

Drug abuse affects us all

- According to the National Institute of Health, illegal narcotics use impacts all Americans because we all pay the cost of it.
- Statistics show that drug addiction and narcotics use cost Americans hundreds of billions of dollars annually, this figure includes healthcare costs, lost wages, traffic accidents, crime and the associated criminal justice system costs.
- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately ten to twelve percent of car crashes involve drivers who have been using drugs.

Help is available

DuPage County Psychological Services
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6400
www.dupageco.org/psych

National Institute on Drug Abuse
6001 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5213
Bethesda, MD 20892-9561
(301) 443-1124
www.drugabuse.gov

Partnership for a Drug-Free America - Chicago office
600 W. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60654
(312) 988-4646
www.drugfree.org

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A Message From

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Unfortunately, drug dealers and users continue to plague the streets of not just DuPage County but cities and towns across the nation. We have made strides in attacking this scourge upon society, but more needs to be done.

Drug dealers infest our communities, preying on our children. They destroy entire families as they enrich their lives at the expense of others. They then use the ill-gotten gains of the drug trade to finance further criminal activity.

My Narcotics Prosecution Unit continues to do an excellent job in combating drug offenders. Specially trained Assistant State's Attorneys are on call to assist local police departments and other law enforcement agencies however possible. Together, we have successfully prosecuted drug dealers resulting in lengthy prison sentences and the forfeiture of significant amounts of money.

We will remain vigilant in our fight against drugs and in doing so, I am confident we will continue to see success in making the communities of DuPage County among the safest in the nation.

The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office

Narcotics Prosecution Unit



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“We must remain vigilant in our fight against drugs and the devastation they bring.”

- DuPage County State’s Attorney Robert B. Berlin

The DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office’s Narcotics Prosecution Unit

The DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office’s Narcotics Prosecution Unit is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all cases involving the delivery of narcotics and the possession of large quantities of drugs in DuPage County. The Unit works hand-in-hand with the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG), local police departments and other law enforcement agencies in an effort to free DuPage County communities from the devastating effects of drugs and drug dealers. A major portion of the funding for the Unit is supplied through a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

The Unit also focuses on hitting drug dealers in their pocket books by seizing their profits, cars, and even homes if they are involved in drug trade. Since 1987, the Office’s Narcotics Prosecution Unit has assisted in the forfeiture of more than \$3 million in cash and property from drug dealers. This money is then used to finance the Unit, in part, and for scholarships for schools to utilize for drug prevention related programs.

Under the direction of State’s Attorney Robert Berlin, the Unit is comprised of one supervising attorney and three specially trained, experienced and dedicated prosecutors whose area of expertise is drug prosecution.

In addition to representing the County in the prosecution of narcotics cases, Assistant State’s Attorneys assigned to the Unit are responsible for a variety of tasks to assist in the war on drugs. Some of these duties include, but are not limited to:

- Drafting and reviewing search warrants.
- Drafting eavesdrops and electronic wiring devices.
- Prosecuting asset forfeitures by taking drug dealer’s houses, cars, money or other items.
- Assisting landlords in evicting drug dealers from residences.
- Screening citizen complaints of drug activity in their communities.
- Working with local community groups to assist them with drugs in their town.
- Lecturing at local schools about the dangers of drugs.
- Drafting legislation on new drug laws.
- Assisting in the distribution of grant money to local schools for drug education.
- Providing legal advice to police officers on their investigation of drug dealers.

Drug Forfeiture Grant Program

The State’s Attorney’s Drug Forfeiture Grant Program is designed to assist in funding drug prevention programs in our County’s schools and other appropriate not-for-profit organizations. Since this program’s inception in 1990, grants totaling well over \$225,000 have been provided to more than 600 schools and organizations, serving hundreds of thousands of children.

The State’s Attorney’s Office has aggressively prosecuted narcotics dealers and pursued the forfeiture of assets associated with these drug crimes. By law, these funds may be used for drug prevention programs. Individual grants are available to schools and organizations for reimbursement for drug prevention programs up to a maximum of \$500.

In addition to the \$500 grants available, additional funds are available to organizations establishing new or innovative programs designed to inform our children about the dangers of drugs.

We must do all that we can in the fight to protect our children against drugs and the funds that these grants provide can assist our schools with drug prevention programs. If there is anything that the State’s Attorney’s Office can do for you and your school in any of your substance abuse prevention efforts, please do not hesitate to contact us at (630) 407-8000.