

Harm reduction is a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs. Harm reduction is also a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm reduction can be applied to other areas of life, such as sexuality and sex work, built on a respect for sex workers and belief in their rights and dignity.

HARM REDUCTION

There is an understanding that stigma is at the core of harm experienced by people who use drugs (PWUD) and sex workers and that this harmful stigma is reinforced by criminalization. The history of this stigma and criminalization is deeply entrenched in racist policies and has had a devastating impact on communities, especially racialized communities.

HARM REDUCTION

It is our intent to treat our community with the compassion & understanding we have needed ourselves, to come from an evidence based public health perspective, to prioritize social justice, to do our best to be good to each other, and to be vocal about social misconceptions and hatred. We intend to speak up about injustice and keep our boots on the ground for direct action. We believe in the rights, dignity, and autonomy of PWUD, sex workers, and the street-involved. They are our community; WE are current and former and/or the family of PWUD, sex workers, and street-involved.

THIS IS US

We strive to continually dismantle harmful stigmas surrounding drug use and sex work and offer those in our community unconditional support, care, and love. This includes reframing the way we speak on these topics so as to not unintentionally cause harm to marginalized and oppressed members of the community.

REDUCE STIGMA

We are in the streets, offering harm reduction and safer sex supplies including naloxone, hygiene products, food, and any other supplies or items folks may need or desire that we can get our hands on. We provide barrier and judgement-free street level peer support to folks in our community while consuming drugs or experiencing crises such as overdose. No one should have to feel alone while using or experiencing an overdose.

MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT

OUR GOALS

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PROVIDE EDUCATION

Another important aspect of our work is educating those in our community wishing to gain knowledge and perspective to better support the community at large. This includes both in person courses on harm reduction techniques and online seminars on topics of harm reduction and other ways to empower, support, and heal our community.

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ADVOCATE

As people whose journeys and stories are directly impacted by drug use, houselessness, and sex work, we take this work to heart and constantly advocate for safer and more connected communities for all. We operate from a trauma informed, inclusive, anti-oppressive framework; we are a sex positive, drug positive, anti-capitalist organization grounded in principles of mutual aid. Recognizing systemic harms throughout our community, we are dedicated to maintaining a core focus of inclusivity, decolonization, and abolition.

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WHO WE ARE

HARM REDUCTION OUTREACH

