Harm Reduction Coalition

Policy & Advocacy

Trainings & Technical Assistance

Overdose Prevention

National & Regional Conferences

Resources & Publications
North Star Statement

Harm Reduction Coalition creates spaces for dialogue and action that help heal the harms of racialized drug policies.
WHY DO PEOPLE USE DRUGS?
WHY DON'T PEOPLE JUST STOP?
Continuum of Drug Use

No Use  Experimental or Situational  Social  Regular Use  Ritual Binge  Habitual/Daily  Chaotic/Persistent
Drug

The drug used, how it's used, how much is used, drug pharmacology

Set

Mindset, demographic & social characteristics, physical & mental health, interpersonal skills

Physical, social, economic, cultural, and emotional background

Setting

PRINCIPLES OF HARM REDUCTION

Health and Dignity
Participant Centered Services
Participant Involvement
Participant Autonomy
Sociocultural Factors
Pragmatism and Realism
FOCUS ON HEALTH AND DIGNITY

Establishes quality of individual and community life and well-being as the criteria for successful interventions and policies.
PARTICIPANT-CENTERED SERVICES

Calls for the non-judgmental, non-coercive provision of services and resources to people who use drugs and the communities in which they live in order to assist them in reducing attendant harm.
PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT

Ensures participants and communities impacted have a real voice in the creation of programs and policies designed to serve them.
PARTICIPANT AUTONOMY

Affirms participants themselves as the primary agents of change, and seeks to empower participants to share information and support each other in strategies which meet their actual conditions of harm.
Recognizes that the realities of various social inequalities affect both people’s vulnerability to and capacity for effectively dealing with potential harm.
PRAGMATIC AND REALISTIC

Does not attempt to minimize or ignore the real and tragic harm and danger associated with licit and illicit drug use or other risk behaviors.
Harm Reduction Services

- Syringe Access
- Syringe Disposal
- Safer Drug Use
- Naloxone
- Supervised Consumption Services
- Drop-In Centers
- Housing First
- Pharmacy Access
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Referrals
Principles of Harm Reduction + Tools and Services = Practicing Harm Reduction
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN ALREADY BEEN PRACTICING HARM REDUCTION AT YOUR CLINIC?
WHAT WOULD EXPANDING HARM REDUCTION LOOK LIKE IN YOUR CLINIC?
Thank you for participating in this workshop!

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