

# Youth Voices on the Opiate Crisis in Maine + Media Contest

Each day in Maine one person dies of a drug overdose; and between 2015 and 2016 alone, overdose deaths increased by over 31%. This is but one statistic of many found daily in local headlines across the state.

In these challenging times, the Maine Department of Justice and United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maine have joined forces to organize the Youth Voices on the Opiate Crisis Media Contest.

Designed in an effort to provide students with a platform to creatively document and reflect on the impact of substance use in Maine's communities, this contest is aimed to both build awareness and spark conversation across the state.

As the school year comes to an end, we extend a warm invitation for you: educators, community members, and concerned citizens, to engage students in these conversations by encouraging them to participate.

The contest is purposefully open-ended in an effort to provide educators and students the flexibility to respond and organize in whatever way is most realistic, meaningful and pertinent.

Details about the contest can be found at the contest website:  
[www.noStigmaforME.com](http://www.noStigmaforME.com)

**Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017 @ 11:59pm**

**Two winning students will be awarded \$750, each. See website for details.**

Please reach out to us at [info@noStigmaForMe.com](mailto:info@noStigmaForMe.com) if you questions or need further information.