

COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH
RADICAL EMPOWERMENT (CORE)

FILLING IN THE GAPS

POPULATION SPECIFIC HARM REDUCTION
PROGRAMS; WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT AND
WHY AREN'T THERE MORE OF THEM



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"RESEARCH SHOWS THAT NEW USERS OF SSPTS ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO ENTER DRUG TREATMENT AND ABOUT THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO STOP USING DRUGS THAN THOSE WHO DON'T USE THE PROGRAMS."

-CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

IF WE KNOW

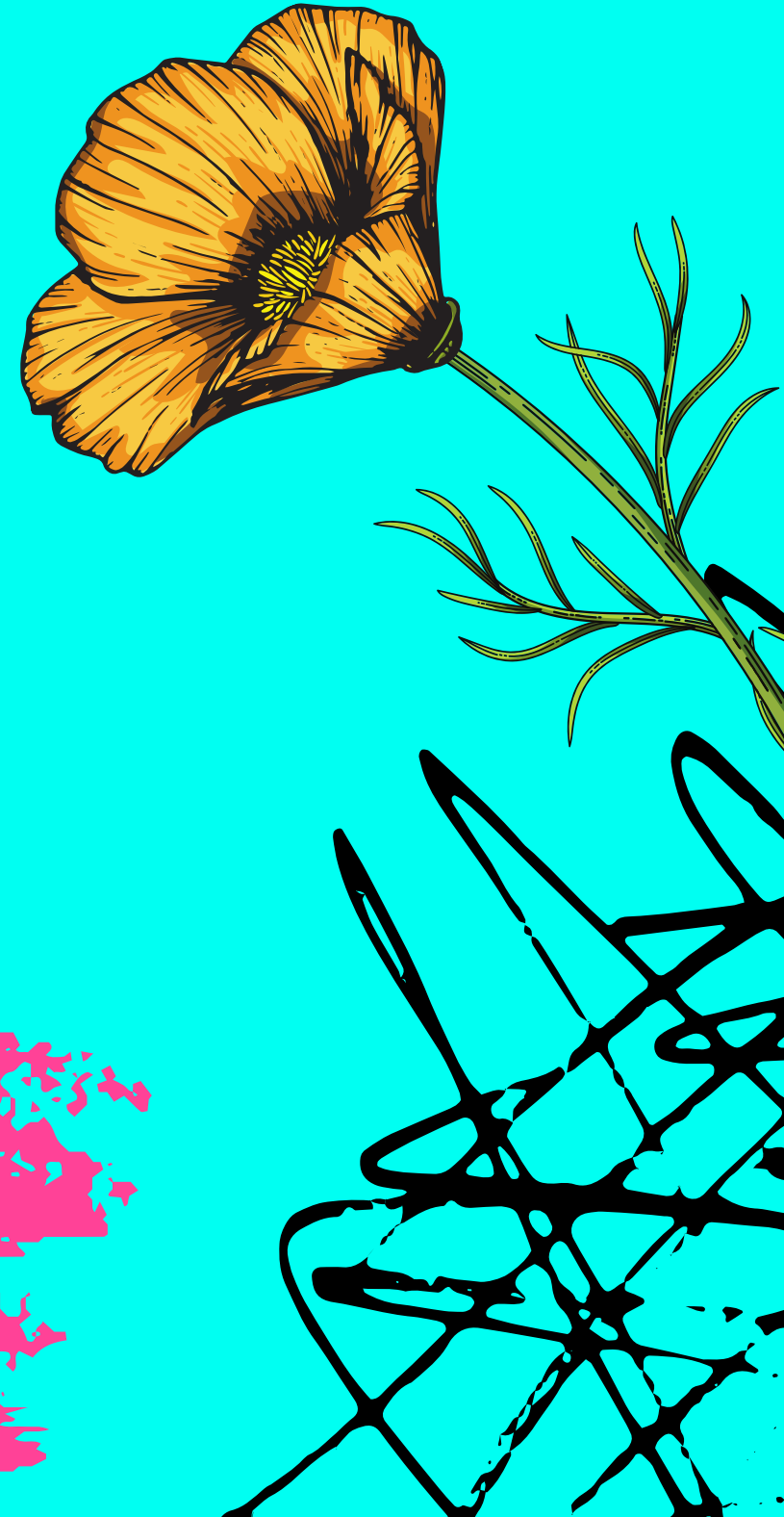
Harm reduction works

AND

Young people use drugs

THEN WE KNOW

**WE NEED HARM
REDUCTION PROGRAMS
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**



CHALLENGES

Funding

But who doesn't want to fund crack pipes

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Stigma

Like it or not, we are not an abstinence-based-program

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Legality

State laws do not necessarily protect harm reduction programs for young people

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WHAT IS MEASURE 110?


“THE LAW REMOVES CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MINOR, NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENSES IN FAVOR OF A HEALTH-BASED AND SCIENCE-BACKED APPROACH TO SUBSTANCE USE, RECOGNIZING THAT DRUG USERS ARE NOT CRIMINALS BUT OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS.”

374,000 incarcerated
for drug
offenses on
any given day



www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2022.html

1 in 5
incarcerated
people is
locked up
for a drug
offense



MEASURE 110 - STRUCTURE

MEASURE 110 PASSED ON 11/3/2020

This created two major shifts in how the state deals with illegal drugs

OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COUNCIL

Created to oversee the implementation of M110 and the development of behavioral health resource networks

FUNDING

Behavioral Health Resource Networks funded through Oregon Marijuana Tax dollars

Over 300 Million dollars for new and existing agencies

HEALTH JUSTICE RECOVERY

Conducts statewide advocacy that is fully focused on implementing Measure 110, collecting data, and tracking its progress

MIIO FACTS

**KEEPING PEOPLE WITH
SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES OUT OF
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
MAKES IT EASIER FOR THEM TO
ACCESS CRITICAL SERVICES.**

**IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS AFTER THEIR
RELEASE FROM PRISON, INDIVIDUALS ARE
ALMOST 13 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE THAN
THE GENERAL POPULATION.**

**IN ONLY SIX MONTHS, MEASURE 110 FUNDING ENABLED
AS MANY AS 60,000 PEOPLE TO RECEIVE CARE**


GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

- Ask questions / lead focus groups
- Compensate people for their time and ideas
- Identify current gaps in service
- Create programs/plans to address these gaps





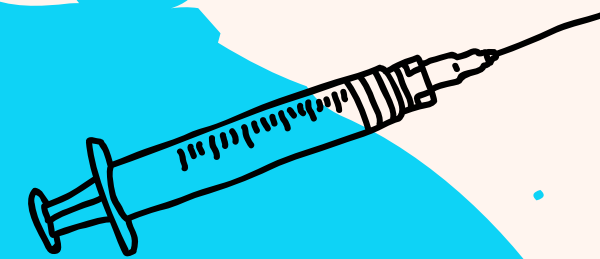
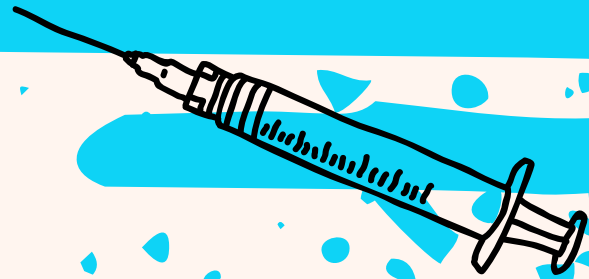
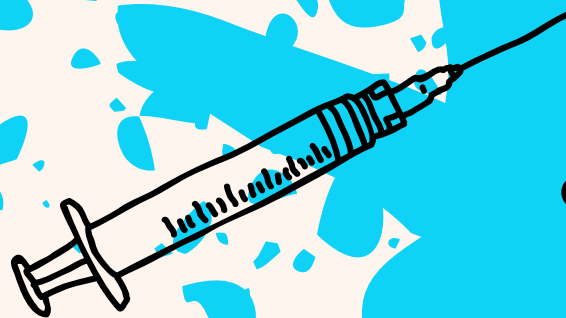
**Types of harm reduction services in
unsheltered settings:**

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- 1. STREET OUTREACH**
 - 2. MEDICAL CLINICS**
 - 3. POP-UP EVENTS**
 - 4. EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS**
 - 5. COMMUNITY EVENTS**
 - 6. MOBILE MAT CLINICS**
 - 7. MAIL ORDER DISTRO**



Needs Based vs. One-One Model

- **Ask people what they need!**
- **Avoid pre-made/generic packs**
- **Consider frequency/access to resources**
- **Secondary distribution can be a good thing**
- **Treat people like the experts in their own lives**
- **Different people have different support needs**
- **Create opportunities for education, referrals etc.**
- **Talk to people, don't just hand out supplies**



Education is key

- **Make sure people are able to ask questions and that staff are prepared to answer them**
- **Include written info in distro packs**
- **Safety plan with people on the spot**
- **Continued training for staff. Always. Never stop.**
- **Create access on multiple platforms (social media, in person, in print, etc.)**

Ethics

- CREATE ACCESS NOT BARRIERS
- EDUCATION IS A NECESSARY COMPONENT FOR ETHICAL HARM REDUCTION DISTRIBUTION
- CONTINUING EDUCATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE
- DEVELOP PROGRAMS BASED ON PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK, BEST PRACTICES, AND INNOVATION
- HARM REDUCTION IS NOT "ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL"
- WE NEED TO TRY TO START BRIDGING THE GAPS BETWEEN CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND HARM REDUCTION
- EMPOWER STAFF TO SELF-DISCLOSE IF THEY WANT TO



Tips From Our Experience

- **BE DISCREET - FOR PARTICIPANTS AND FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION**
- **KNOW THE LAWS AROUND PARAPHERNALIA, NALOXONE, SSPS, ETC.**
- **UNDERSTAND THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED FROM YOUR FUNDERS**
- **UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM YOU ARE RUNNING AND STICK TO IT**
- **CONSISTENCY IS KEY**
- **BE PRESENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA**
- **DO NOT SHARE/EXPLOIT PARTICIPANT STORIES**
- **KNOW YOUR HISTORY, ALLIES, PARTNERSHIPS..**
- **IDENTIFY/PROVIDE SEAMLESS CASE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES**

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BOOKS:

UNDOING DRUGS

BY MAIA SZALAVITZ

GETTING OFF RIGHT - TIPS ON HOW TO SHOOT UP EFFICIENTLY

(SEARCH THIS ON GOOGLE)

IN THE REALM OF HUNGRY GHOSTS

BY DR. GABOR MATE

DOCUMENTARIES:

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN

(INVESTIGATES THE COUNTRY'S DRUG
POLICY AND ITS RACIAL AND CLASS IMPLICATIONS)

LOVE IN THE TIME OF FENTANYL

(SCREENING + PANEL + NARCAN TRAINING) ON 3/16

