we're working to implement here in San Diego.

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Cindy Cipriani: And i'll discuss this later, when we talk about examples of important partnerships is something called OD maps and ot maps is a way to basically find out in real time when there's an overdose cluster that.

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Cindy Cipriani: Public health and that law enforcement and that prevention and treatment professionals need to know about and respond to.

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Cindy Cipriani: So haida is incredibly important, and one of the areas that oh Wendy CP is focused on that I think just take some new significance in today's climate.

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Cindy Cipriani: is putting out the administration's drug policies and they recently did introduce a document and disseminate the Bible administration's drug control policies and these policies.

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Cindy Cipriani: are very far ranging they don't just focus on law enforcement, they look at treatment they look at prevention, and I think what we see in these policies is a huge focus on diversion.

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Cindy Cipriani: Whenever possible and also harm reduction they're greatly changed from the prior administration in a way that I think.

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Cindy Cipriani: Many public health professionals will will appreciate, and I think they're sending a signal that they this administration wants to collaborate.

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Cindy Cipriani: wants to be a part of partnerships that are about prevention and treatment and harm reduction, so it's important to keep in mind.

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Cindy Cipriani: Those policies and the personnel that are available to assist local coalition's and public health leaders when they're working to put those policies in place.

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Cindy Cipriani: Alright, so next i'm going to talk a little bit about DOJ.

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Cindy Cipriani: So DOJ many people don't appreciate the US attorney's offices under the US Department of Justice, so of course that's headed by Attorney General merrick Garland.

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Cindy Cipriani: Also part of DOJ, you have the Community oriented policing service, and you have FBI DEA there are number of different segments they're very important in law enforcement and important to coalition's that are under DOJ.

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Cindy Cipriani: And you also have the Bureau of justice, assistance and the office of justice programs, and the reason they are important, is that DOJ administers huge grants and i'm sure some of you have been involved in.

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Cindy Cipriani: Attempting to get grants it's important to know when you do apply for to Jay grant.

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Cindy Cipriani: And that's worth a big books are right there they're hhs France that fund overdose prevention programs but they're also DOJ France that fun diversion programs.

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Cindy Cipriani: That fund efforts by local police departments and local communities to engage in partnerships to avoid drug overdoses and for example there's a huge opioid grant that was open.

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Cindy Cipriani: In June, and there was a lot of money on the table, and I was getting emails from DC saying, can you please interest people in this grant we're not getting that many applications.

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Cindy Cipriani: So it's a great opportunity to fund the work that you're doing and it's important to know that when it comes to DOJ grants.

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Cindy Cipriani: The US attorney's office can't write those grants can submit them can't endorse you.

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Cindy Cipriani: But they can talk about the fact that they're involved in a coalition partnership with you, they can write a factual letter.

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Cindy Cipriani: You can submit with your grant and those can be very important for DOJ when they're evaluating grant application so I encourage you to look at the money on the table, go to france.gov.

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Cindy Cipriani: and get an idea of what the grant programs are that are out there and also don't be afraid to contact your your local us attorney's office to discuss the grants that you're interested in applying for.

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Cindy Cipriani: So that basically covers DOJ I will say usually and use us attorney's office if you're interested in partnering with US Attorney.

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Cindy Cipriani: Most us attorney's office, especially in large districts, we are in an extra large district that happens to be in a

border area where fentanyl is is basically coming in through that gateway.

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Cindy Cipriani: So we have a lot of resources here devoted to prevention, and when I say a lot that means me and one staffer and another partner.

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Cindy Cipriani: assistant US Attorney devoted to that, but usually you'll have at least part of someone in an office who's devoted to prevention.

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Cindy Cipriani: So do content your us attorney's office find out who the prevention person is a find out who the law enforcement coordinator is, they are often interested in partnering with the Community as well.

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Cindy Cipriani: and find out who the messaging person is this may be that you want to get the US Attorney as a convening voice to speak out.

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Cindy Cipriani: On an issue and an adventure having will bring more local attention to the issue will bring media to the issue and that can be.

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Cindy Cipriani: A way to start partnering with us attorney's office so that's pretty much it for that I think the federal folks.

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Cindy Cipriani: It through the Department of Justice DOJ also has prevention personnel DOJ has wonderful programs i'm sorry DEA has wonderful programs they actually have a virtual curriculum on the science of addiction in the brain.

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Cindy Cipriani: That basically they're rolling out schools here they're doing it in partnership with the San Diego county of

education.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it was fantastic during Kobe because teachers were looking for that kind of contact.

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Cindy Cipriani: content, and it was all set up to be really within line for critical thinking for common core standards it's a wonderful product that you may want to know about if you're engaged on the prevention and and in your schools and to be partnering with the EA.

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Cindy Cipriani: Turning next to.

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Cindy Cipriani: Drug enforcement agency Homeland Security investigations those folks are involved, they know what drugs are in your Community they're keeping track of.

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Cindy Cipriani: How much federal agencies and your Community how much methods been seized in your Community they can give you an idea.

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Cindy Cipriani: Of what the real problem is on the street, and here we have a collaborative effort with our Community folks and our DEA and hsi partners to basically keep track of what's happening.

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Cindy Cipriani: on the street, and so the medical examiner knows the folks who are working in er know the folks who are.

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Cindy Cipriani: In the 911 emergency services understand what the drugs are that are on the street that partnership can be really important to understanding what you're looking at from a public health perspective.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it can help you with with messaging and prevention



as well Homeland Security investigations, this is not under Dr o'shea that is actually an entity that's under DHS.

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Cindy Cipriani: They are working very closely with DEA and with our office to prosecute.

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Cindy Cipriani: Especially a federal crimes and and major meth searches that are coming across the border those end up those drugs come through California, but they end up in your communities as well.

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Cindy Cipriani: And so it's important to know that those resources are out there and their voices out there, that you can use.

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Cindy Cipriani: to amplify what you're seeing in your community and to help message so, for example, last week we had a training program for media, and that was a partnership through the district attorney.

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Cindy Cipriani: Our office DEA and hsi public health participated in that as well, and we basically trained reporters.

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Cindy Cipriani: On the nature extent of the problem, what fentanyl is what synthetic penicillin ones are the kinds of overdose numbers we're seeing how they're skyrocketing.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it was really an important effort, because many reporters come to these stories without having the full background.

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Cindy Cipriani: And so, this was designed to give them the scientific background the law enforcement context public health context.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it's just one example of how a successful partnership can work together with the justice system.

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Cindy Cipriani: To message into basically alert the Community about what the problem is and to provide more effective stories and more effective.

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Cindy Cipriani: Hopefully messages that are going out to the Community about what they need to be avoiding, particularly when you have counterfeit pills that many people are taking without recognizing.

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Cindy Cipriani: That fentanyl is least within those pills okay so turning to the district attorney's office and what you're seeing at the county level.

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Cindy Cipriani: As they said the district attorney's offices is involved in prosecuting overdose deaths here in San Diego.

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Cindy Cipriani: But they also are doing that in a number of other communities throughout the country if your district attorney.

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Cindy Cipriani: offices not pursuing overdose deaths or your us attorney's office is not pursuing those deaths and that's something you would like to pursue asked for a meeting.

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Cindy Cipriani: and get that point across I think people are really concerned about not going after co users you don't want to be prosecuting.

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Cindy Cipriani: For an overdose death with with potential murder or distribution, resulting in death charges somebody who is a Co user who happened to give a pill to or give.

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Cindy Cipriani: A drug to somebody who's a Co user somebody who's a

substance has a substance use disorder.

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Cindy Cipriani: What we're looking at in these cases is to go after the major dealers to follow the drugs, for example, the counterfeit put pills that are killing people.

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Cindy Cipriani: To get to the source of that supplying disrupt that supply and also work our way up to the major dealer who's supplying multiple dealers with poisonous counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl.

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Cindy Cipriani: So those actual charges can be an important way to get the deterrence message across into disrupt that supply.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it's important to craft those programs carefully and we have a very thoughtful district attorney summer stephens here in San Diego.

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Cindy Cipriani: Who is really crafting a very careful deliberate and considered approach and we work in partnership with her, so what else does the district attorney's office to.

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Cindy Cipriani: Well, that is really the front lines for your diversion program we have excellent diversion programs here at veterans diversion Program.

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Cindy Cipriani: A mental health diversion program numerous drug courts here in San Diego I think those are very common in courts across the country but it's something to.

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Cindy Cipriani: To basically consider a partnership with your district attorney's Office, if you have concerns about the way the district districts diversion program is going.

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Cindy Cipriani: it's important to potentially you know, have a voice into that to be inviting the district attorney into your coalition into your partnership so you can have.

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Cindy Cipriani: conversations about that, and all of that is taking place here in San Diego and those are important conversations to have.

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Cindy Cipriani: The district attorney is also an incredibly important messaging voice, she is often the main points because she handles.

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Cindy Cipriani: Many, many, many more cases both misdemeanors and felonies than the US attorney's.

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Cindy Cipriani: Office does the US Attorney is looking at big high impact cases where there's either a federal charge something that's crossing state lines.

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Cindy Cipriani: or something that involves the US border, which obviously my offices in San Diego is handling a lot of.

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Cindy Cipriani: Most cases or going to go to the State they're going to involve state charges and go to the district attorney who's going to be prosecuting those.

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Cindy Cipriani: So it is an important voice to have at the table it's an important voice for convening and messaging as well and it's where a lot of the work gets done.

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Cindy Cipriani: Now most district attorney's offices, they they will have a number of different people that you can contact.

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Cindy Cipriani: Many of them do have prevention and outreach professionals our district attorney's office has a number of Community prosecutors.

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Cindy Cipriani: These are people who are responsible for developing Community partnerships they don't prosecute cases anymore.

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Cindy Cipriani: She also has a prevention person that does nothing but prevention and work on partnerships.

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Cindy Cipriani: and facilitating those partnerships, in addition, the chief of her narcotics unit has been incredibly involved is has been involved in.

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Cindy Cipriani: Getting the overdose prosecutions off the ground incredibly involved in our coalition as a voice in the presence that our coalition involved in prevention programs for youth is planning a youth summit.

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Cindy Cipriani: On opioids in particular this fall and I think that's an important voice, you know to be having at the table and and to be connecting with.

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Cindy Cipriani: The district attorney's office is also conduit really to all of law enforcement in your county.

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Cindy Cipriani: So basically she is working with all of your local police agencies and also the Sheriff in your county for areas that are unincorporated.

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Cindy Cipriani: And the way that breaks down many people don't have a full understanding of when do I go to the Sheriff when when I go to the local police agency.

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Cindy Cipriani: If you have areas of your area your particular area that is our unincorporated where they don't have a city government those areas will be controlled for law enforcement purposes by the Sheriff.

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Cindy Cipriani: The sheriff is a very, very important partner to have at the table in our district, the Sheriff in San Diego was the very first law enforcement entity in California, to be carrying the locks have.

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Cindy Cipriani: Trained all of every single one of its deputies to carry the locks and the US know oxen before that was widespread, they also are involved in take back days which DEA coordinates.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they are doing take back all your loan, they have a been at the sheriff's station and if their stations throughout the county.

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Cindy Cipriani: Where they are taking back drugs that you do not want kept in your medicine cabinet, I think all of us have seen that one way.

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Cindy Cipriani: To make our home safer to make our Community safer is to minimize access to drugs and the Sheriff in our district is paying playing a very important role.

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Cindy Cipriani: In that efforts many sheriff's departments do have prevention professionals, or at least one person, a few people who are deputies, who are engaged in prevention.

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Cindy Cipriani: And who will be very useful in your efforts so definitely reach out to the sheriff's reach out to your local police agencies as well, many of them are engaged in professional.

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Cindy Cipriani: Intervention or have a local captain, that you can rely on if you're having an event and that you need a police presence at that event or messaging at that event.

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Cindy Cipriani: And i'm sure they're all very concerned about and share your concerns about overdose prevention, about the drugs they're seeing on the street about the addiction problem.

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Cindy Cipriani: I will say across law enforcement, there has been a much greater effort to increase understanding about the nature of addiction to reduce the stigma.

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Cindy Cipriani: associated with addiction, so I think it's important for both sides to have an open mind about what the other side has to say and I think that they are you know very.

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Cindy Cipriani: Open minded about collaborating with prevention, treatment professionals discussing new ways to handle things that.

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Cindy Cipriani: won't increase the population of substance users in prison but we'll find another way towards prevention and for treatment.

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Cindy Cipriani: across the country there are law enforcement lead diversion programs I know they have a great program in New England where they're actually.

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Cindy Cipriani: Rather than law enforcement working to get people who are overdosing and who are experiencing in a severe.

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Cindy Cipriani: drug dependency problems into treatment they're working with pure coordinators pure navigators.

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Cindy Cipriani: And cancers and assigning every single person to a peer counselor and that person is getting the person into treatment because, law enforcement, may be the first one to identify the problem.

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Cindy Cipriani: may not be the best way to get the person into treatment because of sometimes just trust, so there are all kinds of creative law enforcement approaches.

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Cindy Cipriani: That can be brought to bear on this problem, and I will say that you know from what i've seen.

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Cindy Cipriani: Law enforcement those folks on the street, they they care about community policing they care about the people and the public safety in their communities and they're very open minded to partnering with you.

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Cindy Cipriani: So don't hesitate to to reach out and talk about what they can do to help oftentimes money is an issue.

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Cindy Cipriani: And sometimes there are grants at the State level or at the county level that can help at least see the Program.

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Cindy Cipriani: and get it off the ground and again you've got those to jake France that are out there as well.

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Cindy Cipriani: If they're experienced prevention people and grant writers that can partner with law enforcement.

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Cindy Cipriani: I know many times, law enforcement, definitely has the interest and get getting the money show me the money right but they



don't have the resources to write the grant.

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Cindy Cipriani: So it's another great opportunity for a partnership that can involve prevention and treatment and county professionals potentially.

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Cindy Cipriani: writing a grant opportunity or an NGO writing a grant opportunity in partnership with law enforcement, some of these grants are only open to public agencies, but that doesn't mean they can't partnership with NGOs and treatment professionals and getting that grant off the ground.

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Cindy Cipriani: So, other ways that we've seen a police take action are the overdose death investigations I prevention outreach and naloxone and harm reduction.

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Cindy Cipriani: They can be very, very important to those efforts I think it's much more common now to have the locks on administered by law enforcement all throughout the country.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they can also be instrumental in letting people know about no luck so so we now have agents federal agents who show up at a death scene to investigate.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they're going to try to find out who else has taken the same pills that this person overdosed on.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they're going to try to reach out to those people and get them information on treatment and get them the locks out.

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Cindy Cipriani: Because the best indication of a future overdoses the past overdose and if you know somebody is taking fentanyl pills or drugs least within.

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Cindy Cipriani: You know their risk of overdose and you want to try to get them to lock some law enforcement can be an important part of of that effort not just saving the person who has overdosed for reaching out to others.

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Cindy Cipriani: Tonight i'm going to turn to the very local level and talk about what the city attorney does in some communities where you've seen decriminalization occur and that's happened here in San Diego.

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Cindy Cipriani: With a proposition 47 passing we basically saw a number of possession crimes which would have been felonies turned into misdemeanors.

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Cindy Cipriani: Now many in the Community cheer about, and you know, for good reason, right, we want to see people go into treatment, we don't want to see people with substance use disorder, who are struggling.

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Cindy Cipriani: Basically, be faced with prison terms for a felony and that's going to disrupt their life it's going to disrupt their job it's going to put them on a worst half than they were before.

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Cindy Cipriani: And we all recognize that the frustration is for law enforcement, we see people who ordinarily would have been into tree then put into treatment by the Court, who are now not facing a felony and.

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Cindy Cipriani: Therefore, not interested in treatment at all, and what we saw here in San Diego was.

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Cindy Cipriani: An number of people who were cycling in and out of this demeanor misdemeanor misdemeanor homelessness misdemeanor homelessness misdemeanor.

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Cindy Cipriani: They kept going through charge after church after church, the city attorney was freeing because the city attorney is the one that is bringing the misdemeanor charges for the most part.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they weren't getting better it was overwhelming the system it wasn't healthy for law enforcement, the system or for the person, it was not efficient.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it wasn't producing a positive result, and so our city attorney adopted a number of different diversion programs.

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Cindy Cipriani: That were designed, particularly with math, which is the biggest problem we're seeing on our streets right now, when that was decriminalized small amounts of meth words decriminalized.

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Cindy Cipriani: Basically, the city attorney was seeing this repetitive cycling problem.

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Cindy Cipriani: and adopted or number of programs that now have been in place long enough to see they're working people are getting into treatment.

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Cindy Cipriani: And the treatment programs are designed to get them customized counseling customized access to housing to basically take them off the street and get them the resources they need and many ways, what we hear is first housing.

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Cindy Cipriani: For homeless population get them into housing and get them into treatment get them the customized resources and case management and you will see a positive change.

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Cindy Cipriani: So the city attorney is very important to that effort, and if you are seeing to criminalization and a number of people cycling through.

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Cindy Cipriani: it's important, I think, to bring the city attorney into the conversation i'm sure they're happy those conversations.

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Cindy Cipriani: As well with both law enforcement and with the courts and for the Community and for treatment professionals to be part of that conversation I think it's important.

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Cindy Cipriani: So that really takes care, I think of most of the just the justice to permit overview you've got the city, the county the feds.

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Cindy Cipriani: you've got law enforcement and also prevention professionals pretty much within those agencies who are, I think, ready to partner open to partnering.

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Cindy Cipriani: Sometimes they lack resources, but the hardest in the right place and they're open to having conversations and to working with you and finding better ways to do things and ways to accomplish more through partnerships.

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Carmen Nevarez: Oh, thank you very much for that Cindy that is just such a.

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Carmen Nevarez: Such a good example of both being able to lay out what is a very complex system with many, many layers and.

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Carmen Nevarez: You know, and something that really provides a lot of confusion for people that are trying to figure out how to navigate.

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Carmen Nevarez: How to find the right partner, how to how to touch the right person in the right agency who's at the right time, who can help them with their with their local issue so i'm going to just start.

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Carmen Nevarez: By asking you a question about how would you advise people to go about finding the right branch of government, the right agency, the right office to help them with the local problem, how do you, what do you do to get started navigating that.

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Cindy Cipriani: You know I think it's a really different depending on what the issue is but let's let's say, the issue is opioids and opioids in your Community I probably would reach out to the US attorney's office.

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Cindy Cipriani: And to the district attorney's office to start and, depending on what you're trying to accomplish if you're trying to accomplish, for example, a diversion Program.

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Cindy Cipriani: Those are the folks who are going to be placing people in diversion the decision about whether it have a diversion program how to.

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Cindy Cipriani: have to basically form the diversion program what the protocol is going to be for the diversion program that's going to be up to the prosecuting entity, for the most part.

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Cindy Cipriani: They are going to be working with many times the court with Defense counsel with with the various we have here in the federal system pretrial services that runs our diversion Program.

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Cindy Cipriani: So they are going to be working with multiple partners, but we do have conversations about how to structure those programs.

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Cindy Cipriani: When it comes to getting a message across, say you want to have an event and you really want to be.

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Cindy Cipriani: Getting some press for that event it's going to make a difference if you have the da or the US Attorney speaking at that event or the police chief speaking at that event.

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Cindy Cipriani: In that case, you would want to be contacting the public information officer, the public affairs director.

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Cindy Cipriani: and basically getting that person to the event and sometimes the event and that contact is what starts the partnership going, I believe that one of the first things I did with.

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Cindy Cipriani: With Laura Duffy was to an opioid Awareness Day, create a program where we went into schools and the media came into schools with us and that brought attention to.

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Cindy Cipriani: People that that was an issue of US Attorney cared about and people started reaching out to us, so we can have a I think a cumulative cascading effect.

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Cindy Cipriani: To have the US Attorney and or the district attorney involved in your events, it creates that initial connection.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it's basically an opportunity for them to get their message out there it's an opportunity for them to become more widely known by their community.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it's an opportunity for you to increase the the audience that's going to hear your event so looking at the prevention professional.

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Cindy Cipriani: And the the public affairs for public information officer is always a great way to connect also in many us attorney's offices all US attorney's offices, they actually now have.

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Cindy Cipriani: An opioid coordinator, so if you're looking for someone to provide a speech, maybe not the US Attorney but someone from the office provide a speech on opioids or to get you information.

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Cindy Cipriani: On what the nature extent of the problem is in your district or to get it to coordinate with you, with broader DOJ agency is the opioid coordinator in every us attorney's office would be able to assist with that.

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Carmen Nevarez: Well, those are good starts and hopefully it helps us to think a little bit about just what's the what is that first step and and how do you how do you maybe make them.

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Carmen Nevarez: make it more informative and less.

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Carmen Nevarez: How would I say this, and an engagement happened that is less around.

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Carmen Nevarez: Bringing the COPs down on a crime, but more about getting the resources and understanding about what the resources are that are out there and getting that relationship going it's a different it's a different tactic.

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Carmen Nevarez: it's a different it's really a different it's a different path that you would follow so so talk a little bit, first of all let me thank the audience for coming up with some really good.

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Carmen Nevarez: really good questions and i'm integrating them into

this into the list that i've already got.

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Carmen Nevarez: And also just want to do a little shout out to let everybody know we've got a lot of different folks from different parts of the country involved in this conversation so we're trying to keep it.

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Carmen Nevarez: as high as we can in the discussion all at the same time not being so high that it doesn't make any sense at the local level.

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Carmen Nevarez: So talk a little bit about the kinds of data that are available to the public that the justice to that, the Justice Department collects How would you go about finding out what that data is and how do you how do you make it useful to the Community low.

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Cindy Cipriani: have to say, the Justice farm it isn't always great about real time data release it gets.

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Cindy Cipriani: For example, when it comes to our charges, we generally will release information that shows how much, for example, fentanyl and pencil charges have increased from your year we don't always talk about the number of those charges or the number of dependence prosecuted.

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Cindy Cipriani: For some reason that is viewed as more like kind of law enforcement sensitive but I will say that.

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Cindy Cipriani: The information that I think is so important for the Community to get that you can get from DOJ is seizure information.

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Cindy Cipriani: So you want to know to really evaluate what is the problem in your Community you know methods that opioids what what's on the street.



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Cindy Cipriani: That information can be usually obtained from ta and you may have to you know.

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Cindy Cipriani: search around a bit find the best way to get that information I would start with the public information officer, because they will deal with requests oftentimes from the public or the prevention professional.

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Cindy Cipriani: But they can tell you, for example, what's been released in your state how much fentanyl has been seized in your state How does that compare to the year before.

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Cindy Cipriani: How much method has been seized and have a second period of the year before we also look at what's been seized over the border, because obviously we're a gateway for a lot of the drugs coming across from Mexico.

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Cindy Cipriani: And that is a huge indicator for us and we look at the fentanyl that's been seized and the border, if you were going to map.

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Cindy Cipriani: The fennel overdoses against the increase in mental seizures if that does to mass would correlate.

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Cindy Cipriani: what's coming across the border when that increases, we are so much better we're really good at disrupting the supply and getting a lot of the drugs when they cross the border we don't get every load.

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Cindy Cipriani: And so Fred loads to get through the seizures are some indication of what the cartels are trying to get across and the loads that do get through tend to coordinate.

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Cindy Cipriani: With the with the overdose level, so those are stats you can get from justice if you want to know what the death star in your community.

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Cindy Cipriani: Those are usually a public safety function, not necessarily law enforcement, but can be obtained from the county so the DHS office would be a way to get that from that you're not just going to be.

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Cindy Cipriani: Joe john doe calling the medical examiner yourself right, but if you call the prevention person at the DEA sophos they might be able to collaborate with you to get those numbers out.

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Cindy Cipriani: I think all of California and really across the country, people are trying to do a better job at getting out real data real information in real time that the Community can act on.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it is an ongoing work in progress, though, to get that information so depending on the information that you're looking for, I would say the DEA is the office is a good place to start that medical examiner's office, the US attorney's office at least hopefully can point you in the direction.

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Carmen Nevarez: It makes a huge difference to communities to have real numbers to to help educate other folks in their communities about what's going on and where they need to look and.

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Carmen Nevarez: And what the prevention strategies need to be for their community, so let me, let me ask you a little bit about could you could you walk us through.

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Carmen Nevarez: The case of illicit fentanyl we know it's got the potential to kill and it takes many unsuspecting unsuspecting lives but.

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Carmen Nevarez: In the situation we have counterfeit tells talk a little bit about what the role the different roles are of the local folks that county folks the the fence what What role does each each part of government have to plan that.

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Cindy Cipriani: So the feds of the border are trying to find those pills right and those pills can be secretive and a number of ways in their teeny teeny tiny pills, and so.

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Cindy Cipriani: You know, there are a number of pedestrian crossers who have different you know bags of pills stacked in different parts of their bodies and we.

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Cindy Cipriani: Ultimately, prosecuted, a woman her name was she was actually called the drug llama.

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Cindy Cipriani: because she had so many incidents, by the time we we caught her, she had come across numerous times and we estimated she probably got 450,000 counterfeit pills across so at the border.

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Cindy Cipriani: The border professionals, that the Customs and Border Protection are working with Homeland Security investigations.

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Cindy Cipriani: To basically to prosecute those cases, we take those cases for prosecution.

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Cindy Cipriani: And then we're going to work their way up along with the DEA and try to figure out who are contact is with Mexico, tried to bring charges against the individual Mexico and extra extradite those folks.

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Cindy Cipriani: Now more at the Community level what you have are

people responding to scenes where fentanyl has been found where overdoses have occurred, where you're getting tips, and maybe that they're spending on trafficking occurring.

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Cindy Cipriani: And that can be both counterfeit pills and bulk fentanyl and it can be incredibly serious and we've seen toddlers died from a.

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Cindy Cipriani: Counterfeit pill falls out of somebody's pocket and the toddler sleeping in bed with dad takes a pill.

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Cindy Cipriani: and tragically the tablet guys, so you have people showing up at the scene, we have a team 10 here we call it to 10 because there are nine.

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Cindy Cipriani: da is hosting this team, there are nine other teams and on team 10 you have Homeland Security investigations to have DEA you have local police.

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Cindy Cipriani: they're all responding at the scene and they basically are working with people from the emergency services profession and oftentimes folks in emergency rooms.

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Cindy Cipriani: Trying to work back who overdosed who else have these drugs, who can we get make sure we get along some to.

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Cindy Cipriani: And who do we need to go to to figure out who the ultimate dealer is and so those are complex investigations that when somebody overdoses.

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Cindy Cipriani: And it's not unusual they try to get the phone if the person that overdoses they try to work back through and see if they can.

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Cindy Cipriani: arrange a by with the same person facilitate the person who overdosed so that they can ultimately get to the source of the overdose the counterfeit pills that are.

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Cindy Cipriani: that people are overdosing on so it's not an easy problem to solve because right now, it is so ubiquitous.

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Cindy Cipriani: But I law enforcement has also worked on messaging, for example, the district attorney's office has a huge social media campaign directed around the fentanyl.

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Cindy Cipriani: Counterfeit pills, we also worked with our county public health department to get billboards all over San Diego county basically warning people about the counterfeit pills, you really need a multi pronged approach and we all work together on on all those campaigns.

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Carmen Nevarez: So a couple of good questions from our from our audience the criminal justice landscape is heavy on legal and law enforcement So where is corrections like jail prison parole probation etc on this, can you talk a little bit about that and also maybe talk a little bit about reentry.

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Cindy Cipriani: Oh, those are great questions so here in California, we actually have a map project we are working to get mad into all of our custodial environments, which I think is just so incredibly important I.

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Cindy Cipriani: Actually, presented on this at our opioid summit, a couple of years ago and realized that many of our custodial settings weren't set up to do matt.

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Cindy Cipriani: And they may do it if you asked about it, if you had a lawyer, that was pushing for it, but they weren't automatically set up

to do it, and that is changing.

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Cindy Cipriani: And all the cases I had to come down and basically said, if you are on medically assisted treatment, you have a right to get that when you go into a custodial setting.

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Cindy Cipriani: it's it's getting much better it's improving if that is an issue that's something you definitely want to reach out to.

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Cindy Cipriani: To folks at the US Attorney or the district attorney can help you work through that because they have relationships.

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Cindy Cipriani: With the folks at their studio settings and they can maybe be an entry point to you if you don't know who to contact, but I mean it is important right under the eighth amendment that people have.

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Cindy Cipriani: I would say that, on the probation and at least here in California, people are getting much better about.

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Cindy Cipriani: Understanding the stigma associated you know to stay away from stigma to find ways to to ensure that people have the resources they need.

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Cindy Cipriani: The biggest time for relapse is when you're getting out of rehab or getting out of the studio sense and, basically, that is when we see a lot of overdoses occur.

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Cindy Cipriani: So we realized people need to get that medically assisted treatment before they get back out.

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Cindy Cipriani: And so, our probation department here is is very

actively engaged on that issue, both on the federal side and the county in the state side.

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Cindy Cipriani: And I think that that's become recognized as a best practice in that profession, it may not be catching on integrated everywhere, yet, but that is the direction where we are heading.

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Carmen Nevarez: So um so that was very helpful I think that's a pretty complex story, we probably could do a whole session just on that, but at least we've had a chance to touch on an open the open that box up a little bit.

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Carmen Nevarez: and talk a little bit about the kinds of opportunities that might be out there for somebody who was convicted of a federal felony drug related crime.

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Carmen Nevarez: But who's completed treatment is off parole and has been in recovery for a number of years to have their felony reduced to a misdemeanor or ideally eliminated altogether what's the status of of.

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Carmen Nevarez: That kind of process.

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Cindy Cipriani: I will said i've never seen that happen on the federal side i'm not going to predict whether it may, in the future, I think there is, for example during.

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Cindy Cipriani: And there are people definitely different kinds of diversion programs on the front end we call front end diversion programs.

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Cindy Cipriani: Here in San Diego we had a really, really progressive program under US Attorney Duffy that was basically vanished during the trump administration so.

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Cindy Cipriani: remains to be seen whether our new US Attorney was not been nominated yet we'll bring it back, but, for example in that Program.

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Cindy Cipriani: We were looking at people who were saying the 18 to 25 age range, a lot of equitable consideration Harry drugs across the border and, in some cases.

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Cindy Cipriani: Cases you know hard narcotics across the border, but did suffer from substance use her head other.

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Cindy Cipriani: Really really powerful equitable circumstances and we basically carefully screened every single case put them into a diversion program that would enable them to avoid the felony.

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Cindy Cipriani: Once the felony is on the record and a federal case, I think the only way to get that expunged is through commutation or pardon process.

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Cindy Cipriani: Those are pretty rare and i'm sure you've heard about those it's not unusual at the end of a presidency, for example, for a number of combinations for partners to be awarded but.

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Cindy Cipriani: it's pretty unusual so it's better if you can come up with a program where you're avoiding the felony.

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Cindy Cipriani: Those are not done often I think our our program may be the only one in the country.

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Cindy Cipriani: Los Angeles also had a program but it allowed you to avoid chill time that did not allow you to avoid the felony



conviction.

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Cindy Cipriani: And some cases it might have been reduced to a misdemeanor, but you are not avoiding a conviction those programs are unusual on the federal side, but I think debate is.

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Cindy Cipriani: There, there is new debate about the importance of considering these diversion programs, not a I predict not based on a lot, right now, but my personal sense of where things are going, and looking at the administration is drug control policies that this will become an ongoing conversation.

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Carmen Nevarez: Well that's helpful to hear um let's go back for a moment to the issue of getting treatment into into the jail environment.

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Carmen Nevarez: I remember hearing, two years ago at the at the meeting that your office held on opioids with justice department and other partners that the the American Disabilities Act actually.

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Carmen Nevarez: Has sort of changed the environment in which anybody operates that if you have a condition that is defined as a disability, that you are required to.

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Carmen Nevarez: Do the Agency that's got you that's holding you is required to meet your needs So could you talk about that a little bit as a strategy, this is our last question, but as a little bit of a strategy for how to get a local jail to comply with with Ada.

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Cindy Cipriani: What I saw in the cases that I reviewed, you need an advocate to bring that case for you, if you're if you are experiencing difficulty getting the treatment that you're entitled to.

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Cindy Cipriani: You need to go to the aclu is what I would say, I mean

they sell us file that almost all those cases, and when the aclu takes your pace they're taking a free of charge.

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Cindy Cipriani: they're very focused on issues involving constitutional rights, and you know I mentioned it, there were even them and issues raised in those cases as well.

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Cindy Cipriani: And so I would be contacting in that position, the aclu and asking them to to file a case, and you know it's great to engage in conversation and ongoing policy development.

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Cindy Cipriani: and change, but sometimes you don't have the luxury of time and really the one way to get that entities, attention is going to be to file a case.

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Carmen Nevarez: that's very, very helpful um I I really want to thank you Cindy on behalf of of the.

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Carmen Nevarez: National overdose prevention network and everybody who is participating on this call the questions were good the issues are great.

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Carmen Nevarez: And we have a long way to go, so um so thank you so much for being a part of this, and we look forward to seeing you in some future in some future presentations.

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Carmen Nevarez: And let me just ask to go to the next slide to just remind our audience that the part three of saving lives with trauma informed process.

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Carmen Nevarez: practice is coming up that's going to be Wednesday August, the fourth So if you listen two parts one and two, please you know, please join us for part three, if you haven't listened to parts one and two, you can find them on the website that you originally came

to dialogue for health.

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Carmen Nevarez: Or you can Google national overdose prevention network and get to the link that way, but these are all recorded today's session is also recorded and the documents that we used were.

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Carmen Nevarez: were also posted on the site so we'll make sure that if you have questions, please just go ahead and ask them now ask us later we'll make sure that we can get you the answers that you need.

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Carmen Nevarez: We look forward to this partnership with you, we ask all of you to send us your questions and to send us your comments about this web forum and issues that you think that we should be holding in the future this doesn't happen without you and just as a final slide that.

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Carmen Nevarez: That will show is the.

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Carmen Nevarez: Thank you to all of you for being part of this group and here's our website and we look forward to seeing you next time bye everybody.

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Cindy Cipriani: Thank you, thanks for your time bye bye.