


Cal's Story

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

We implore all middle and high school parents/guardians and students to attend our virtual **Community Conversation about Fentanyl: Fake & Fatal** on Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. You can participate by watching live on the district's YouTube channel or Facebook page. We'll take questions via social media. Our panelists will include representatives from the Washington County Public Health Department, Washington County Sheriff's Department and Beaverton Police Department.

During that conversation, we'll also be hearing from Jennifer and Jon Epstein, former Cedar Park Middle School and Sunset High School parents who lost their son, Cal, to fentanyl poisoning in December. We want to thank the Epsteins for their courage and willingness to share their story in hopes of saving other children's lives.



Livestreamed 
Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvtuVX627ow&t=2s>



Illicit fentanyl-filled pills are poisoning our community

**What we wish
we had known**



April 29, 2021

Cal's "Warning Signs"

Strong student
UHM Freshman/scholarship
After school activities
Job
Dependable
Hobbies
Cared for appearance
Lots of friends
Desire for independence/start life
Close-knit family
Regular family dinners
Rules & boundaries
Followed curfews
Drug awareness conversations
...

Social media
Distancing from parents
College decision
Senioritis / ADD?
COVID isolation

Marijuana discovered senior year
Anxiety & eating disorder



Signs may be subtle or may not exist at all

Not my kid?



Zach
(forever 17)
Lead in musical,
track star, accepted
into UCLA



Tommy
(forever 18)



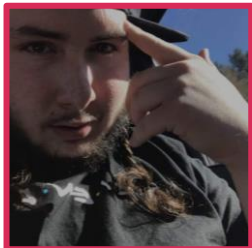
Alexander
(forever 14)
Tried marijuana with 6th
grade friends, asked for
help after trying pills



Daniel
(forever 16)



Alexandra
(forever 20)
Attended ASU on
full scholarship



Adian
(forever 17)



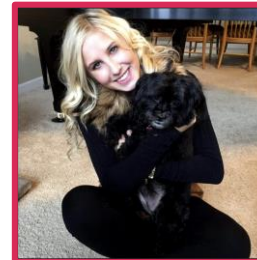
Emilio
(forever 19)
Prescribed percocet
when wisdom teeth
were removed



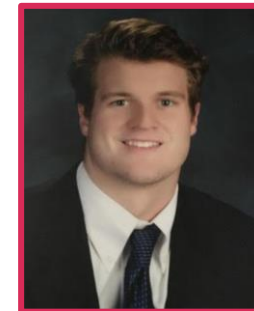
Zachariah
(forever 17)



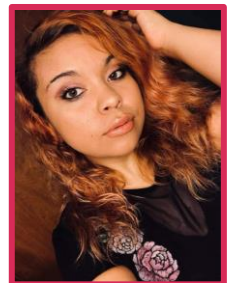
Issaiah
(forever 15)



Madeline
(forever 21)

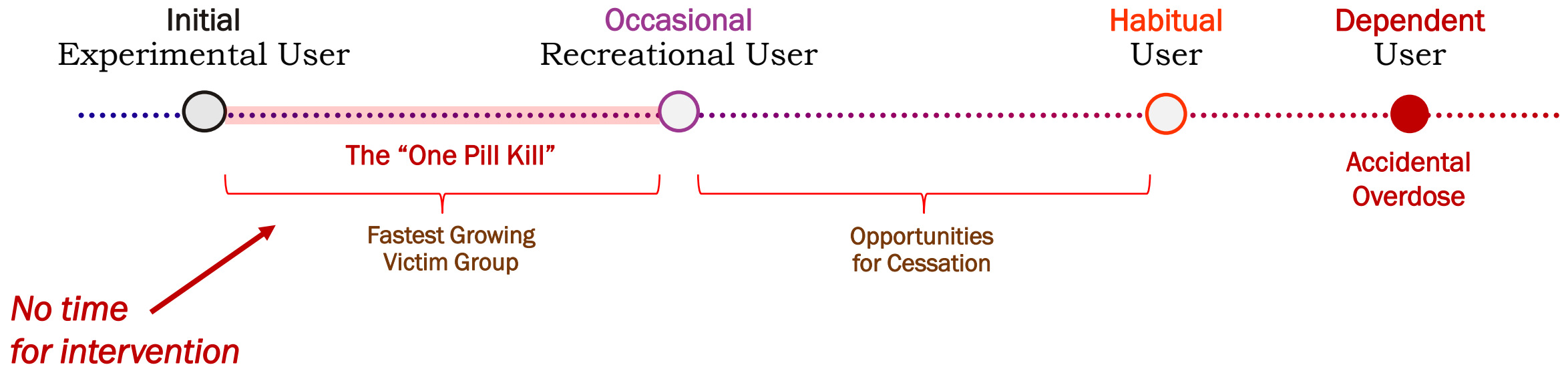


Charlie
(forever 22)
Nagging back pain
from football injury



Dawn Marie
(forever 20)

Emerging Category of Victim



What the Heck is **Fentanyl**?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid

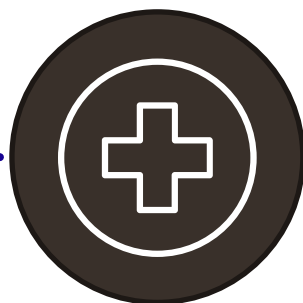
opioid

synthetic

powerful



100x more potent
than morphine



Legitimate medical
uses since 1960s



Synthetic =
produced in labs =
mass quantities



Unlimited supply
reduces cost



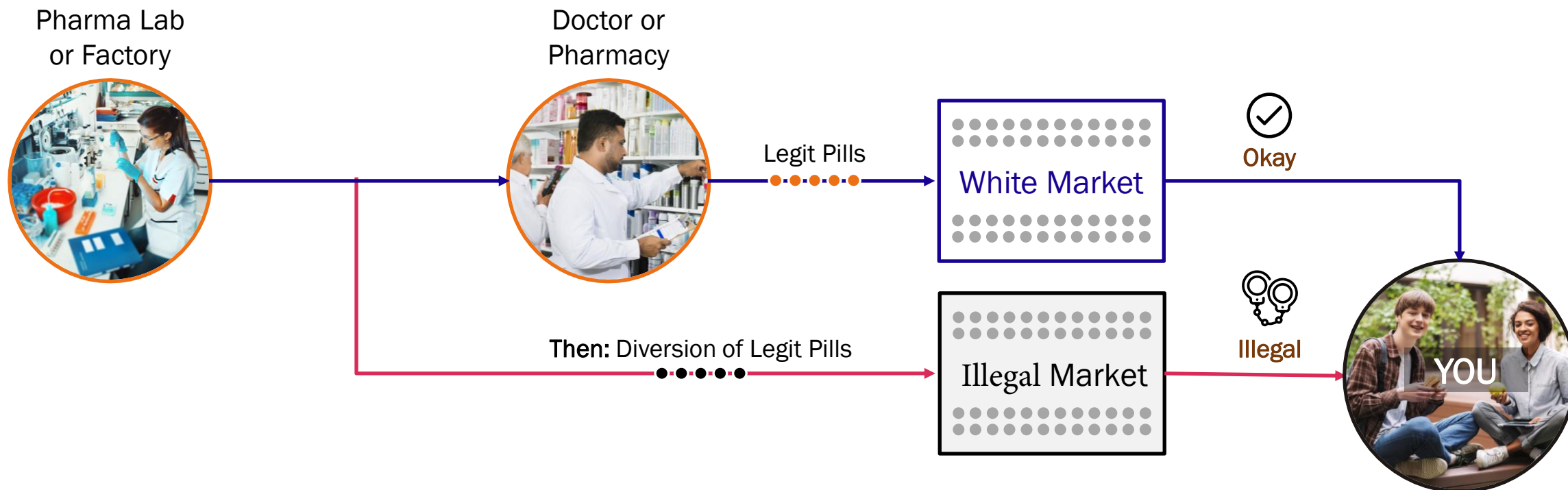
Narrow Therapeutic
Window – Requires
doctor supervision



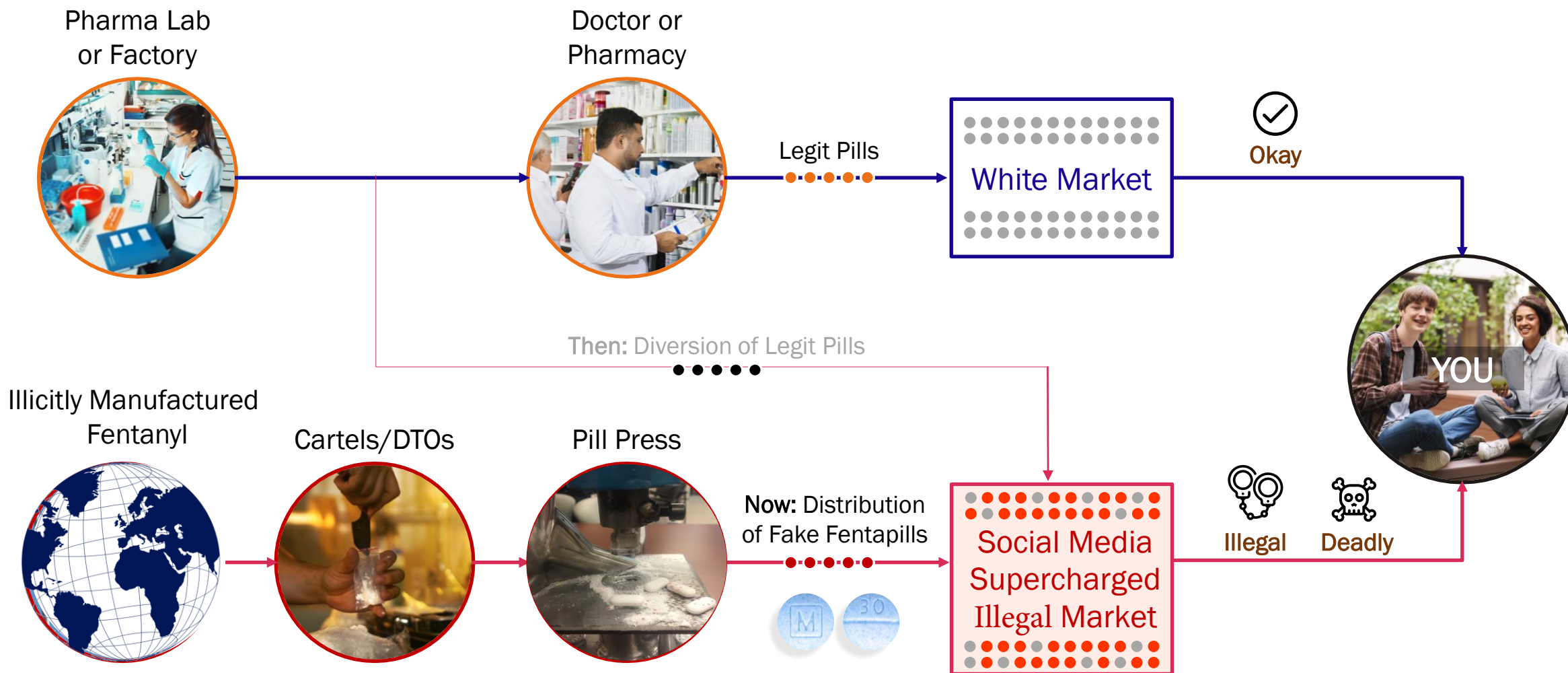
Very effective
and **ADDICTIVE**



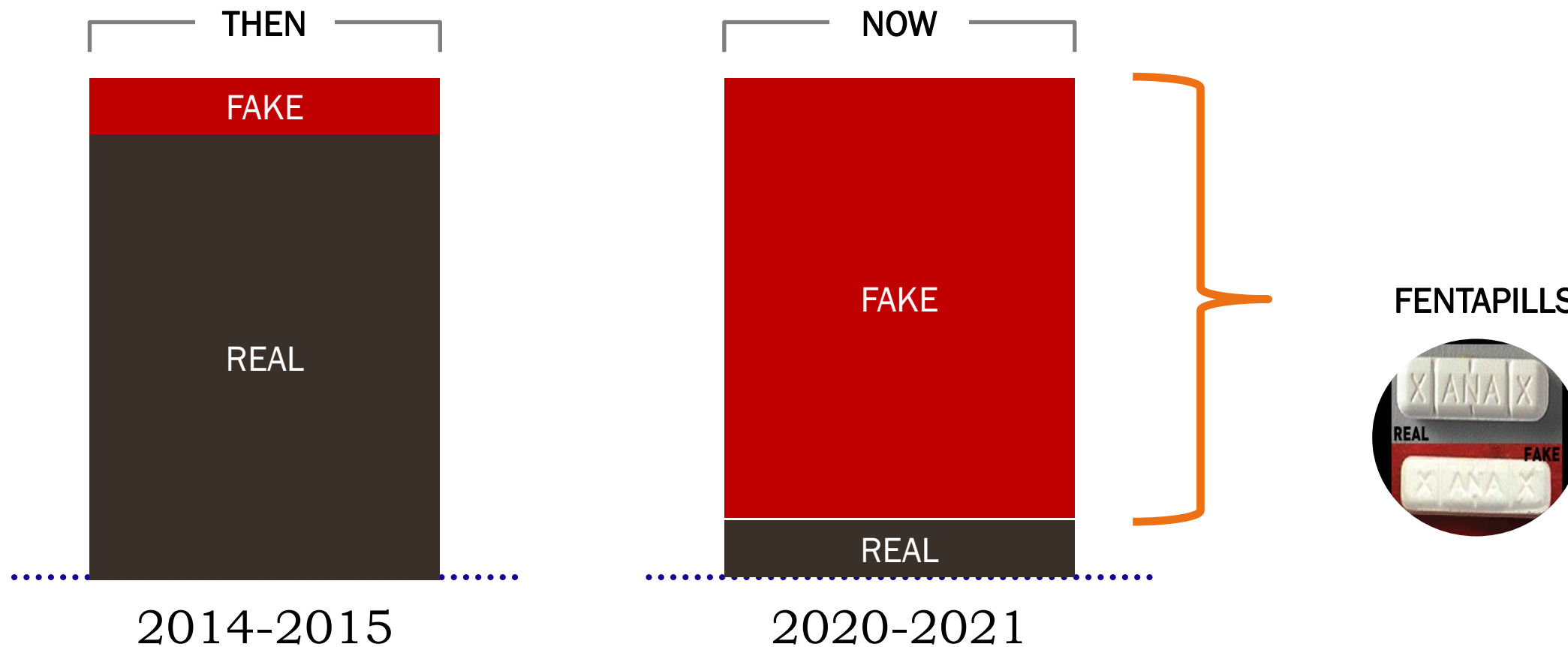
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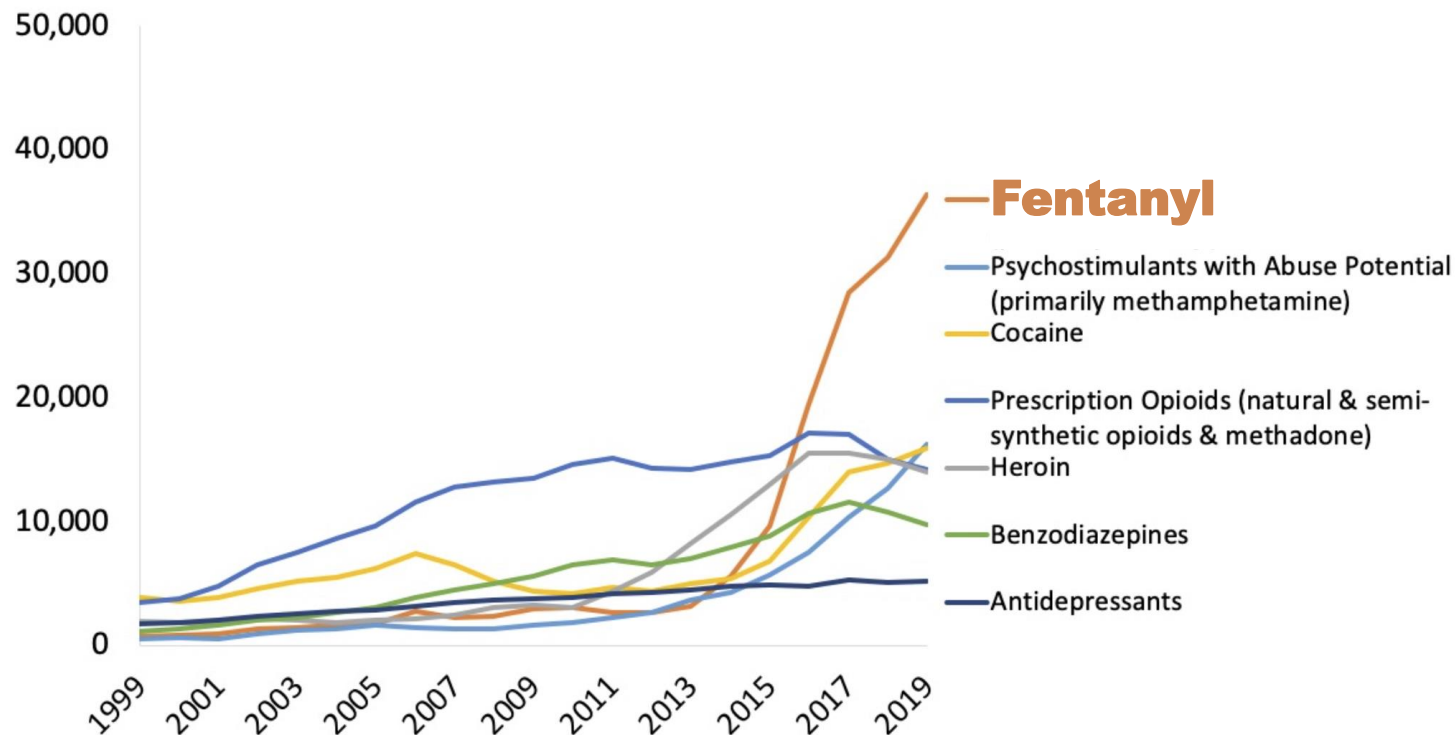


Flip the Risk



It's Getting Worse

**Figure 2. National Drug-Involved Overdose Deaths*,
Number Among All Ages, 1999-2019**



*Includes deaths with underlying causes of unintentional drug poisoning (X40–X44), suicide drug poisoning (X60–X64), homicide drug poisoning (X85), or drug poisoning of undetermined intent (Y10–Y14), as coded in the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 12/2020.

CDC Press Release

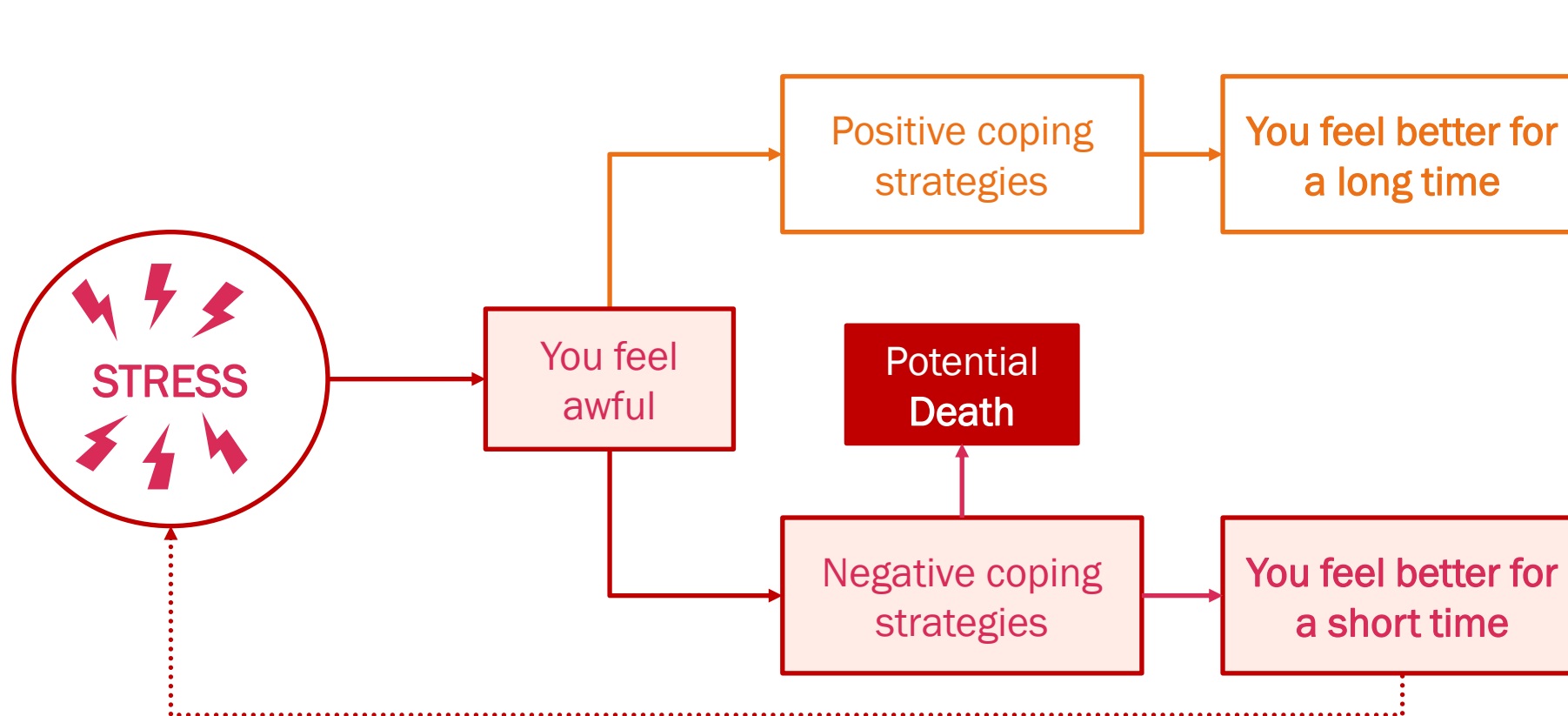
Thursday, December 17, 2020



Overdose Deaths Accelerating During COVID-19 Expanded Prevention Efforts Needed

- The highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded annually in period ending May 2020
- **The latest numbers suggest an acceleration of overdose deaths during the pandemic.**
- Illicitly manufactured fentanyl appears to be the primary driver of the increases in overdose deaths, increasing 38.4 percent
- 37 of the 38 U.S. jurisdictions with available data reported increases in synthetic opioid-involved overdose deaths.
- **10 western states reported over a 98% increase in synthetic opioid-involved deaths.**

What's Your Cope?



What do we want you to know?



Fentapills/Drugs

- Anyone can be a victim
- ‘Signs’ can be subtle or non-existent
- There is no room for error with today’s pills
- Marijuana has changed: “Dabbing” (vaping) can be 80%+ THC, addictive, & cause psychosis



Teen Mental Health

- Trust your instincts
- Professionals may not have the latest information
- Find support from wherever you can get it
- Getting adolescent mental health support is hard - don’t give up!

Take Action

1. **DON'T TRUST ANY PILL unless YOU bought it from a pharmacy**
2. **Learn more & educate others**
3. **See something/say something**
4. **Your stress is real - Find healthy ways to cope & ask for help**

 **Protect your yourself, your friends, and family**

Thank you!

Students & Parents here tonight

Beaverton School District

Washington County Sheriff's Office

Song for Charlie (songforcharlie.org)

Our Family ❤️

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