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Ohio's Opioid Crisis and Foster Care

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Abstract — *In this presentation, I will explain how Ohio's opioid crisis has impacted the foster care system through an analysis of data.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Ohio's opioid crisis is displacing more children than the foster care system is equipped to handle. The criminalization of opioid use is causing more children to be placed in foster care for longer amounts of time. A focus on a more health-based approach to treating opioid addiction can help to resolve these issues.

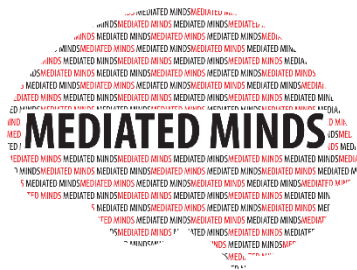
II. FINDINGS

1. A rise in opioid prescriptions and the use of drugs such as fentanyl and carfentanil has created a rise in opioid related deaths and addictions
2. 28% of children in state custody are there due to parental opioid use
3. An increase in policies criminalizing opioid use has lead to more parents being incarcerated for longer amounts of time.
4. Ohio is currently switching to a health-based approach when treating opioid addictions, and the current progress is leading to a drop in opioid related deaths

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