

Hazelden Publishing has resources to help you take proactive measures against the heroin and prescription painkiller epidemic in South Carolina

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley,

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing problem in the United States. This issue was a primary focus during the 2013 National Governors Association's Winter Meeting, with a session titled "Battling an Epidemic: State Efforts to Combat Prescription Drug Abuse." Hazelden Publishing applauds your state's efforts to address this problem and believes that, working together, we can help put an end to this devastating issue.

Hazelden Publishing has developed *Heroin and Prescription Painkillers: A Toolkit for Community Action* to help you and other leaders within South Carolina effectively address what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has categorized as a national epidemic. I have enclosed a complimentary copy of this toolkit for you.

Drawing on Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation's experience in addiction treatment, publishing, education, research, and public advocacy, this comprehensive resource gives you everything you need to build a statewide action plan for preventing, responding to, and ending this epidemic:

- Reproducible materials for schools, parents, health care providers, and community leaders
- Videos created specifically for adolescents and adults on topics related to heroin and prescription drug abuse
- A resource directory of organizations that can help support community efforts

We are here to help. I will be following up with your office within the next several weeks to discuss how Hazelden Publishing can partner with you to help the citizens of South Carolina live their best lives possible. In the meantime, if you or your staff has any questions about *Heroin and Prescription Painkillers: A Toolkit for Community Action* or any other resource that we provide, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached directly at 800-328-9000, ext. 4030.

Sincerely,



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