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Upcoming Webinar on October 20

## Upcoming Webinar

The Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) of The Council of State Governments will host a webinar on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM EDT.

### Fighting a Heroin Epidemic in the SLC States

Recent reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveal a significant increase in the use of heroin in the United States between 2002 and 2013, and the increased use of the drug spans across gender, age and income categories. The rate of death from a heroin overdose has nearly quadrupled over the same period of time; in 2013 alone, more than 8,200 people died from a heroin overdose. As heroin abuse and addiction continue to rise to the levels of a public health emergency, states have begun to address the need for resources and protocols to intervene with those already addicted to the drug and mitigate the side effects of its use, as well as measures to prevent others from using heroin and other opiates. This webinar from the Southern Legislative Conference will examine the policy options for lawmakers, recent legislative action in Kentucky to address the growing epidemic and efforts being undertaken by law enforcement in the SLC states to remove heroin from the streets.

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