

Preventing Fatal Opiate Overdose among Injection Drug Users

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Working Definition of Harm Reduction

Harm Reduction:

A set of practical, public health strategies designed to reduce the negative consequences of drug use and promote healthy individuals and communities.

ARCW's LifePoint 2015

- Exchanged 4,044,536 syringes (565,456)
- 480 drug treatment referrals (134)
- 2,352 HIV tests (24 positives) (423/3)
- 1,383 HCV tests (262 positives) (57/18)
- 453,962 condoms distributed

Preventing Fatal Opiate Overdose

- ▶ 85% of all overdoses are witnessed
- ▶ Active drug users will respond
- ▶ Naloxone (Narcan) reverses an overdose

How Do We Respond to an Overdose?

- ▶ Stimulate - can they be awakened
- ▶ Call 911
- ▶ Airway
- ▶ Rescue Breathing
- ▶ Evaluate
- ▶ Muscular Injection
- ▶ Evaluate & Support



Naloxone Kit

ARCW's Impact 2014

- ▶ 2,897 People Trained (291)
- ▶ 1,135 Peer Rescues Reported (137)
- ▶ 226 Facilitated Referrals to Treatment (44)

Still A Long Way To Go

- ▶ Expand Training
- ▶ 911 Good Samaritan Law
- ▶ Naloxone Shortage/Price Gouging

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