

Rx Diversion in Union County, Oregon

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Union/Wallowa Drug Task Force

- RX on the streets
 - Easiest thing for undercover agents to purchase
 - Readily available
 - Cheap: \$1/mg or cheaper in bulk!
- Out of state Rx hopping
 - Boise, Tri-Cities and back
- “Skittles” parties
 - Users are getting younger
 - Kids bring whatever their parents/grandparents have



Get high without getting in “trouble”

- Not just controlled substances
- Tramadol and Suboxone
 - IV users switch to “legal” substances but use it the same way
 - Crush it and snort it
- Poly drug use
- Most common: Oxycodone, OxyContin and Vicodin (generic and name brand), sometimes Adderall
- Buy, sell or trade
- Rx is the new marijuana
 - Goes with everything!

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- DUI
 - .08 vs. IMPAIRMENT
 - Improper use
 - Having a prescription is NOT a legal defense
- Theft
 - “Theft” by the user
 - “I was told I could get more if I file a report!”
 - Theft from family members
 - What is your drug of choice? “Whatever is in the cabinet.”
- Burglaries/ Firearms/Tools/Cash/Jewelry
 - Property crimes linked to meth use and Rx drugs

Union County Community Corrections

- Pain management= challenge to sober supervision
 - No “green cards” on supervision
 - Selling Rx to support illegal habits
 - Tolerance is an increasing problem
- Collaborative approach to treatment
 - Probation officers will report mismanagement and abuse
 - Follow up!
 - Looking for help in holding offenders accountable
- Opiates with opiates...and a side of opiates (common problem)
 - Rx for Oxycotin, but using other opiates as well
 - UA won't show the breakdown of the various substances