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5 REASONS HARM REDUCTION IS THE BEST APPROACH

1 IT SAVES LIVES.
HARM REDUCTION APPROACHES LIKE NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION, SYRINGE ACCESS, AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION SITES DRASTICALLY REDUCE PREVENTABLE DEATHS.

HARM REDUCTION MEETS PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT.

HARM REDUCTION ACKNOWLEDGES THAT PEOPLE USE DRUGS FOR REAL REASONS & SUPPORTS THEM WITHOUT JUDGMENT, BUILDING TRUST AND CONNECTION INSTEAD OF STIGMA, SHAME AND LEAVING THEM OSTRACIZED.

3 IT REDUCES DISEASE AND HARM IN OUR COMMUNITIES
HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS LOWER RATES OF HIV, HEPATITIS C, AND OTHER INFECTIONS, REDUCE SYRINGE LITTER, AND CONNECT PEOPLE TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

IT'S EVIDENCE-BASED AND SAVES MONEY.
STUDY AFTER STUDY SHOWS THAT HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS SAVE MONEY BY PREVENTING COSTLY HEALTH CRISES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS.

5 IT RESTORES DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.
HARM REDUCTION RECOGNIZES THE WORTH OF EVERY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF THEIR USE. FROM PUNISHMENT TO CARE, COMPASSION, AND COMMUNITY - TREATING PEOPLE AS PEOPLE, NOT PROBLEMS.

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