

# ANGEL VOLUNTEER ELIGIBILITY AND TRAINING PROCESS

The duties of the Kentucky State Police (KSP) Angel will place the Angel in close personal contact with program applicants/participants requesting assistance for addiction and recovery.

In addition, it will create circumstances in which the Angel will interact with the public, fellow Angels, law enforcement personnel, and treatment providers, as well as, having access to law enforcement facilities and sensitive participant information.

## ANGEL SCREENING




Kentucky State Police will screen Angel Initiative participants to determine their eligibility to participate in the program. This will help predict their likelihood of success in being placed for treatment, as well as, encourage their willing cooperation with Angel volunteers and treatment providers.

In connection with an individual's application to serve as an Angel with KSP, KSP will conduct a criminal history background check to determine suitability for KSP Angel Initiative participation.





KSP also recognizes that people make mistakes and are capable of change, therefore, it is important to note that previous criminal convictions or conduct will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from serving as an Angel. All circumstances will be considered in making a decision on the applicant.



## KY HEROIN STATISTICS

-  In 2016, there were **1,237** reported Heroin/Opioid related deaths in Kentucky
-  People age 45-54 were largest demographics in overdose deaths
-  In 2016, KY law enforcement made **1,178** (heroin) trafficking arrests and **2,731** (heroin) possession arrests.

## NATIONAL STATISTICS

-  Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. with **52,404** lethal drug overdoses in 2015. (American Society of Addiction Medication)
-  Heroin overdoses have increased **244%** between 2007 and 2013. Many of the new heroin users are youths, with an average age of 24 ½ years old for first-time users. (Dept. of Justice)
-  Opioids killed more than **33,000** people in the U.S. in 2015 (CDC)
-  **44 People die every day** in the U.S. from overdose of prescription painkillers. (CDC)



**IT'S NOT GETTING SOFT ON CRIME.  
IT'S ABOUT GETTING SMART ON REHABILITATION.**



## WHAT IS THE ANGEL INITIATIVE?

The Kentucky Angel Initiative is a program started by the Kentucky State Police in 2016 with one goal: save lives.

The Angel Initiative is a pro-active approach offering an alternative escape to those battling addiction. Under this initiative, anyone battling addiction can come to ANY KSP post and get help finding a treatment center. No questions asked.

KSP has helped place several individuals, who asked for help, in treatment. We will continue to pursue and prosecute those trafficking drugs and feeding the addiction epidemic. But if you find yourself needing help to escape the grip of addiction, this program is the help you need.

The Angel Initiative is a statewide program and you can seek help at any of the 16 KSP posts.

## ANGEL VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

As an Angel with the Kentucky State Police, you will be in a support role with the participant during your time with him or her. This support is important.

However, for your safety and to benefit both you and the participant, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Please use your first name only.

Do not share personal contact information and please use your judgment about sharing your personal experiences. Please remember that at this point in time, the focus is on the participant and his or her experience—the focus is not on you.

Do not create the expectation of any longer term contact.

Do not lend or give money or other personal belongings to the participant.

Do not volunteer or agree to handle a participant's personal affairs, run errands for them, handle their money, or take possession of their personal property.

Do not enter into business or partnership with a participant while they are in the Angel Initiative Program.

**These recommendations are for your safety as an Angel with the KSP Angel Initiative.**

**As a reminder, the participant is participating voluntarily in this program and has the right to leave at any time after signing the Participant Agreement Form.**

## HEROIN INFORMATION

Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. with **over 50,000** lethal drug overdoses in 2015. (American Society of Addiction Medication)

Heroin addiction has reached epidemic levels in Kentucky, where painkiller and heroin abuse are rampant.

A key driver behind the up-tick in heroin abuse was the reformulation of two widely abused prescription pain drugs, making them harder to crush and snort. (OxyContin & Opana).

KSP will continue to aggressively target traffickers. At the same time, the agency wants to help addicted people head off problems before they enter the criminal justice system.

