

## Individual Risk Factors

Prescription opioid  
painkillers

Ease of access to  
opioids

Mental health status

Other drug use

Low educational levels

**Genetic factors**

**Homelessness**

**Perceived low risk of  
harm**

**Victim of abuse/  
abusive environment**

## Peer Risk Factors

Peers who use

Favorable attitudes  
towards use

Fitting in (or not) with  
peer groups

Poor refusal skills

Risky social situations

## Family Risk Factors

Youth exposure to  
prescription drug use

Witness family  
member overdose

Access to drugs at  
home

Favorable parental  
attitudes toward drug use

**Adverse life events**

**Low perception of risk  
towards drug use**

**Community / Society Risk Factors**

**Availability/use patterns  
in neighborhood**

**Community norms and  
policies**

**High-crime areas**

**Community instability**

**Low community  
attachment**

**Poverty and economic  
deprivation**

**Troubled youth**

**Feeling unsafe**

**Social and physical  
disorder**

**Disorganized  
neighborhood**