Needle exchanges, synthetic opioids, people cycling through rehab, families in crisis... all these speak to the powerful, direct impact the opioid epidemic continues to have on our nation. Addiction does not just affect addicts. Addiction to opioids and heroin is indirectly influencing economies, educational systems, justice systems and neighborhoods.

WXXI, with partners OPB in Oregon, and ideastream in Ohio, will feature a special reporting series, *Opioid Crisis: The Ripple Effect*. The series will look at the people and issues indirectly affected by the opioid crisis and make the case that the epidemic’s ripple effects impact many.

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