



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## I-STOP Press Conference

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On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Senator Maziarz and his colleagues gathered at the Kids Escaping Drugs Headquarters in West Seneca to announce an agreement on the Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing Act. The Act, known as I-STOP, will create a “real time” database that physicians and pharmacists can securely access to view their patients controlled substance histories. The Act also creates a Safe Disposal Program to increase the options available to safely dispose of unused prescriptions drugs. The legislation was pushed by

families throughout New York State who have lost a family member due to prescription drug abuse, including Avi & Julie Israel, whose son Michael lost his life to prescription drug abuse. The legislation is awaiting Governor Cuomo's signature.

More information on the landmark I-STOP law can be found here:

<http://www.nysenate.gov/press-release/senate-passes-legislation-reduce-prescription-drug-abuse>