Responding to an Epidemic
Rx Nonmedical Use in Florida

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2010
• July 2010 – Senate Bill 2272 provided legal authority for the Department of Health to shut down illicit pain management clinics, and includes improved standards of care that must occur at registered clinics.

• August 2010 – New tamper-resistant reformulated Oxycodone ER shipped by manufacturer.

2011
• February 2011 – Operation Pill Mill: South Florida

• March 2011 – Florida Law Enforcement Drug Strike Force created

2011
July 1, 2011 - House Bill 7095 goes into effect. It
– Bans direct dispensing by medical practitioners,
– New permitting & inspection regulations for pharmacies,
– Shortening from 15 days to 7 days the PDMP dispensing reporting requirement,
– Codified new patient standard of care measures for physicians with enhanced penalties,
– $3 million for law enforcement Strike Force to close pill mills

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South Florida Key Findings January 2014

• #1 Key Change
  Rapid rise in indicators reveal a heroin epidemic is underway in South Florida and particularly for Miami-Dade County.

• #2 Key Issue
  Crime Lab cases for the synthetic cathinone, bk-Methylone, sold as “Mollys” increased 219% (2012 vs. 2013) ranking third among all substances along with the appearance of 37 different emerging psychoactive drugs in the first half of 2013.

In Miami New Times – Out Today

How Ravers Pioneered the Drug Trend That Killed Philip Seymour Hoffman

By Frank Owen Thursday, Mar 20 2014

Drug deaths have surpassed automobile fatalities and gun homicides

Current (past 30-day) Alcohol Use Among Miami-Dade County Middle and High School Students 2000-2012

Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys 2000-2012
Current (past 14-day) Binge Drinking Among Miami-Dade County Middle & High School Students 2000-2012

Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys 2000-2012

Current (past 30-day) Marijuana Use Among Miami-Dade County Middle and High School Students 2000-2012

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