# 40th Annual InterCourt Conference



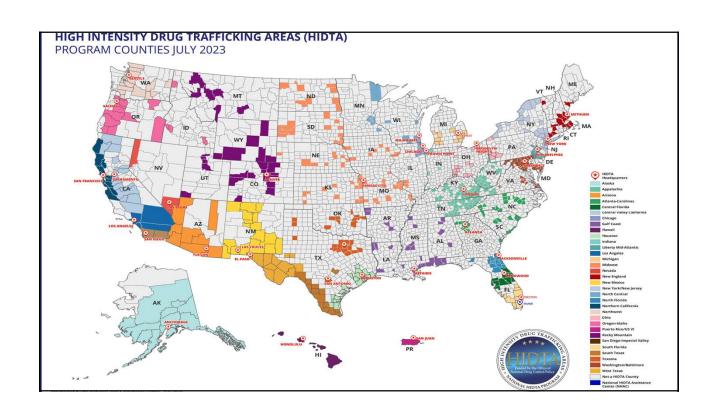
Session 3A: Technology and Drug Trafficking

Presenters: Shawn Bain

March 14, 2024 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.



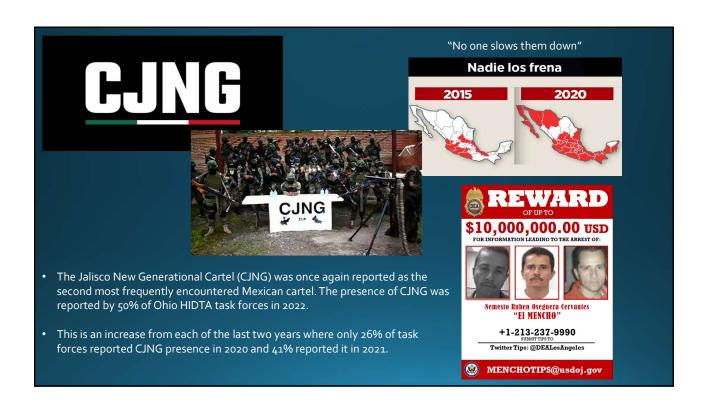






- In 2022, Ohio HIDTA task forces investigated 74 international DTOs consisting of 813 members and 147 leaders. The average size of an international DTO identified was 11 members
- Mexican DTOs were by far the most frequently identified international DTO type having been listed in 64% of the DTOs where source characteristics were known
- A handful of other source characteristics were identified in addition to Mexican DTOs. These include African-American, Hispanic, Caucasian, Chinese, Colombian, Dominican, European, and Puerto Rican
- International DTOs pose a significant and well supplied threat to the Ohio HIDTA AOR. These groups are frequently entrenched in the area and provide a direct pipeline of drug supply from their international drug sources to all areas of the Ohio HIDTA AOR









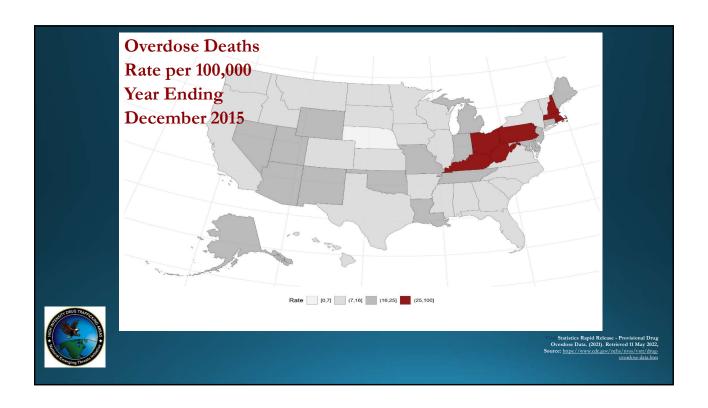
## **Drug Cartels and Technology**

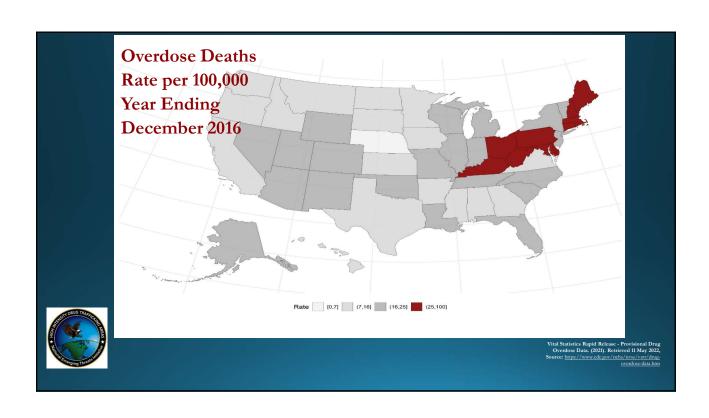
- Technology has become a source of competitive advantage and both drug cartels and militaries have been investing in engineering and technological tools that will allow them to counteract one another.
- Drug cartels have been known to use technology to further their business operations, including doxxing and surveillance software
- In Mexico, corrupt officials have helped drug cartels obtain state-of-the-art spyware which can be used to hack mobile phones
- The use of technology has become a source of competitive advantage for both drug cartels and militaries, with both investing in engineering and technological tools that will allow them to counteract one another
- The cartels use sophisticated technology for transporting drugs, communication, surveillance, and defense operations
- Mexican cyber-cartels strategically leverage technology to pursue profit, security, and influence in three main areas: cybercrime, dark web markets, and cryptocurrency

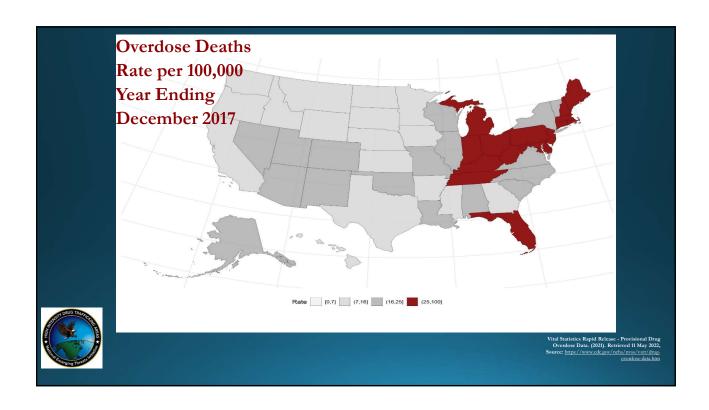


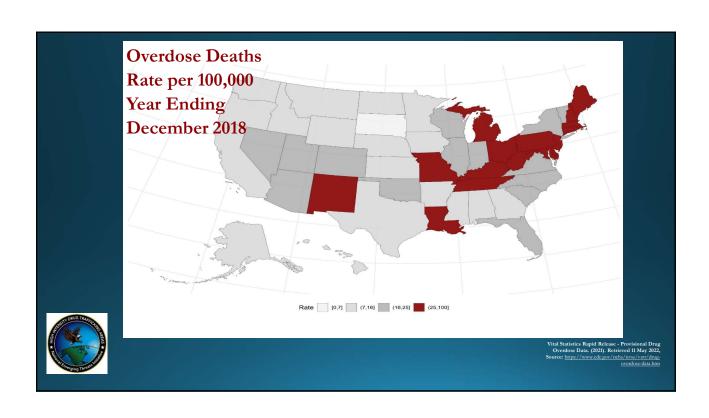


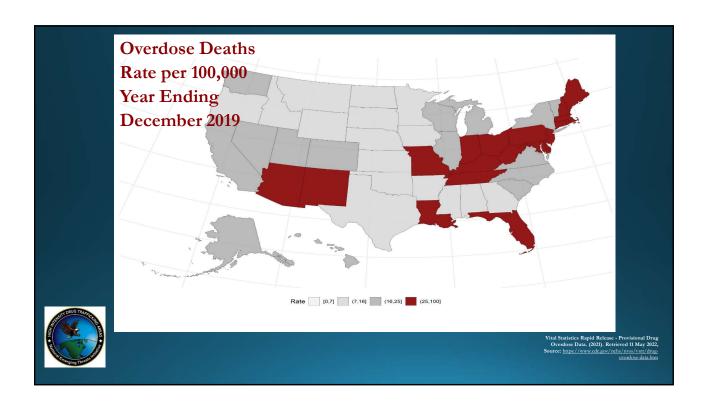


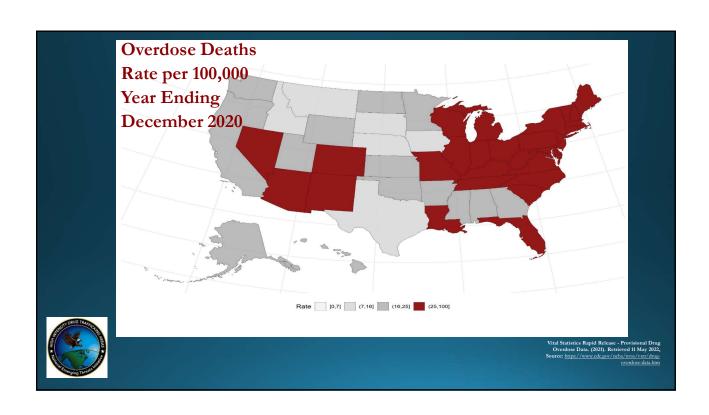


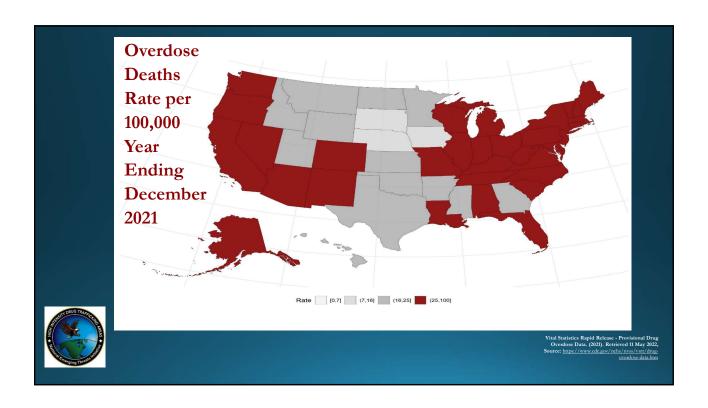


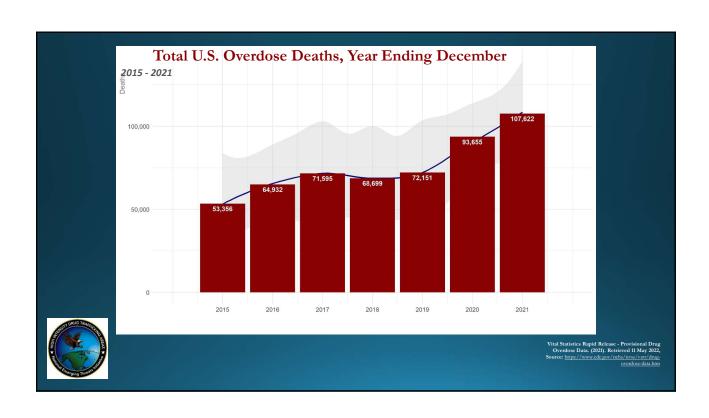


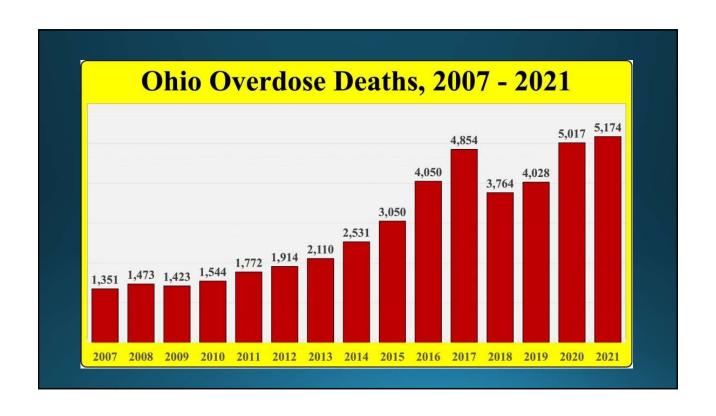


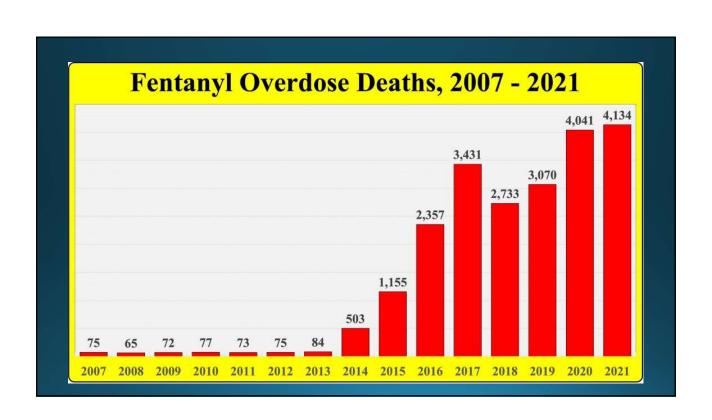


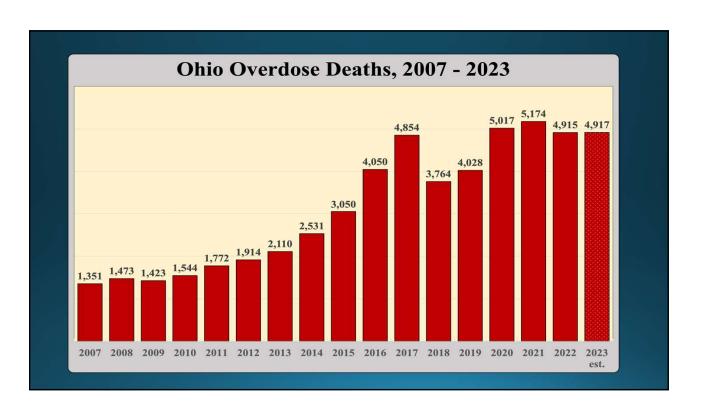














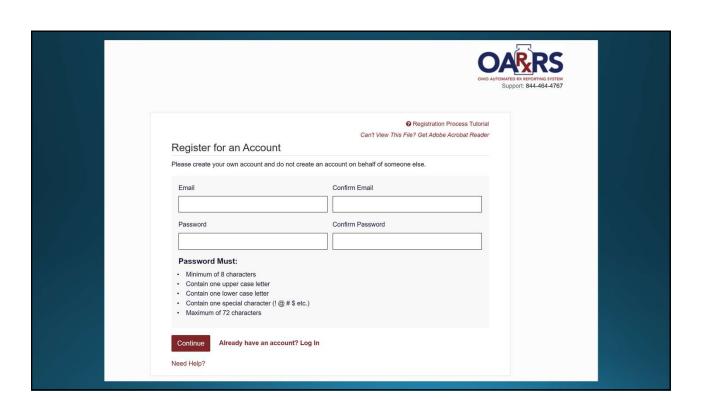
### ABOUT WHAT IS OARRS?

To address the growing misuse and diversion of prescription drugs, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy created Ohio's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), known as the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). Established in 2006, OARRS collects information on all outpatient prescriptions for controlled substances and two non-controlled substances (gabapentin saltrexone) dispensed by Ohio-licensed pharmacies and personally furnished by Ohio prescribers. This data is reported every 24 hours and is maintained in a secure database. Drug wholesalers are also required to submit information monthly on all controlled substances and gabapentin sold to an Ohio licensed pharmacy or prescriber.

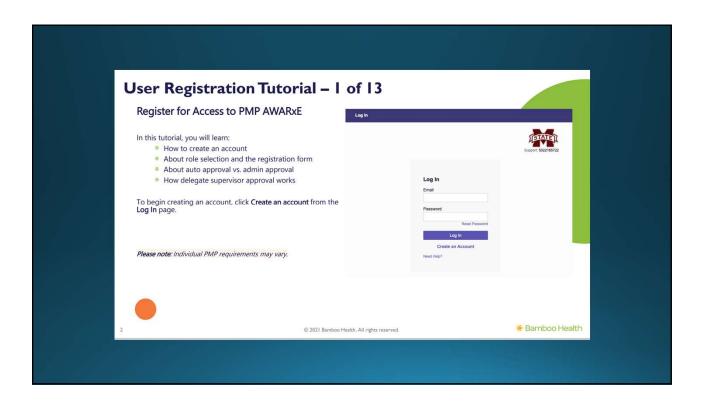
OARRS is a tool that can be used to address prescription drug diversion and abuse. It serves multiple functions, including: patient care tool; drug epidemic early warning system; and drug diversion and insurance fraud investigative tool. As the only statewide electronic database that stores all controlled substance dispensing and personal furnishing information, OARRS helps prescribers and pharmacists avoid potentially life-threatening drug interactions as well as identify individuals fraudulently obtaining controlled substances from multiple health care providers, a practice commonly referred to as "doctor shopping." It can also be used by professional licensing boards to identify or investigate clinicians with patterns of inappropriate prescribing and dispensing, and to assist law enforcement in cases of controlled substance diversion.

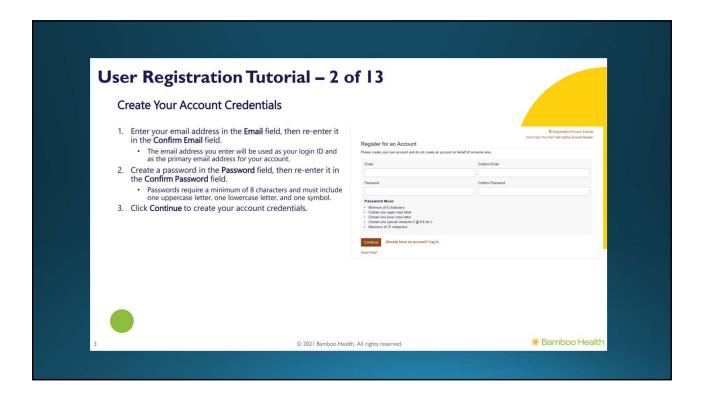
Starting in November 2017, Ohio drug court programs have access to OARRS to provide judges and court personnel with critical information regarding a participant's use of controlled substance medications.

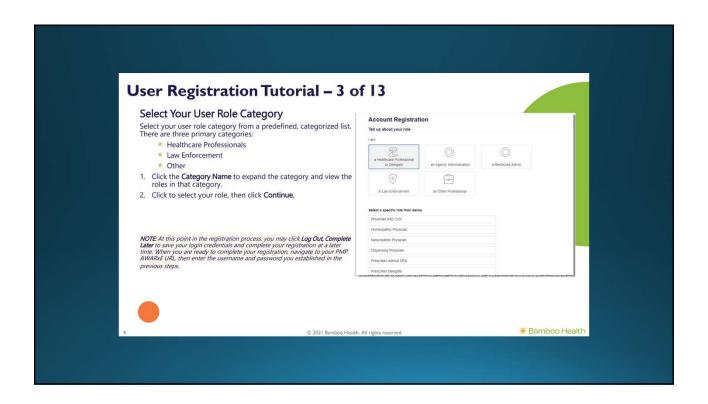


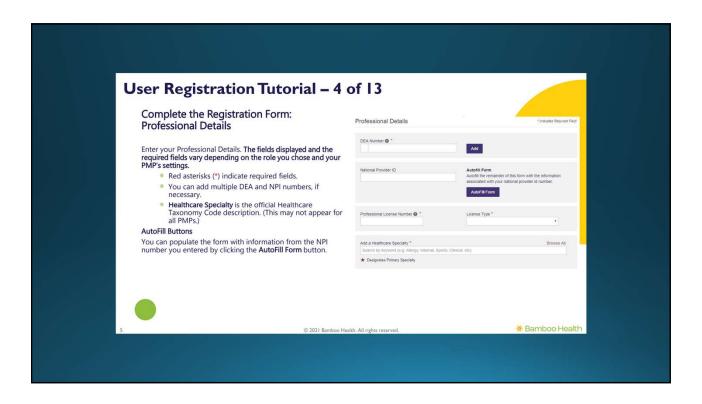






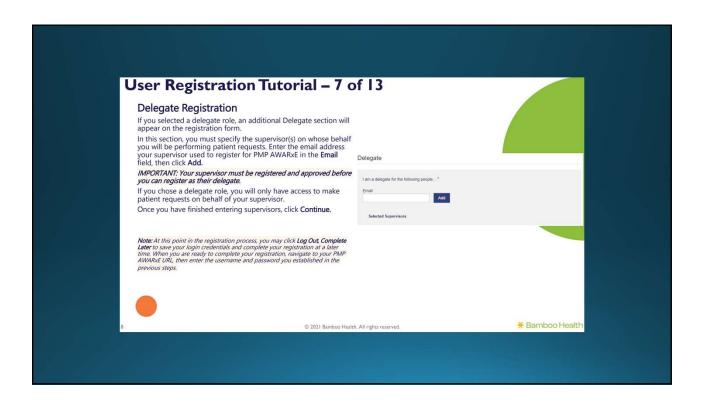


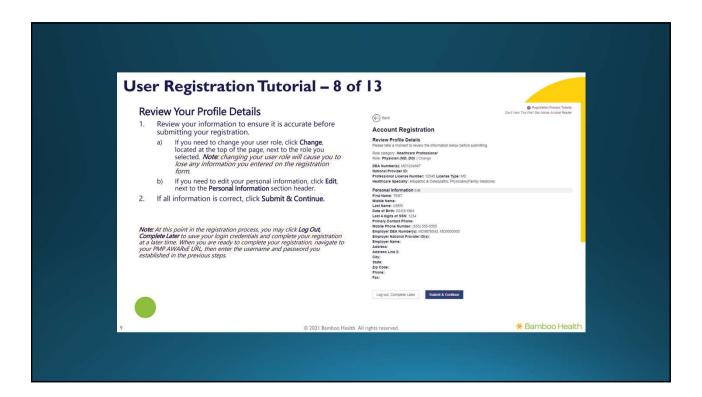


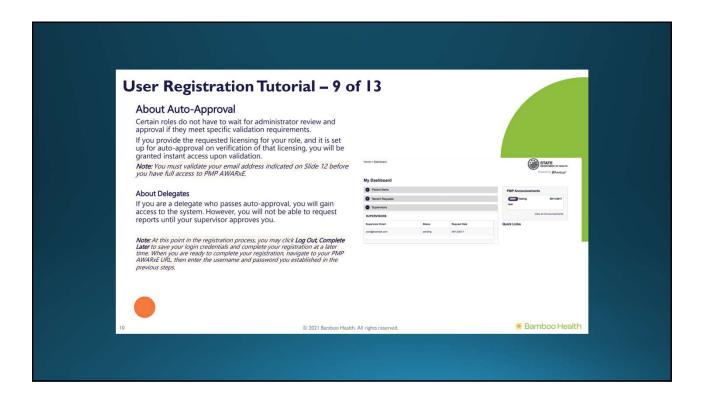


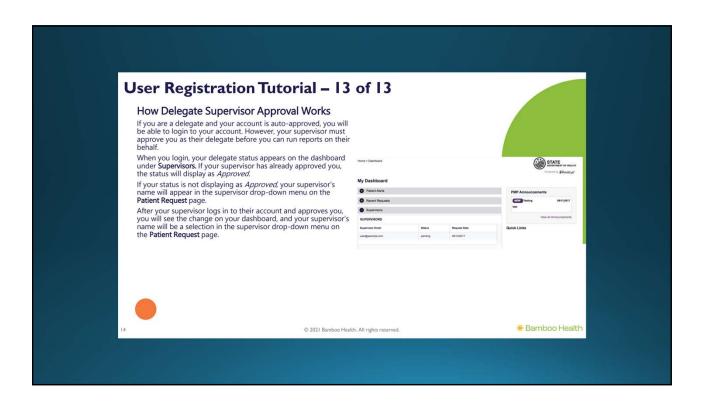


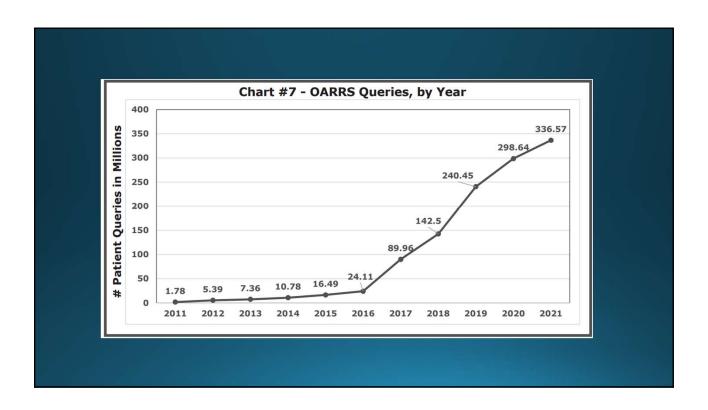


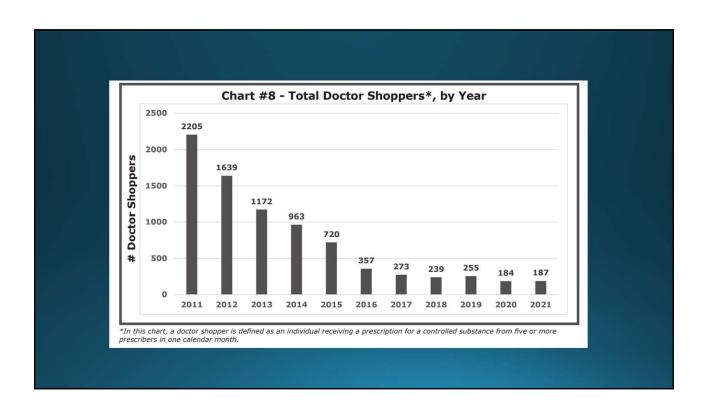




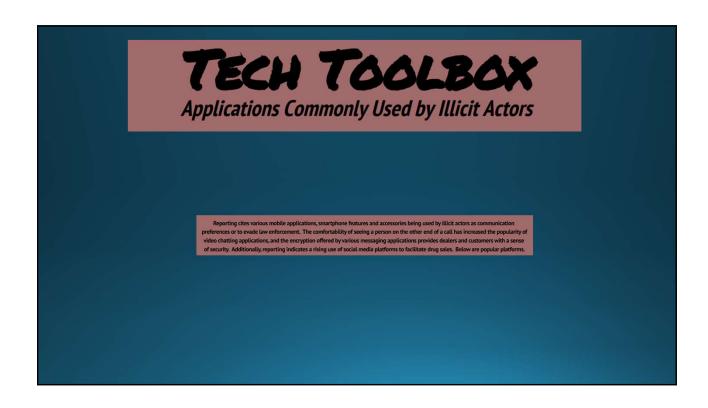


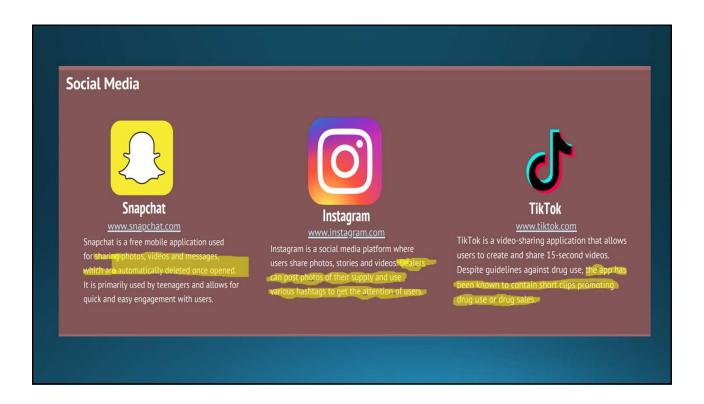


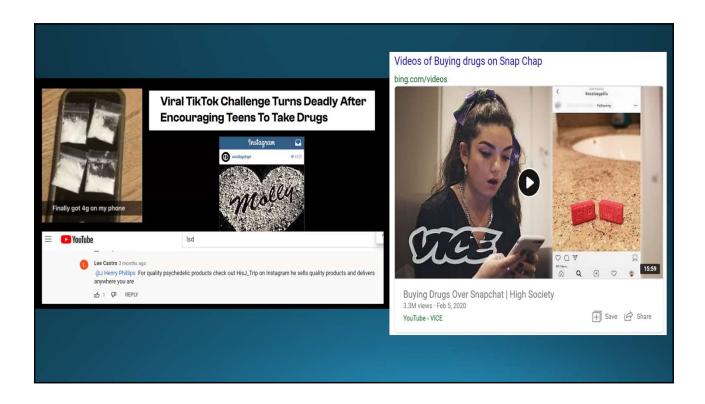














#### **Apple Air Tags**



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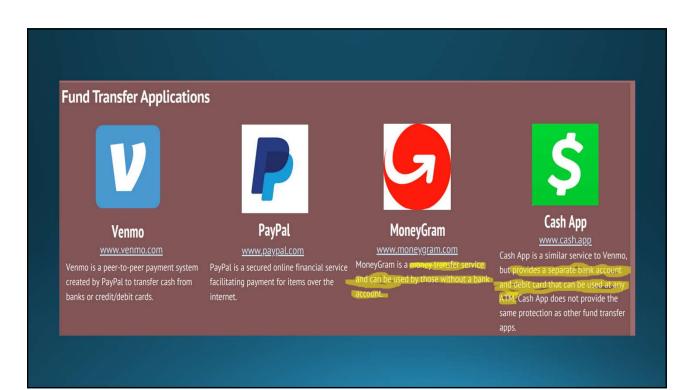


Police in Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, and Texas have also reported the misuse and discovery of AirTags in domestic stalking and auto theft investigations.





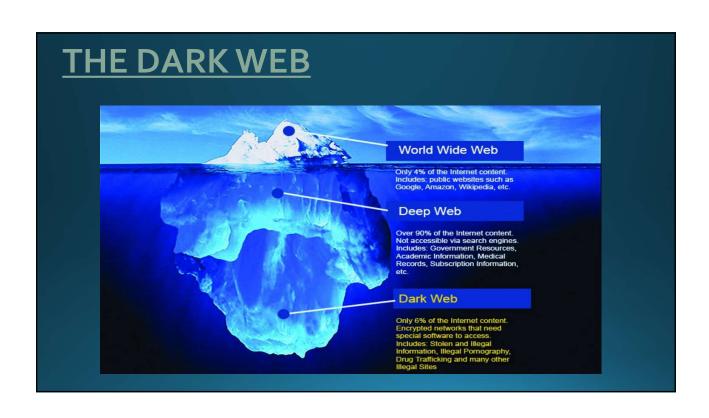




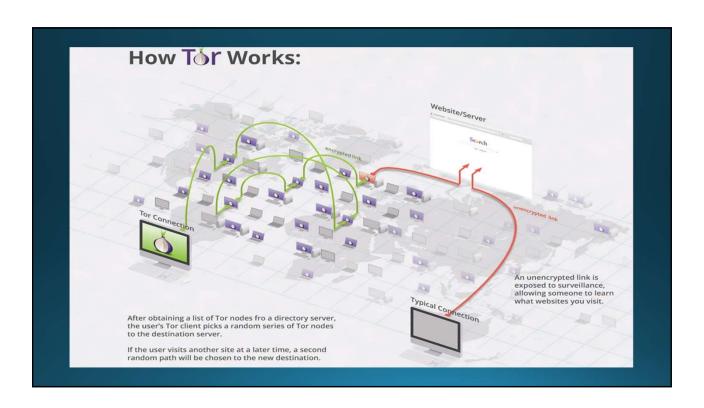














#### Virtual private network



A virtual private network extends a private network across a public network and enables users to send and receive data across shared or public networks as if their computing devices were directly connected to the private network. The benefits of a VPN include increases in functionality, security, and management

of the private network. It provides access to resources inaccessible on the public network and is typically used for telecommuting workers. Encryption is common, although not an inherent part of a VPN connection.

# What are Cryptocurrencies?

Digital currencies that are not controlled by a central entity such as a bank.

Examples of cryptocurrency:
Bitcoin, Ethereum, Litecoin, Bitcoin Cash

Cryptocurrency is not anonymous, it's Pseudonymous!!!

First release of Bitcoin January 2009

More than 11,834 cryptocurrencies in circulation today (per Currency.com)



# **How to Obtain Crypto**

Crypto Exchanges (Coinbase, Paxful, Binance)

Crypto ATMs (838 Ohio Locations)



Peer-to-peer

(Localbitcoin.com, money-gram, western union, bank deposit, in person cash deal)



# Common uses of Crypto

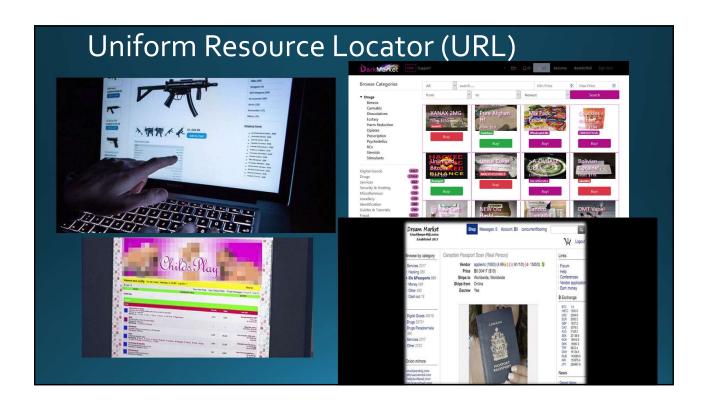
**Investments** 

Payments for legitimate products or services

Laundering of currency Illicit acts

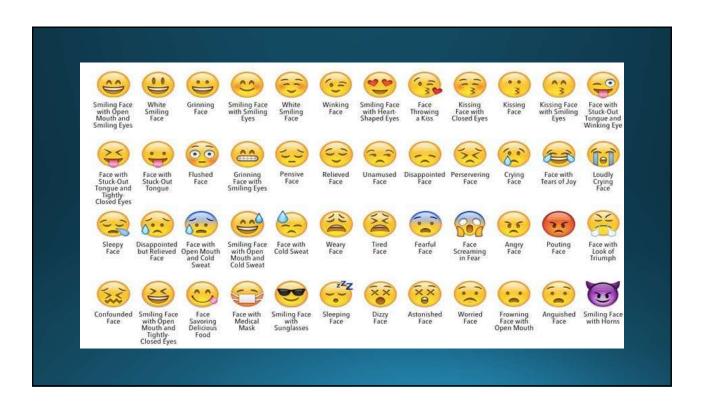




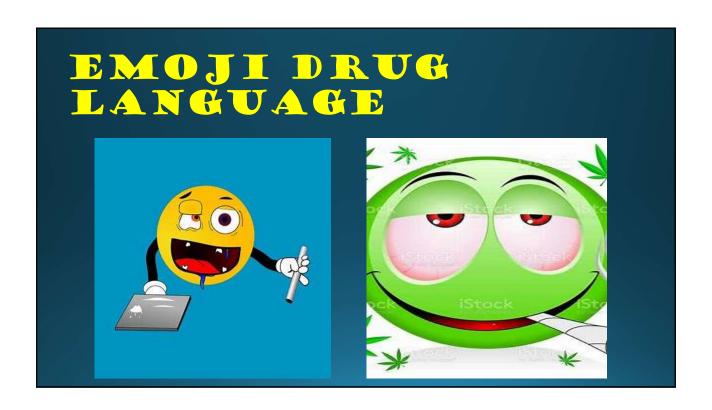












Cocaine — Slang terms for this drug include coke, snow, dust, powder, nose candy, coco, blow, pearl, yeyo. Often represented as the following emojis:



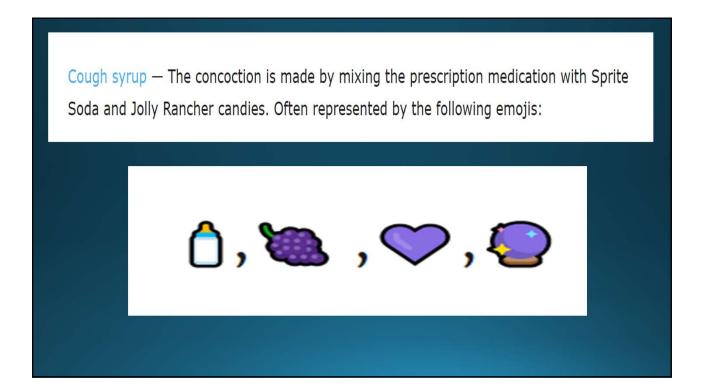
Heroin — Pure heroin is a white powder that can be snorted or smoked. "Black Tar" heroin has a very sticky texture. Black tar heroin is dark, a result from crude processing methods that leave behind impurities. Impure heroin is normally dissolved and diluted with water and injected into the veins. Commonly referred to as; H, smack, tar, junk, black, dragon, white horse, skag. Often represented by the following emojis:



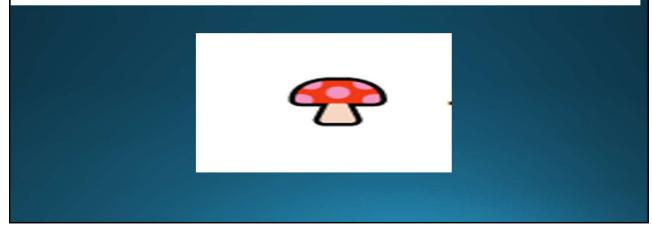
MDMA — MDMA is normally sold in pill form and can contain additives. These factors can contribute to serious and sometimes fatal health effects. MDMA can also be addictive and research suggests long-term cognitive problems may develop in some users. This drug is most popular among teens and young adults, especially at nightclubs or raves. The drug comes in a wide variety of sizes, shapes, and colors often are stamped or imprinted with unique logos (Smiley faces, Superman logo, Skull shapes, legos, hearts, stars, children's cartoons dominoes). Street names include; X, Superman, XTC, Adam, Beans, Love Drug, Happy Pill, Scooby Snacks, Smarties, Skittles, Vitamin E or X. Often represented by the following emojis:

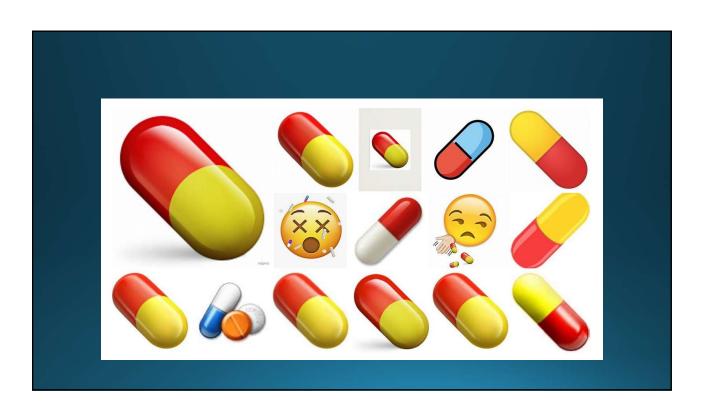


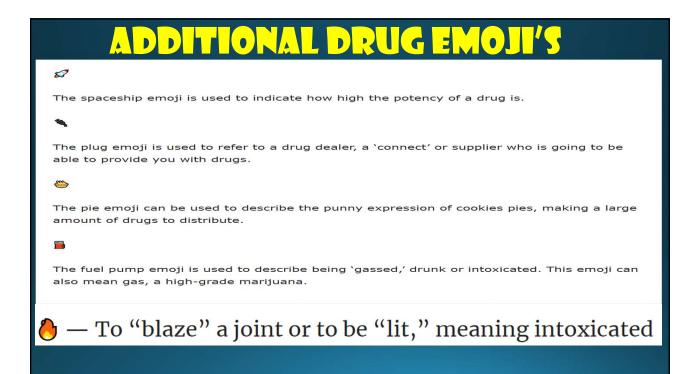
Methamphetamine — It is a popular party drug that is usually smoked with a small glass pipe, but can also be swallowed, snorted, or injected into a vein. It comes in clear crystal chunks or shiny blue-white rocks. Commonly known as; ice, glass, rocks crystal, crank, chalk, tweak, tina, Walter white, speed. Often represented by the following emojis:

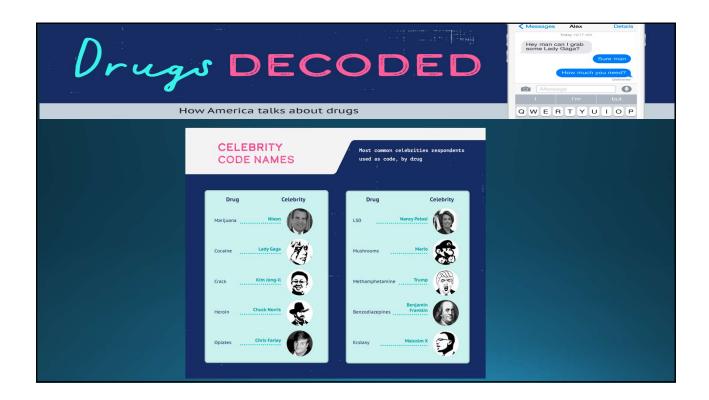


Magic Mushrooms — This drug is most commonly chewed but can also be made into a tea. Mushrooms may be consumed raw and dried but cannot be smoked or cooked as this destroys the main ingredient, psilocybin. There are more than 180 species of mushrooms that contain psilocybin. Psilocybin mushrooms have a long history of use in Mesoamerica in spiritual and religious rituals and are currently one of the most popular recreational psychedelics in the U.S. and Europe. Popular street names for magic mushrooms include; shrooms, liberty caps, Alice, boomers, simple Simon. Often represented by the following emojis:











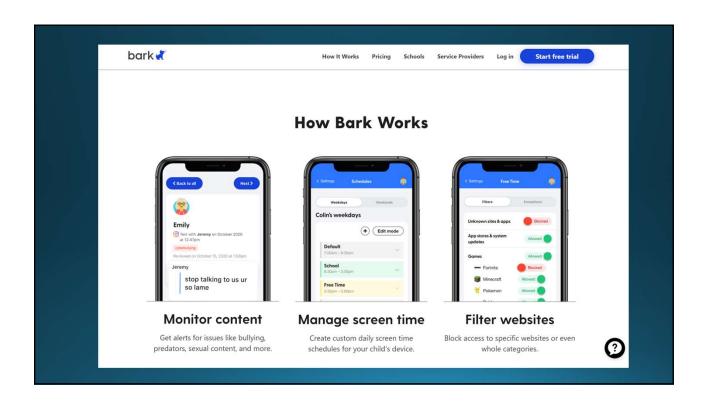
Best Overall: Net Nanny

Best for Older Teens: Moment

Best for Younger Children: Qustodio

Best for Overall Monitoring: Bark

Best for Location Tracking: FamilyTime



#### Parents: Can you decode?

- "Bruh, ISO Gas, Plug?"
- "Bro, in search of Marijuana, got a connection?"
- "Sis, turnt up, swoop?"
- "Girlfriend, I'm messed up, can you pick me up?"

#### What About this One?

- "Yo Snack WYD WTTP"
- "Hey Cutie, what you doing? Want to trade photos?"
- "MOS sry GTG"
- "Mom over shoulder. Sorry, got to go"

\*NetLingo.com

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

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findtreatment.gov
mha.ohio.gov (Providers by County)
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Recovery.org (Recovery process /major U.S. cities)
Interventionamerica.com (National Resource on Recovery)

Rehabhotline.org (Rehab Referral/Placement)

