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## NRI Prevention Series: TN Statewide Plan to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse

NRI is highlighting a series of articles centered on Prevention. In this article, Doug Varney, Commissioner at the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services recently corresponded with NRI's Executive Director/CEO Tim Knettler about the Governor's initiative to prevent prescription drug abuse:

*"The Initiative to combat the serious prescription drug abuse problem in our state has three major components: First a description of the extent of the prescription drug problem in Tennessee. Second, information about how the problem is currently being addressed, and third, a plan for the future that includes specific, measurable goals. This plan requires many state agencies to work together, but there are also ways that individuals and communities can be part of solving this problem. We have been experiencing some positive early results."*

Read Tennessee's initiative and more on NRI's website [here](#).

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