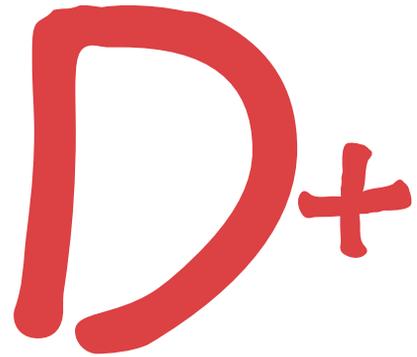


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# County of San Diego

## Dangerously Unprepared



San Diego County offers many different treatment services. However, it is the only county that has methadone maintenance available to treat heroin addiction, but denies access to Prop. 36 clients. Greater efforts need to be made to include treatment specialists in the implementation process.

**B**  
Money for  
Treatment

- Prop. 36 Money Given to County to Date: \$12.7 million
  - County's FY 01/02 Prop. 36 Budget: \$9 million (remainder unallocated to date)
- San Diego allocated 79% of its budget to treatment services. The plan also states that 45 new probation officers will be hired under Prop. 36, with no indication as to where funding for this will come from.

**F**  
Treatment  
Options

San Diego has the second highest rate of heroin overdose deaths in California after San Francisco. By denying Prop. 36 clients access to methadone maintenance, though available in the County, San Diego is practicing a potentially deadly discrimination. Therefore, an additional 10 points were taken off this score.

**D**  
Docs or Cops?

While San Diego mentions drug testing as a treatment tool, this implementation plan calls for probation to complete the first treatment assessments and handle all case management, as opposed to treatment specialists.

**C**  
Community  
Voices

San Diego held one community forum at the beginning of its planning process and included community members on its implementation task force. However, consumer input and public health representation was lacking.

**Extra Credit -  
DA Accountability**

No District Attorney charging guidelines were submitted when requested by The Lindesmith Center – Drug Policy Foundation.

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# Report Card

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