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Conference Objectives

- Provide a safe forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and strategies for incorporating harm reduction into direct services, public policy, and individual lives
- Offer technical information on program development and implementation
- Present current examples of effective harm reduction services and policies
- Encourage a dialogue between individuals from diverse disciplines, backgrounds, and personal experiences, including drug users and those with a history of drug use
- Explore and analyze our own attitudes about and relationships to drugs and drug users
- Exchange and develop practical skills, like community organizing
- Facilitate local, regional, and national networks and develop plans of action

Conference Services

Child Care	Room 524
Yoga	Room 634
Massage Room	Room 634
Exhibit Hall	Foyer

7th National Harm Reduction Conference: Towards A National Policy November 13-16 2008 | Agenda

Thursday, November 13 Opening Day

8:30am **Registration**
Foyer

10:00am - 11:00am **Welcome and Opening**
Symphony Ballroom

11:00am - 12:45pm **Plenary**

The United States of Harm Reduction

Moderator:

Allan Clear, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

What's the Controversy? Perspectives on Harm Reduction

Caitlin Padgett, Youth R.I.S.E., Vancouver, BC, Canada

Beyond Public Health: A User's Perspective

Dimitri Mugianis, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, New York, NY

What Gets in the Way: Stigma and Moral Exclusion of Drug Users

Rafael Torruella, City University of New York, New York, NY

Youth and Drugs

Allen Frimpong, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

1:00pm - 2:00pm **Lunch**

2:00pm - 3:45pm **Major Session 1 / Breakout Session 1**

Major Session 1

Drug Policy

Room: Symphony 1

Setting a Harm Reduction Agenda for the United States

Raymond, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Supply, Demand and Harm Reduction: Creating a New Bottom Line in Our National Drug Policy

Daniel Robelo, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Breakout Session 1

Housing

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Irma Poe, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Oakland, CA

What Is Harm Reduction Housing?

Karen Batia, Midwest Harm Reduction Institute, Heartland Alliance, Chicago, IL

Art Benedixen, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Liz Drapa, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Oakland, CA

The Role of Stable Housing and Integrated Medical and Ancillary Services in HIV+ Injection Drug Users' Access to and Effective Use of Antiretrovirals

Amy Knowlton, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health,
Baltimore, MD

**Motivational
Interviewing**

Room: Symphony III

Motivational Interviewing: Lessons Learned from Central Asia and Mongolia that Inform U.S. Practices and Policy

Marion Riedel, Columbia University, New York, NY
Susan Witte, Columbia University, New York, NY

Criminal Justice

Room: Symphony IV

Eliminating Racial Disparities in Drug Policies in Criminal Justice and Health Care

Arthur L. Burnett, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Washington, DC
Ura Jean Bailey, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Washington, DC
Christopher Ervin, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Washington, DC
MarshellaToldson, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Washington, DC

Safer Injection Facilities

Room: Concerto A

Moderator:

Daniel Hood, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

Injection Drug Users' Perspectives on a Medically Supervised Safer Injection Program in San Francisco

Alex Kral, RTI International, San Francisco, CA

Blood in the Bog: Injection Drug Use in SEPs & Public Toilets

Robert Childs, Positive Health Project, New York, NY
Lauren Etheridge, Positive Health Project, New York, NY

Supervised Injection Facilities in the U.S.: An Update and a Road Map for a Five Year Plan

Leo Beletsky, Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, New Haven, CT
Corey Davis, Prevention Point, Philadelphia, PA

Mental Health

Room: Concerto B

Moderator:

Andrew Tatarsky, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates, New York, NY

Their Lives Are Too Chaotic for Therapy... Not!

Lorraine Mary Pirro, FROST'D, New York, NY

Drug Users as Victims of Violence

Carl Latkin, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

Treatment Planning Strategies to Combat the Obstacles to Dissemination of Harm Reduction in the Current Mental Health System

Sarah Gillmore, The Salvation Army, Madison, WI

User Organizing

Room: Concerto C

User Organizations, Consumer Advisory Committees, and CBOs: Who Is Listening?

Dimitri Mobengo Mugianis, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, New York, NY

Leadership from the Bottom Up: User-Led Campaigns

Louis Jones, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, New York, NY
Hiawatha Collins, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, New York, NY

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Nothing About Us Without Us: What Should User Involvement Look Like?

Louis Jones, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, New York, NY

Gill Reeaves, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, New York, NY

Street Outreach

Room: Concerto D

Moderator:

Henry Vera, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

From Practice to Policy: A Seattle Example

Tara Moss, Harm Reduction Advocates, Seattle, WA

Kris Nyrop, Harm Reduction Advocates, Seattle, WA

Does Collaborating with Multiple Organizations During Street Outreach Really Work?

Art Salazar, New Mexico Department of Health, Albuquerque, NM

Organizational Development

Room: Picasso

Harm Reduction Program Management: Because Harm Reduction Is Not Just for Direct Service Staff

Lena Asmar, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Cambridge, MA

Foundational

Room: Degas

Harm Reduction 101: The Basics

Camille Abrahams, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Dorcey Jones, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Puerto Rico

Room: Soprano

El Punto in the Mountain: An Initiative for Rural Injectors in Puerto Rico

Yesenia Aponte-Meléndez, El Punto en la Montaña, Cayey, PR

Puerto Rico Does It Better! Some Stories on the Intravenous Use of Xylezine (Horse Tranquilizer) on the Island Paradise

Rafael Torruella, City University of New York, New York, NY

Ten Years: ICI's Experience with Harm Reduction Programs

Juan Carlos Espinoza, Iniciativa Comunitaria, Hato Rey, PR

Soft Tissue Infections

Preventing Skin and Bacterial Infections Among Injection Drug Users: A Harm Reduction Approach

Kristina Phillips, University of Northern Colorado, Denver, CO

Changing Community Norms About Abscess Care

Lynell Clancy, Safer Alternatives thru Networking & Education, Sacramento, CA

Tina Hallum, Safer Alternatives thru Networking & Education, Sacramento, CA

Community-Based Research

Room: Tenor

Bridging Research and Direct Services for Social Responsibility and Meeting Needs

Emily Winkelstein, Study Without A Name Project, New York, NY

Matthew Woodin, Study Without A Name Project, New York, NY

Linda Flores de Leon, Study Without A Name Project, New York, NY

Clients as Researchers: Community-Based Participatory Research—A Tool to Challenge Stigma, Increase Client Participation and Get Better Results

Emma Roberts, Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds, UK

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Plenary

The United States of Harm Reduction II

Moderator:

Camille Abrahams, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

The Mass Call 2: Community Response to Opioid Overdose

Gary Langis, CAB Health and Recovery Services, Lynn, MA

The Pees Project

Dave Purchase, North America Syringe Exchange Network, Tacoma, WA

The Right Medicine: Harm Reduction and Prescription Drugs

Nab Dasgupta, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Condoms in Prison

Waheedah Shabazz-El, ACT-UP Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Major Session 2 / Breakout Session 2

Major Session 2

Human Rights

Room: Symphony 1

Drug Use and Human Rights: A Posthumous Conversation with Pete Morse

Jon Zibell, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

Matthew Southwell, Gold Standard Team, Bath, England

Samuel Friedman, National Development and Research Institute, New York, NY

Breakout Session 2

Crack

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Mark Kinzly, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Crack: An Open Advocacy Roundtable

Where Do We Go from Here?

Addiction Medicine

Room: Symphony III

Harm Reduction Addiction Medicine

Barry Zevin, Tom Waddell Health Center, San Francisco, CA

Staff Development

Room: Symphony IV

Can We Be Friends? Challenging “Us-and-Them” Dynamics Through Non-Traditional Relationship Building

Emily Winkelstein, Study Without A Name Project, New York, NY

Drug Treatment

Room: Concerto A

Moderator:

Don McVinney, FROST'D, New York, NY

The Third Way: Therapeutic Harm Reduction

Howard Josepher, Exponents, New York, NY

Integrating Harm Reduction into Treatment Centers: Working with Staff in Order to Change the Face of Treatment

Joe Ruggieso, Addiction Institute of New York, New York, NY

Rachel Chernick, Addiction Institute of New York, New York, NY

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Effects of Injecting Drug Users' HIV Status on Treatment

Erin Bonar, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Sex Work

Room: Concerto B

Moderator:

Gigi Thomas, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Using Harm Reduction Philosophy as a Tool to Explore the Notions of Sex Work, Sex Trade and Anti-Prostitution Efforts

Shira Hassan, Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago, IL

Cyndee Clay, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Sex Work Resource Listing for Service Providers

Joanna Berton Martinez, independent consultant, Washington, DC

"Charm School": An Intervention Targeting African-American Female Survival Sex Workers

Elizabeth Saracco, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Housing

Room: Concerto C

Moderator

Karen Batia, Midwest Harm Reduction Institute, Heartland Alliance, Chicago, IL

Harm Reduction Housing: We Know It Works - Let's Prove It

Sarah Oppenheimer, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Cambridge, MA

Toward a National Policy in Harm Reduction Housing: Exploring Ethical Dilemmas and Best Practices

Elizabeth Bowen, Heartland Human Care Services, Chicago, IL

Integrating Harm Reduction Practices with Housing Program Policies for Multi-Diagnosed People Living with HIV/AIDS

Meredith Portnoff, Safe House, Los Angeles, CA

Ibogaine: Science and Medicine

Room: Concerto D

Ibogaine: Science/Medicine

Deborah Mash, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Safety Administration of Ibogaine, Drug Interactions, Substitution Therapy and Protocol

Alberto Sola, Hospital de las Americas, Cancún, Mexico

Treatment for Substance Abuse in the 21st Century: A South African Perspective

Anwar Jeewa, MINDS ALIVE Treatment Centre, Durban, South Africa

Peer Delivery

Room: Picasso

Satellite Syringe Exchanger Training and Support Program: Together We Can Win the Fight

Glen Thompson, Safer Alternatives thru Networking & Education, Sacramento, CA

Peer Delivery in Harm Reduction: Tribulations and Triumphs

Tina Wolf, AIDS Center of Queens County, Queens, NY

Sandy Guillaume, AIDS Center of Queens County, Queens, NY

Foundational

Room: Degas

Hepatitis C 101: The Basics

Narelle Ellendon, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Law Enforcement

Room: Soprano

Maximizing the Impact of Harm Reduction Policies: Aligning Policing and Public Health by Changing Law Enforcement Practice

Corey Davis, Prevention Point, Philadelphia, PA

Towards National Funding for Syringe Exchange: Strategic Bundling with Appropriations for NSI Prevention Among Police

Leo Beletsky, Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, New Haven, CT

Foundational

Room: Alto

Overdose Prevention Overview

Lauren Enteen, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

7:15pm

Networking Meetings and Evening Activities

Room: Picasso

Moderators

Overdose Prevention Town Hall Meeting

Lauren Enteen, Harm Reduction, Coalition, Oakland, CA

Eliza Wheeler, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Cambridge, MA

Alice Bell, Prevention Point Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Room: Degas

Moderator

Sex Work Roundtable

Cyndee Clay, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Room: Alto

Moderator

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Professionals Town Hall Meeting

Andrew Tatarsky, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates, New York, NY

Room: Soprano

Syringe Exchange in Florida: Past Efforts, Future Prospects

Dave Purchase, North American Syringe Exchange Network, Tacoma, WA

Carlos Franco, Independent, Miami, FL

Hilary McQuie, Harm reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

Room: Tenor

Moderators

What Women Want: Our National Model for Harm Reduction

Julie Roberts, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

Meghan Ralston, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

Jennifer Kern, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA

Room: Concerto B

Moderator

International Network for People Who Use Drugs

Dimitri Mugianis, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, New York, NY

Room: Concerto C

Moderators

AIDS Crisis in Puerto Rico Town Hall Meeting

Rosa Colon, Unidos Dándole Cara al SIDA, New York, NY

James Albino, Hispanic Federation, Washington, DC

Room: Concerto D

NA/AA Meeting

Friday November 14

8:00am - 9:00am

Morning Yoga with Katya Burns

Room: 624

9:45am - 11:15am

Major Session 3 / Breakout Session 3

Major Session 3

Overdose Policy

Room: Symphony 1

Moderator:

Lauren Enteen, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

National Overdose Advocacy Strategy: Update on SAMSHA

Sharon Stancliff, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

(China) White Lies: Media Coverage, Law Enforcement, and Overdose Death

Arthur Williams, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Overdose Prevention Legislation in Rhode Island

Sarah Bowman, The Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI

What's Up with the Feds? New Mexico as a Model for Overdose Prevention

Julie Roberts, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

Grant Smith, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Breakout Session 3

Harm Reduction and

Law Enforcement

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Bill Piper, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Law Enforcement through the Barriers

Arthur Leeper, The Law Enforcement Training Institute, Albuquerque, NM

Roseanne Scotti, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ

Philip Fiuty, Consultant, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Unequal Law Drug Law Enforcement = Unequal Harm

Kris Nyrop, Harm Reduction Advocates, Seattle, WA

Sex Work

Room: Symphony III

Moderator:

Teresa Dulce, Harm Reduction Coalition, San Jose, CA

What Is the Danger? Building Safety and Service Provision for Sex Workers in the Northeast

Penelope Saunders, Study Without A Name Project, New York, NY

Power Inside: Peer to Peer Outreach in Baltimore

Brenda Costley, Power Inside, Baltimore, MD

Industry Girls: Creating Effective and Comprehensive Programming for Women Drug Users

and Sex Workers Through the Eyes of the Program Coordinator, Community Health Nurse and the Program's Invaluable Peer Leader

Mary Wheeler, CAB Health and Recovery Services, Lynn, MA

Criminalization, Incarceration, Violence and Abuse: Alternatives and Policy Reform

Jill McCracken, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL

Hepatitis C Treatment

Room: Symphony IV

Moderator:

Narelle Ellendon, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Hepatitis C Treatment Outreach Among Persons Who Use Drugs Recruited from Community-Based Needle Exchange Programs

Michael Carden, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

Primary-Care-Based Hepatitis C Treatment: Incidence and Management of Depression

Donald Gardener, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY

Lori Neushotz, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY

HCV Treatment: A Personal Perspective

Donald Lynch, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

To Hell and Back in 48 Weeks

Sebastian Saville, Release, London, England

Mental Health

Room: Concerto A

Integrative Harm Reduction Psychotherapy Part 1: The Overview

Andrew Tatarsky, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates, NY, NY

Housing

Room: Concerto B

Best Practices for Evidence-Based Harm Reduction Housing

Kenneth Robinson, Housing Works, New York, NY

Chicago Housing for Health Partnership: "Getting Housed, Staying Healthy"

Aaron Eldrige, Christian Community Health Center, Chicago, IL

Harm Reduction Practice and Policy in Supportive Housing

Seth Katzman, Conard House, San Francisco, CA

Luis Barahona, Alliance for Saving Lives, San Francisco, CA

Methamphetamine

Room: Concerto C

Moderator:

Party Wise

Philip Hendricks, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Roger Sediles, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Albert Vasquez, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

PNP The Safe Way

Sybrina Bernabei, The Gay and Lesbian Community Ctr. of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

Program Models

Room: Concerto D

Bi-lingual

Projecto Amor Que Sana: From a Volunteer Organization to a Fully Operational and Structured Organization

Juan A. Panelli, Projecto Amor Que Sana, Ponce, PR

Harm Reduction Center: Casa Julio Rivera Marietti

Francisco J. Rodriguez, Projecto Amor Que Sana, Ponce PR

Youth

Room: Picasso

Moderator:

Adam Viera, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Transitioning Young Adults into Independent Living

Solange Bonilla, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA

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Bridging the Chasm for Transitional Age Youth

Jennifer Denny, Mental Health America of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Ashleigh Atnip, Transitional Age Youth Academy, Los Angeles, CA

Justin Troy, Transitional Age Youth Academy, Los Angeles, CA

The Next Generation of Youth At Risk: Moving Beyond Prevention

Robin Brennan, The Youth Health Empowerment Project, Philadelphia, PA

Michael Everett, The Youth Health Empowerment Project, Philadelphia, PA

Staff Development

Room: Degas

Responding to Objections to Harm Reduction: A Workshop for Trainers

Alessandra Ross, California Department of Public Health, Sacramento, CA

Communities of Color

Room: Soprano

The Divide Within: An Honest and Constructive Discussion about Racism within Community-Based Organizations

Allen Frimpong, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Pamela Lynch, Whosoever, West Orange, NJ

Buprenorphine

Room: Tenor

Moderator:

Sharon Stancliff, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Where do we go from here? An Open Advocacy Roundtable

11:30am - 1:00pm

Major Session 4 / Breakout Session 4

Major Session 4

Government and Harm Reduction

Room: Symphony 1

Government & Harm Reduction Part I: What Health Departments Can and Can't Do

Harm Reduction Policy in State and Local Government

Emalie Hurliaux, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA

Alessandra Ross, California Department of Public Health, Sacramento, CA

Rachel McLean, California Department of Health, San Francisco, CA

Jeanne Block, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

Breakout Session 4

IDU Research

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Samuel Friedman, National Development and Research Institute, New York, NY

Consent and Research Participants in an Epidemiologic Study of Young Injection Drug Users

Peter Davidson, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Kimberly Page-Shafer, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Gender Differences in HIV Testing and Healthcare Utilization among Young IDUs

Alya Briceño, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Recommended Preventive Service Utilization Among Injection Drug Users Who Do and Do Not Use Syringe Exchange Programs

Ricky Bluthenthal, California State University, CA

How Many Heroin Users Are There? Moving Toward an Estimation of the Prevalence of Problematic Opioid Use in New York City

Jennifer McNeely, New York University, New York, NY

Crack

Room: Symphony III

Moderator:

Mark Kinzly, Yale University, New Haven, CT

From Caned to Able: Championing a National Strategy on Crack Cocaine in the Face of Government Indifference and Professional Disquiet

Matthew Southwell, Gold Standard Team, Bath, England

A Case Study of the Distribution of Safe(r) Crack-Smoking Kits among Chaotic Substance Users in Washington, DC

Keisha McCurtis, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Jeffrey Chub, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Jessica Greene, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Overdose Programs

Room: Symphony IV

Moderator:

Sharon Stancliff, SKOOP, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Implementation and Evaluation of an Overdose Prevention and Response Training Program for IDUs at a Harm Reduction Center in the Skid Row Area of Los Angeles, CA

Karla Wagner, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

James Hundley, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

EMT Utilization of Intranasal Naloxone / Experiences with Overdose Prevention Program

Sarah Bowman, The Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI

Engaging Community, Working Collaboratively: Overdose Prevention in Pittsburgh

Alice Bell, Prevention Point, Pittsburgh, PA

Underground Naloxone Distribution

Thierry Henry, Consultant, Seattle, WA

Mental Health

Room: Concerto A

Integrative Psychotherapy Part 2: Exploration of Challenges and Successes

Andrew Tatarsky, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates, New York, NY

Housing

Room: Concerto B

Whatever It Takes: Successfully Housing People with Active Substance Use and/or Mental Illness in Permanent Supportive Housing Part 1

Irma Poe, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Oakland, CA

Youth

Room: Concerto C

Harm Reduction @ Home: Implementing a Curriculum to Assist Facilitators in Supporting Young People in Navigating a Guardian/Parent's Addiction

Michael Everett, The Youth Health Empowerment Program, Philadelphia, CA

Louis Ortiz, The Youth Health Empowerment Program, Philadelphia, PA

Utilizing Harm Reduction Strategies in Youth Court Diversion for Youth with Mental Health and/or Concurrent Disorders

Aara Amey, Harm Reduction Warriors, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Balpreet Grewal, Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region, Canada

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Working Outside the System: Creating Sustainable Alternatives for Youth Who Can't Access Mainstream Support

Shira Hassan, Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago, IL

Transgender

Room: Concerto D

Translating Gender: Transgender-Based Harm Reduction - Thinking Outside the Box

Ian Christensen, People Inc. Project Recovery, St. Paul, MN

Cinto Birkhofer, Access Works, Minneapolis, MN

Lorelei Noire, Access Works, Minneapolis, MN

Building Support Systems for Transgender Syringe Exchange Users

Nicholas Calabro, Positive Health Project, New York, NY

Moshay Moses, Positive, Health Project, New York, NY

Peer Education

Room: Picasso

Moderator:

Dorcey Jones, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

From Failing to Flourishing: The Development of an HIV/AIDS Peer Support Program

Gretchen Hill, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Cambridge, MA

How to Integrate HIV-Positive Peer Education as Part of Harm Reduction and Prevention Strategies for Your Agency

Denise Arzola, Bailey House, New York, NY

Dayna Grilles, Bailey House, New York, NY

Beyond Fire Escapes or Career Ladders to the Roof: Emergent Roles and Challenges for Peer Educators in Community Vocational Training Programs

Isaac Jackson, Tenderloin Health, San Francisco, CA

Volunteers

Room: Degas

BE AWARE: Building Community Capacity through Groups for People Who Use Drugs

Diane Nielsen, Safeworks, Harm Reduction Team, Calgary AB, Canada

Leegay Jagoe, Safeworks, Harm Reduction Team, Calgary AB, Canada

Getting the Most out of a Participant Volunteer Program: Supporting the Organization and the Participants and Building Community

Emilie Bromet-Bauer, Tenderloin Health, San Francisco, CA

Perri Franskoviak, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

Norman Hampton, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

Staff Development:

Room: Soprano

Triad Model for Non-Profit Management: Part 1

Don McVinney, FROST'D, New York, NY

Sara Gillen, Harlem United, New York, NY

Marijuana

Room: Alto

Medical Marijuana, Vaporization, and Narcotic Pain Drugs: Harm Reduction in Pain Therapy

Bruce Mirken, Marijuana Policy Project, San Francisco, CA

Attitudes Toward Penalties for Cannabis Possession: Examining Barriers to Progress

Perilou Goddard, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

Syringe Access
Room: Tenor

Hilary McQuie, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA
Paola Barahona, Physicians for Human Rights, Washington, DC
Syringe Access: An Open National Policy Roundtable

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Lunch

2:15pm - 3:45pm

Major Session 5 / Breakout Session 5

Major Session 5
Government and Harm
Reduction Government &
Harm Reduction Part II:

Room: Symphony 1
Moderator:

What Works When Advocates Work with Government

Emalie Hurliaux, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA

A Dialogue About the Role of Health Departments and Harm Reduction

Natalie Cramer, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, Washington, DC

Daniel Church, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston, MA

Reena Szczepanski, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

Jeanne Block, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Ana, NM

Dominick Zurlo, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Albuquerque, NM

Breakout Session 5

Community Organizing

Room: Symphony II

Stages of Changing the World: Using Harm Reduction for Community Mobilization and Social Change

James Learned, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project, New York, NY

Waheedah Shabazz-El, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project, New York, NY

Stigma

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Narelle Ellendon, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

If You Had 5 Minutes to Educate Doctors on Working with Drug Users, What Would You Say?

Jennifer McNeely, New York University, School of Medicine, New York, NY

HRC's Anti-Stigma Project: Drug Users Educate Health Care Providers

Donald Lynch, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Liam Gibson, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

History: Frontloading,
Backloading

Room: Concerto A

Moderator:

Hilary McQuie, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

Before Harm Reduction to the Present Day: A Historical Overview Concluding with a Hypothetical Model for Harm Reduction Service Delivery, Its Use and Limitations

Dave Purchase, North America Syringe Exchange Network, Tacoma, WA

The Miracle

Joyce Rivera, St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

Gradualism and the Future of Harm Reduction

Scott Kellogg, New York University, New York, NY

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Personal Perspectives

Les Pappas, Better World Advertising, San Francisco, CA

Housing

Room: Concerto B

Moderator:

TBA

First Thing First

Chris Robinson, Heartland Health Outreach, Chicago, IL

Planting Seeds for Future Growth: Harm Reduction in a Co-occurring Disorders

Residential Setting

Jocelyn Williams, Reliance House, Inc., Norwich, CT

Kerry Kee, Reliance House, Inc., Norwich, CT

Reuben Perrin, Reliance House, Inc., Norwich, CT

Mike Van Vlaenderen, Reliance House, Inc., Norwich, CT

Hepatitis C

Room: Concerto C

Moderator:

TBA

Hepatitis C Community Action: Multicultural Hepatitis C Prevention Project

Byron Cruz, BC Center for Disease Control, Vancouver, Canada

Loving Our Liver: An Integrated Harm Reduction Model

George Santana, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

Correlates of Hepatitis C Infection Among Hispanic Injection Drug Users in New York City

Ebele Benjamin, New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY

Mental Health

Room: Concerto D

Courting Dis-Ease: Can the Disease Model of Addiction Lead to Better National Policy?

Kate McCoy, SUNY, New Paltz, New Paltz, NY

Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Therapist Accountability to Social Justice/Change

Lydia Fleck, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

Youth

Room: Picasso

A Culturally Competent Approach to Working with Homeless Drug-Using Youth

Mary Howe, Homeless Youth Alliance, San Francisco, CA

Drugs & Alcohol: Friend or Foe? Homeless Youth and Substance Use

Coreena Hendrickson, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Peer Education

Room: Degas

Positive Action Peer Education Program: 13 Years Later

Henry Vera, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

Raquel Algarin, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

Daniel Hood, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

Staff Development

Room: Soprano

Staff Development within Clinical Supervision in Harm Reduction Programs: Part Two

Don McVinney, FROST'D, New York, NY

Sara Gillen, Harlem United, New York, NY

Media

Room: Alto

Making Your Point: Using Media Tools to Engage the Public Sector in Harm Reduction

Rachel McLean, California Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA

Gretchen Hildebran, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Cambridge, MA

HIV Prevention

Room: Tenor

Integration, Collaboration, and Coordination for Enhanced HIV Prevention

Danielle Boyd-Roney, Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, NJ

Beatrice Black, Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, NJ

Michael Graham-Anderson, Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, NJ

Erin Murphy, Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, NJ

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Major Session 6 / Breakout Session 6

Major Session 6

The War on Drugs Building a Movement to End the War on Drugs

Room: Symphony 1

Ethan Nadelmann, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Breakout Session 6

Drug Treatment

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Marion Reidel, Columbia University, New York, NY

Where's the Bupe?: An Investigation into the Slow Uptake of Buprenorphine Treatment in Designated AIDS Centers in New York City

Nancy Murphy, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Center for Comprehensive Care, New York, NY

Coordinating a National Response in the New War against Methadone

Kathleen Kane-Willis, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

Low Threshold Buprenorphine

Sharon Stancliff, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Effect of Injection Drug Users' HIV Status on Treatment Agency Directors' Acceptance of Harm Reduction Interventions

Erin Bonar, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Harold Rosenberg, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Youth

Room: Symphony III

Moderator:

Allen Frimpong, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Changing the Dialogue around Youth Drug Education

Jennifer Kern, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA

Jeanne Block, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

School-Based Drug Education: Youth Perceptions, Attitudes and Beliefs to Construct Harm Minimization Curricula

Jennifer Janichek, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

University Students' Attitudes Regarding Harm Reduction for Recreational Substance Users

Erica Hoffman, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Youth Action for Prevention: Peer Influence on Alcohol Use

Stacey McHenry, Saskatchewan Prevention Institute, Saskatoon, SK, Canada

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Law Enforcement

Room: Symphony IV

Collaborative Outreach with Law Enforcement in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dominick Zurlo, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Albuquerque, NM

John Suffron, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Albuquerque, NM

Liz Thomson, Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque, NM

Housing

Room: Concerto A

Harm Reduction En Harmony: Strategies for Housing Chronic Homeless and Substance Users

Melanie Paul, Christian Community Health Center, Chicago, IL

Housing as a Harm Reduction Strategy

Ethan Patchell, Larkin Street Youth Services, San Francisco, CA

Mental Health

Room: Concerto B

Remembrance, Recovery, Resilience: Journey through Three Cycles of HIV/AIDS Grief/Recovery/Support Groups

Doneley Meris, HIV Arts Network, New York, NY

Group Therapy: Transition to Harm Reduction

Thomas Glennon, Heartland Health Outreach, Chicago, IL

Research

Room: Concerto C

Recommended Preventive Service Utilization Among Injection Drug Users Who Do and Do Not Use Syringe Exchange Programs

Ricky Bluthenthal, California State University, CA

Assessment of Syringe Disposal Practices by IDUs in San Francisco: A Mixed Methods Approach

Lynn Wenger, RTI International, San Francisco, CA

Consumer Guide to

Ibogaine

Room: Concerto D

Moderator:

Ibogaine Self-Help Groups and Their Medical Collaborators: An Expanding Landscape

Howard Lotsof, Dora Weiner Foundation, Staten Island, NY

Ibogaine Treatment in Urban Settings

Dimitri Mugianis, Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders/Freedomroot, New York, NY

GDNF "Re-Sprouting" of Dopamine Neurons Elucidates Therapeutic Ibogaine Effects Seen in Addicts

Dana Beal, Cures Not Wars, New York, NY

Ibogaine Treatment in an Interactive Clinical Setting: The Controversy, Risks and Success

Clare Wilkins, Ibogaine Association, Playas de Tijuana, Mexico

Public Policy

Room: Picasso

Moderator:

Daniel Raymond, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Who Determines Harm? A Look at Ethics and the Individual in Harm Reduction Interventions

Ned Howey, Tenderloin Health, San Francisco, CA

Challenging Public Policy in New York City: A Community's Response

Joseph Cohen, Positive Health Project, New York, NY

Terry Evans, Positive Health Project, New York, NY

A Bloody Business: How Grassroots Stakeholders Mobilized to Champion an Effective National Response to Hepatitis C in the UK

Tam Miller, Independent, London, England

Harms and Challenges: Toward A Post Drug-Using Identity

Sebastian Saville, Release, London, England

Sobredosis

Room: Degas

Naloxone - Entrenamiento en Español

Rafael Torruella, City University of New York, New York, NY

Domestic Violence

Room: Soprano

Domestic Violence within the Context of Substance Use and Harm Reduction

Natasha Johnson-Lashley, Independent, Brooklyn, NY

Community Models for Harm Reduction in Anti-Violence Work: What Can Be Incorporated for Nationwide Policy?

Michelle Van Natta, Community Accountability Planning Group, River Forest, IL

Jen Curley, Community Accountability Planning Group, River Forest, IL

HIV/AIDS

Room: Alto

Mobilizing ESAP and Addressing Health Disparities in Communities of Color

Elizabeth Wheeler, Community Health Action of Staten Island, Staten Island, NY

John Eddie, Community Health Action of Staten Island, Staten Island, NY

Organizational Development

Room: Tenor

Moderator:

Adam Viera, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

From Abstinence-Only to Harm Reduction: Shifting the Organizational Paradigm

Scott Petersen, Heartland Health Outreach, Chicago, IL

Karen Batia, Heartland Health Outreach, Chicago, IL

Jackie Anderson, Heartland Health Outreach, Chicago, IL

Translating Harm Reduction Policy into Agency-Wide Practice

Rae Suber, Larkin Street Youth Services, San Francisco, CA

Locklan McHale, Larkin Street Youth Services, San Francisco, CA

5:45 - 7:15pm

Major Session 7 / Breakout Session 7

Major Session 7

Methamphetamine

Room: Symphony 1

Moderator:

Methamphetamine for Professionals

Luciano Colonna, Independent, Salt Lake City, UT

Raising the Speed Limit

Bill Piper, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Methamphetamine Use In The United States: A Historical and Personal Perspective

Phillip Fiuty, Independent, Albuquerque, NM

The Speed Project

Michael Siever, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA

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Breakout Session 7

HCV and HIV in Correctional Settings

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Challenges to Developing a National Policy for HIV Treatment and Prevention in U.S. Correctional Facilities

Christina White, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, CT

Project START: An Effective HIV/STI Hepatitis Harm Reduction Program: From Corrections to the Community

Katie Kramer, The Bridging Group, Oakland, CA

Barry Zack, The Bridging Group, Oakland, CA

Harm Reduction through a Viral Hepatitis Immunization Initiative in Massachusetts Correctional Facilities

Daniel Church, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston, MA

Sex Work

Room: Symphony III

Emotional Harm Reduction for Sex Workers: New Progressive Directions

Maryse Mitchell-Brody, Study Without a Name, Brooklyn, NY

Research

Room: Symphony III

Expanding Services to Injection Drug Users in Pharmacies Reduces Risky Behavior and Facilitation of HIV Transmission: Pilot Results from the PAT-Link Study

Natalie Crawford, New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY

Sylvia Amnesty, New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY

Impact of Arrests for Heroin and Cocaine Possession ("Hard Drugs") among IDUs and on the Prevalence of People Who Inject Drugs in 96 Large US Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs): Evidence of a Harm-Producing National Policy

Samuel Friedman, National Development and Research Institute, New York, NY

Pharmacy Staff Characteristics and Perceptions of Injection-Drug-Using Syringe Customers in Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP-Registered Pharmacies in New York City)

Natalie Crawford, New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY

Sylvia Amnesty, New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY

Medication-Assisted Therapy

Room: Concerto A

Moderator:

TBA

Buprenorphine Maintenance in a Healthcare-for-the-Homeless Setting: Firsthand Experiences

Barry Zevin, Tom Waddell Health Center, San Francisco, CA

The Status of Medication-Assisted Therapy Interventions for Drug Users in U.S. Correctional Settings

Bruce Trigg, New Mexico Department of Health, Albuquerque, NM

Bupe for Kidz: Working with Buprenorphine in a Low Threshold Youth Program

John Welch, Safe Horizon, Streetwork Lower East Side, New York, NY

Buprenorphine: Does It Have a Role in Treating Opioid Overdose?

Christopher Welsh, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

African Americans

Room: Concerto B

African Americans and Harm Reduction

Camille Abrahams, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Dorcey Jones, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Video

Room: Concerto C

Bevel Up: Drugs, Users, and Outreach Nursing: Delivering Effective and Compassionate Care to People Who Use Drugs

Elaine Jones, British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, Vancouver, Canada

Youth

Room: Concerto D

Moderator:

TBA

Harm Reduction-Based Prevention Intervention for Urban Youth

Allen Frimpong, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Sex in the Citi: Harm Reduction and Safer Sex Education

Sonia Sein, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

Lisette Gonzalez, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

Overcoming Barriers to Harm Reduction: Improving Services and Support for Girls and Young Women

Caitlin Padgett, Youth R.I.S.E., Vancouver, BC, Canada

Comprehensive Educational Program for Detained Juvenile Females

Ellen Talley, Young Women's Facility of Maryland, Laurel, MD

International

Room: Picasso

Learning from Each Other: Enhancing Community-Based Harm Reduction Practices in Canada

Walter Cavalieri, The Canadian Harm Reduction Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Reducing the Harms of Drugs and the War in Latin America

Daniel Robelo, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

Back at You: International Input Into U.S. Policy and Practice

Richard Elovich, Independent, Brooklyn, NY

Law Enforcement

Room: Degas

Moderator:

Hilary McQuie, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

It Can't Happen Here: Spatial Policing Strategies & Harm Reduction

Seth Katzman, Conard House Inc., San Francisco, CA

Drug-Related Law Enforcement Activities and Users' Risk of HIV: Expanding the Discussion of Possible Causal Pathways

Hannah Cooper, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Breaking Down Barriers

Arthur 'Sonny' Leeper, Law Enforcement Training Institute, Albuquerque, NM

Alcohol

Room: Soprano

The Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders: Is Abstinence the Only Effective Form of Recovery?

Michael Levy, CAB Health Recovery Center, Peabody, MD

Harm Reduction Strategies for Heavy Drinkers

Kenneth Anderson, The HAMS Harm Reduction Network, New York, NY

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Mental Health:

Room: Alto

When the Group Is the Teacher: Applying the Principles of Harm Reduction Psychotherapy to Clinical Supervision in a Group Format

Perri Franskoviak, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

Terri Williams, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

Not Just Syringes

Room: Tenor

Moderator:

TBA

It's Not Just Needle Exchange Any More!

Christina Colón, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Lisa Danelski, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

The Impact of Vaccination through Syringe Exchange Programs on Hepatitis B Transmission in Injection Drug Users

Lauretta Grau, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

One-Stop Shopping for Prevention and Care in Mendocino County, CA: Presenting a Model for Serving HIV, Hepatitis C, Syringe Exchange, and Harm Reduction Needs in a Rural County

Libby Guthrie, Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network, Ukiah, CA

7:15pm

Networking Meetings

Room: Degas

Moderators

California Harm Reduction Programs - Town Hall Meeting

Hilary McQuie, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

Room: Soprano

NA/AA Meeting

Room: Tenor

Evening Activities

7:15pm - 8:30pm

Fashion Show

Room: Picasso

8:30pm - 10:00pm

Poetry - Open Mic

Room: Picasso

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 13

8:30 am

Registration

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Welcome and Opening

11:00 am - 12:45 pm

Plenary: The United States of Harm Reduction

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Lunch

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Major Session 1 / Breakout Session 1

Major Session: Drug Policy

Breakout Session 1

- Housing
- Motivational Interviewing
- Criminal Justice
- Safer Injection Facilities
- Mental Health
- User Organizing
- Street Outreach
- Organizational Development
- Foundational: Harm Reduction 101
- Puerto Rico
- Soft Tissue Infection
- Community Based Research

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Plenary: The United States of Harm Reduction II

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Major Session 2 / Breakout Session 2

Major Session 2

Human Rights

Breakout Session 2

- Advocacy Roundtable: Crack

- Addiction Medicine
- Staff Development
- Drug Treatment
- Sex Work
- Housing
- Ibogaine: Science and Medicine
- Peer Delivery
- Foundational: Hepatitis C
- Law Enforcement
- Foundational: Overdose

7:15 pm

Evening Meetings

- Overdose Prevention Town Hall Meeting
- Sex Work Roundtable
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Professionals
- Syringe Exchange In Florida
- What Women Want
- AIDS Crisis in Puerto Rico Town Hall Meeting
- NA/AA Meeting

Friday, November 14

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Morning Yoga

9:45 am - 11:15 am

Major Session 3 / Breakout Session 3

Major Session 3

Overdose Policy

Breakout Session 3

- Harm Reduction and Law Enforcement
- Sex Work
- Hepatitis C Treatment
- Mental Health
- Housing
- Methamphetamine
- Program Model
- Youth
- Staff Development

- Communities of Color
- Round Table: Buprenorphine

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Major Session 4 / Breakout Session 4

Major Session 4

Government and Harm Reduction

Breakout Session 4

- IDU Research
- Crack
- Overdose Programs
- Mental Health
- Housing
- Youth
- Transgender
- Peer Education
- Volunteers
- Staff Development
- Marijuana
- Syringe Access

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Major Session 5 / Breakout Session 5

Major Session 5

Government and Harm Reduction

Breakout Session 5

- Community Organizing
- Stigma
- History: Frontloading, Backloading
- Housing
- Hepatitis C
- Mental Health
- Youth
- Peer Education
- Staff Development
- Media
- HIV Prevention

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Major Session 6 / Breakout Session 6

Major Session 6

The War on Drugs

Breakout Session 6

- Drug Treatment
- Youth
- Law Enforcement
- Housing
- Mental Health
- Research
- Consumer Guide to Ibogaine
- Public Policy
- Sobredosis
- Domestic Violence
- HIV/AIDS
- Organizational Development

5:45 pm - 7:15 pm

Major Session 7 / Breakout Session 7

Major Session 7

Methamphetamine

Breakout Session 7

- HCV and HIV in Correctional Settings
- Sex Work
- Research
- Medication-Assisted Therapy
- African Americans
- Video
- Youth
- International
- Law Enforcement
- Alcohol
- Mental Health
- Not Just Syringes

7:15 pm

Evening Meetings

- California Syringe Exchange Network Meeting
- NA/AA Meeting

Evening Activities

- East vs West
- Grand Gala Harm Reduction Fashion Show
- Poetry Open Mic

Saturday, November 15

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Morning Yoga

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Major Session 8 / Breakout Session 8

Major Session 8

Alternatives to Incarceration

Breakout Session 8

- Methadone
- Med & Social Work Education
- Women
- Housing
- Community Mobilization
- Overdose
- Crack
- Video
- Program Model
- Advocacy Roundtable: Hepatitis C

Plenary

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Safer Injection Facilities

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Major Session 9 / Breakout Session 9

Major Session 9

Youth: International Perspective

Breakout Session 9

- Condoms
- Syringe Exchange
- Criminal Justice
- Reproductive Rights
- Overdose Surveillance
- Mental Health
- Buprenorphine
- Media
- Sex Work Resources

3:45 am - 5:15 pm

Major Session 10 / Breakout Session 10

Major Session 10

International Drug Policy Teach-In

Breakout Session 10

- Peer Delivery
- Soft Tissue Infection
- Oral Health
- Alcohol
- Doings in DC
- Sex Work
- Housing
- Hepatitis C
- Staph
- Reproductive Rights
- Advocacy
- Overdose

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Major Session 11

Communities of Color

Breakout Session 11

- Organizational Development
- Drug Treatment
- Harm Reduction Philosophy
- Sex Work
- Safer Injection Facilities
- Behavioral Interventions
- HIV/AIDS
- Hepatitis C
- Methamphetamine
- LGBTQ
- Program Models

7:00 pm

Evening Meetings

- NA/AA Meeting

Sunday, November 16

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Morning Yoga

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Major Session 12 / Breakout 12

Major Session 12

Faith

Breakout Session 12

- Drop In Services
- Self Harm
- Mental Health
- HIV/AIDS
- Methadone
- Outreach
- Rural
- Criminal Justice
- Hepatitis C

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Major Session 1

Youth and Hep C

Breakout Session 13

- Criminal Justice
- Self-Development
- HIV Testing

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Closing

Saturday, November 15

8:00am - 9:00am

Morning Yoga with Katya Burns

Room: 624

9:00am - 10:30am

Major Session 8 / Breakout Session 8

Major Session 8

Alternatives to

Incarceration

Room: Symphony 1

The Nonviolent Offender Rehabilitation Act of 2008 (NORA): Making National History in California

Daniel Abrahamson, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Beyond Proposition 36: Creating a National Diversion Model

Tiffini Cooley, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

Breakout Session 8

Methadone

Room: Symphony II

Methadone and Harm Reduction: Points of Intersection and Difference

Jo Sotheran, Upstream Consulting, Brooklyn, NY

Drug Users in Program ME Implementation in Nepal

Rosan Sapkota, International Network of People Who Use Drugs, Latipur, Nepal

Harm Reduction in Methadone Maintenance: Leaving Behind Punitive Treatment

Maria Valdes, The Empowerment Program, Denver, CO

Re-Educating the Staff of MMTPs & Detoxes

Thomas Burros, Independent, New York, NY

Med & Social

Work Education

Room: Symphony III

Harm Reduction in Higher Education in the U.S.: Preparing Policy Makers and Practitioners

Mark Bigler, Weber State University, Ogden, UT

Corina Segovia-Tadehara, Weber State University, Ogden, UT

Doing More Harm Than Good? Educating Nursing Students About Drugs

Peter Phillips, City University, London, UK

Reflections of Harm Reduction Education in Social Work

Jordan White, Columbia University, New York, NY

Not in My Curriculum!: A Discussion of the Role of Higher Education in the Future of the Movement

Meghan Ralston, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

Women

Room: Symphony IV

Adapting Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Interventions for At-Risk Women in the South

Wendee Wechsberg, RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC

Creating and Enabling Harm Reduction Policy for Female Injecting Drug Users

Okonkwoh Ogenchi, Youth Repositioning Foundation, South Africa

Creating Better Interventions: A Successful Model of Support for Community-Based Organizations Conducting HIV Prevention Work with Women

Suzanne Kinsky, National AIDS Fund, Washington, DC

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Harm Reduction for Women: International Lessons for American Policy Makers and Service Providers

Katya Burns, Independent, New York, NY

Housing

Room: Concerto A

Whatever It Takes: Successfully Housing People with Active Substance Use and/or Mental Illness in Permanent Supportive Housing Part 2

Irma Poe, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Oakland, CA

Community Mobilization

Room: Concerto B

Understanding Community-Based Stakeholders

Evan Goldstein, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Helping Community Stakeholders Understand Why We Do What We Do

Janice Shomo, Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Atlanta, GA

Overdose

Room: Concerto D

Massachusetts Pilot Naloxone Distribution Project: From the Underground to State-Funded

Gary Langis, CAB Health and Recovery Services, Lynn, MA

Mary Wheeler, CAB Health and Recovery Services, Lynn, MA

Eliza Wheeler, Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Cambridge, MA

Jon Zibell, Skidmore College, Saratoga, NY

Richard Landers, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston, MA

Crack

Room: Picasso

Crack Cocaine: The Open Door

Christopher Robin, Janus Solutions, London, UK

Video

Room: Degas

In Video: Blackness: A Harm Reduction Group for African Americans Provided by a Latino-Based Agency

Tenisha Frazier, Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

Program Model

Room: Alto

Using Harm Reduction Programs to Influence National Policy

Raquel Algarin, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

José Sanchez, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

Alberto Alonso, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

Hepatitis C

Room: Tenor

Moderators:

Narelle Ellendon, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Rachel McLean, California Department of Health, San Francisco, CA

Hepatitis C: An Open Advocacy Roundtable

Where do we go from here?

10:45am -12:15pm

Plenary

Room: Symphony Ballroom

Moderator:

Safer Injection Facilities

Bart Majoor, St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, Australia

Ingrid van Beek, Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, Australia

Going Dutch: Experiences in a Consumption Room in Amsterdam

Mariel Selbovitz, FROST'D, New York, NY

Insite: Vancouver's Safer Injection Center

Sarah Evans, HIV-AIDS and Harm Reduction Programs, Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Liz Evans, PHS Community Services Society, Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Organizing for Safe Injection Facilities in San Francisco

Luis Barahona, Alliance for Saving Lives, San Francisco, CA

12:30pm -1:45pm

Lunch

2:00pm - 3:30pm

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Major Session 9

Youth: International Perspectives

Room: Symphony 1

Implementing International Experience toward National Youth Harm Reduction Policy and Programming

Caitlin Padgett, Youth R.I.S.E., Vancouver, BC, Canada

What Are Young People's Rights to Harm Reduction?

Brandy Svendson, Women and Girls Education and Arts Providing Opportunity Now, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Caitlin Padgett, Youth R.I.S.E., Vancouver, BC, Canada

Breakout Session 9

Condoms

Room: Symphony II

Moderator:

Cyndee Clay, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

The Human Right to Carry Condoms

Gennifer M. Hirano, Sex Workers Outreach Project, San Francisco, CA

Carol Leigh, Sex Workers Outreach Project, San Francisco, CA

Harm Reduction in Correctional Settings: Integrating Risk-Reduction Counseling and Condom Access for Detainees in Los Angeles County Jails

Cathy Olufs, Center for Health Justice, West Hollywood, CA

Act-Up Philadelphia and Condoms in Jails: A Campaign That Won!

Waheedah Shabazz-El, AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, Philadelphia, PA

Roy Hayes, AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, Philadelphia, PA

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Syringe Exchange

Room: Symphony III

After the Law Changes: Implementing and Expanding Syringe Access

Roseanne Scotti, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ
Meghan Ralston, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
New Jersey Allows Syringe Exchange
Pamela Lynch, Whosoever, West Orange, NJ

Criminal Justice

Room: Concerto A

Reducing Harm Through Post-Arrest Support Services

Rachel Anderson, Safer Alternatives thru Networking & Education, Sacramento, CA
Cuando Me Get Out: Considerations for Working with HIV+ Parolees
Kelly Dalzell, Tenderloin, San Francisco, CA

Fighting Injustice: The Impact of Emerging Laws that Deny Federal Benefits to Alleged "Fugitive Felons"

Jane Gelfand, Positive Resource Center, San Francisco, CA
Annabrooke Temple, Positive Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

Reproductive Rights

Room: Concerto B

The (Pregnant) Elephant in the Room: What is Harm Reduction for Pregnant Women?

Wyndi Anderson, Independent, Washington, DC
Luciano Colonna, Independent, Salt Lake City, UT

Overdose Surveillance

Room: Concerto C

Opioid Overdose Surveillance in Connecticut

Traci Green, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, CT

Getting the Full Picture: How Bad Data Drives Government Apathy to the Overdose Crisis

Grant Smith, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Mental Health

Room: Concerto D

Transformational Chair Work: An Introduction to Psychotherapeutic Dialogues

Scott Kellogg, New York University, New York, NY

Buprenorphine

Room: Picasso

Buprenorphine in an Albuquerque Community Clinic Setting

Dominick Zurlo, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Albuquerque, NM
Heidi Rogers, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Albuquerque, NM
Mary Murphy, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Albuquerque, NM

Media

Room: Degas

Do You Work the Media or Does it Work You? Communication Strategies

James Learned, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project, New York, NY
Waheedah Shabazz-El, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project, New York, NY

Sex Work Resources

Room: Soprano

Moderator:

Joanna Berton Martinez, CDC/HIV Prevention Fellow: Washington, DC

Sex Work Resource Listing for Service Providers: Meet a few of the Organizations Highlighted on our Most EXLNT Compilation of Sex Worker Created and Centric Programming Listed on the Harm Reduction Web Site

Lee Thornhill, Peers Using More Prevention: Boston, MA
Bliss Tyler, TransCEND: Cambridge, MA
Mary Wheeler: Building Empowerment Through Sexworking Youngwomen: Lynn, MA
Jacqueline Robarge, Power Inside: Baltimore, MD

Preventing Burn Out

Room: Alto

“It's a Marathon Not a Sprint” Self-Care for the Harm Reduction Outreach Worker

Kate Schneier, New Mexico AIDS Services, Albuquerque, NM

Jimmy Schrock, New Mexico AIDS Services, Albuquerque, NM

3:45pm - 5:15pm

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Major Session 10

International Drug Policy Teach-In

Room: Symphony 1

Exporting Bad HIV and Drug Policy: A Teach-In on the High Level Meeting on Drugs and What Harm Reductionists in the U.S. Can Do About It

Allan Clear, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Marcus Day, Caribbean Harm Reduction Coalition, Saint Lucia

Raminta Stuikyte, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, Vilnius, Lithuania

Caitlin Padgett, Youth R.I.S.E., Vancouver, BC, Canada

Walter Cavalieri, Canadian Harm Reduction Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Sanho Tree, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC

Michael Krawitz, Virginians Against Drug Violence, Roanoke, VA

Pablo Cymerman, Intercambio Asociación Civil, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Breakout Session 10

Peer Delivery

Room: Symphony II

Peer-Based Community Organizing

Shiloh Murphy, The People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Seattle, WA

Beyond Active Participation: Engaging Dealers in Harm Reduction Practice

Catherine Swanson, Points of Distribution, Oakland, CA

Shiloh Murphy, The People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Seattle, WA

Soft Tissue Infection

Room: Symphony III

Community Impact of a Wound Care Program on Needle Exchange

Jeff Nichols, HIV Alliance, Eugene, OR

Ananda Stiegler, HIV Alliance, Eugene, OR

Oral Health

Room: Symphony IV

Bi-lingual

Providing Much-Needed Oral Health/Salud Oral Llegando a Nuestra Gente

Juan A. Panelli, Amor Que Sana, Ponce, PR

Alcohol

Room: Concerto A

Harm Reduction Therapy for Problem Drinkers: What Works and Who It Works For

Ana Kosok, Moderation Management, New York, NY

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Doings in DC

Room: Concerto B

They Are a Worse Danger: Policing Undermines Health Programs in Washington, DC

Kelly Dorcey, Different Avenues, Washington, DC

Protect Your Safe(r) Crack Smoking Kits from Law Enforcement

Cyndee Clay, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Moving Beyond Syringe Exchange to Meet the Needs of IDUs: The Impact of Federal Policy Changes on Service Delivery in Washington, DC

Samuel A. Macmaster, Prevention Works, Washington, DC

Junette McWilliams, Prevention Works, Washington, DC

Sex Work

Room: Concerto C

Working with Youth Involved in Trading Sex for Money: Girls, Boys, and Transgender Youth

Shira Hassan, Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago, IL

Housing

Room: Concerto D

"More Than Just Drugs": A Bilingual Multimedia Presentation on Developing Supportive Housing for Active Users

Travis Hamilton, Tenderloin Health, San Francisco, CA

Nathan Kamps-Hughes, Tenderloin Health, San Francisco, CA

Hepatitis C

Room: Picasso

Moderator:

Narelle Ellendon, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

HCV and Alcohol Use among Current and Former Injectors

William A. Zule, RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC

How Some Long-Term Injectors Avoid Hepatitis C and HIV Infection: A Review of Some Key Findings

Samuel Friedman, National Development and Research Institute, New York, NY

Staph

Room: Degas

Moderator:

Sexually Transmitted MRSA: What No One Knows Yet

Marcia Bisgyer, Safety Works, Mamaroneck, NY

Reproductive Rights

Room: Soprano

A New Battleground for the War on Drugs: The Womb

Tamar Todd, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

Advocacy

Room: Alto

Fighting for Economic Justice and Health Care Access! The Necessity of Legal Advocacy on Behalf of Actively-Using Clients

JT Swanson, Positive Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

Mark Davey, Positive Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

Overdose

Room: Tenor

Moderators:

Overdose: An Open Advocacy Roundtable

Where Do We Go from Here?

Lauren Enteen, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

Mark Kinzly, Yale University, New Haven, CT

5:30 - 7:00pm

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Major Session 11

Communities of Color

Room: Symphony 1

Creating Safer Communities through No-Entry Policies: Implications for Communities of Color from a Local to National Context

Keara Enoch, Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy, Chicago, IL

Breakout Session 11

Organizational Development

Room: Symphony II

Need the Numbers? Creating Successful Needs Statements

Jo Sotheran, Upstream Consulting, Brooklyn, NY

Harm Reduction Program Evaluation: How Do We Prove Any Positive Change?

Ned Howey, Tenderloin Health, San Francisco, CA

Drug Treatment

Room: Symphony III

The Addiction Treatment Roundtable

Scott Kellogg, New York University, New York, NY

Rethinking Drug Treatment

Richard Elovich, Independent, Brooklyn, NY

Treatment of Substance Abuse in the 21st Century

Anwar Jeewa, Minds Alive Rehabilitation Center, Durban, South Africa

Harm Reduction Philosophy

Room: Symphony IV

Moderator:

TBA

An Anarchist, a Harm Reductionist and a Buddhist Walk into a Bar: A Discussion of the Ideological Underpinnings of Harm Reduction

Catherine Swanson, Points of Distribution, Oakland, CA

Shiloh Murphy, The People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Seattle, WA

From Self-Empowerment to Changing the Landscape across Dimensions: From the Personal to the City and State to the Nation

Kristin Goodwin, Housing Works, Brooklyn, NY

Larry Bryant, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, New York

Alexis del Rio Cumba, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, New York

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Sex Work

Room: Concerto B

Creating Community to Address the Intersections of Sex Work & Injection Drug Use: A Collaboration of Peer-Based and Institutional HIV Prevention Programs

Stephany Ashley, St. James Infirmary, San Francisco, CA

Male Sex Workers: How to Organize, Support and Advocate for Ourselves in the Movement

Stephen Crowe, FROST'D, New York, NY

Saturday, November 15

Recruiting, Training and Retaining Volunteers for Harm Reduction Activists: A Case Study of the HIPS Outreach Volunteer Program

Keisha McCurtis, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Safer Injection Facilities

Room: Concerto C

Moderators:

Hilary McQuie, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

Bart Majoor, St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

Where Do We Go from Here? An Open Advocacy Roundtable Safe Injection Rooms in the United States

Behavioral Interventions

Room: Concerto D

Effective Group Work! Creating Steps Toward Change

Chris Cochrane, Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York, NY

Matt Ignacio, Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York, NY

Making Space for Everyone: Radical Inclusions in Harm Reduction Groups

Jamie Lavender, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

Perri Franskoviak, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

HIV/AIDS

Room: Picasso

HIV Concordance and Discordance: Issues of Drugs, Sex and Intimacy as a National Wellness Policy

Doneley Meris, HIV Arts Network, New York, NY

Hepatitis C

Room: Degas

Integrating Hepatitis C into HIV Medical Management Programs: Harm Reduction Efficiency and Innovation

Daniel Church, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston, MA

Methamphetamine

Room: Soprano

Moderator:

Don McVinney, FROST'D, New York, NY

Using Social Networks for Harm Reduction

Roger Sediles, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

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Meth Lab

Bobby Fisher, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA

Kevin Mosley, Stonewall Project, San Francisco, CA

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Pedro Arista, The Stonewall Project, San Francisco, CA

Neon: From Harm Reduction to Traditional Abstinence - 10 Years Providing Options for Gay and Bi Men Who Use Crystal Meth

Arnold Martin, Project Neon, Seattle, WA

LGBTQ
Room: Alto

**I am Fabulous / Labels for Less: Addressing Identity with Active Substance-Using
LGBT Individuals**

Eric Soto, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY

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Program Models

Room: Tenor

**Drive- by Soupings and Other Harm Reduction Strategies to Use in a Zero-Tolerance/
Abstinence-Only Model Program**

Kat McElroy, Railbert Mental Health & Addiction Services, Nenana, Alaska

**Integrating HIV/STD Testing and Prevention Inside All-Male Bathhouses and Sex Clubs
in Los Angeles County**

Bertell Ferguson, County of Los Angeles Public Health, Los Angeles, CA

7:15pm

Networking Meetings

Room: Tenor

NA/AA Meeting

Sunday, November 16

8:00am - 9:00am
Room: 624

Morning Yoga with Katya Burns

9:00am - 10:30am

Major Session 12/ Breakout Session 12

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Faith

Room: Symphony 1
Moderator:

Raquel Algarin, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

Is There a Need for Faith-Based Harm Reduction?

George Kerr, S.T.A.R.T. at Westminster, Philadelphia, PA

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Reducing the Harm of a National Religion: A Grassroots Initiative

Jenna Zirbel, Church Within A Church Movement, Schenectady, NY

The Ignatian Spirituality Project: A Vital Component for a Holistic Approach for Working with Homelessness

Ellen Talley, Young Women's Facility of Maryland, Laurel, MD

Drop-In Services

Room: Symphony III

Come As You Are: Harm Reduction Drop-In Services

Scott Petersen, Heartland Health Outreach, Chicago, IL

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Self-Harm

Room: Symphony IV

Self-Harm (Reduction): My Story is NOT on Lifetime TV

Shira Hassan, Young Women's Empowerment Project, Chicago, IL

Mental Health

Room: Concerto A

So High, So Low, Hanging' on the Level: Harm Reduction Psychotherapy in Community Settings

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HIV/AIDS

Room: Concerto B

Moderator:

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Harm Reduction and HIV Prevention: Evolving Together Over the Decades

Michael D. Siever, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA

HIV/AIDS Infection among Intravenous Drug Users

Richard Gonzalez, Santa Clara County Public Health Department, Santa Clara, CA

The Focus Project: Using a Harm Reduction Approach to Assist HIV-Positive Substance Users In Maintaining Their Health

Willie Wringold, PreventionWorks, Washington, DC

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Methadone

Room: Concerto D

Peer Recovery Services for Medication-Assisted Treatment: The MARS Project

Joycelyn Woods, National Alliance of Methadone Advocates, Bronx, NY

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Outreach

Room: Picasso

Moderator:

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INDOCUMENTADO: Creating Access to Effective Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment for Homeless Latinos

Anibal Mejia, Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

Creating Outreach Workers from the Ground Up: The Points of Distribution Training

Giuseppi Cavaleri, Points of Distribution, Oakland, CA

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Rural

Room: Soprano

Rural Outreach: A New Mexico Model of Harm Reduction

Jeanne Block, New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe, NM

Criminal Justice

Room: Alto

What's Prison Got To Do With It? Constructing a Policy Agenda for Sentencing Reform as a Harm Reduction Tactic

James Learned, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project, New York, NY

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Hepatitis C

Room: Tenor

Hepatitis C Integration: Is it Possible?

Donald Davis, Harm Reduction Educators, Bronx, NY

The NYC Hepatitis C Program Survey: Elements of Model Programs and the Lessons of Their Experience

Caroline Judd, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY

10:45pm - 12:15pm

Major Session 13

Youth and Hep C

Room: Symphony 1

Moderator:

Caitlin Padgett, Youth R.I.S.E., Vancouver, BC, Canada

Acute Hepatitis C Treatment Candidacy in Young Injection Drug Users: The UFO Study

Alice Asher, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

The Study Without a Name Project: A Cohort of Young Injection Drug Users at Risk for HCV

Marla Shu, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

Getting the Word Out: Implementing Hepatitis C Education into a Seattle-Area Youth Service Center

Maria Corcoran, Hepatitis Education Project, Seattle, WA

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Breakout Session 13

Criminal Justice

Room: Symphony III

Criminal Justice Reform Is Harm Reduction

Jasmine Tyler, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

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Toward a Restorative Justice Model

JD Rosario, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Washington, DC

Self-Development

Room: Symphony IV

STEPS: Stages in Transition to Empower People's Success

Janice Shomo, Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Atlanta, GA

HIV Testing

Room: Concerto A

Not an Option: The Controversy of Opt-Out HIV Testing

Julie Rwan, Tenderloin Health, San Francisco, CA

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Mission Statement

The Harm Reduction Coalition is committed to reducing drug-related harm among individuals and communities by promoting local, regional and national harm reduction education, interventions and community organizing. HRC fosters alternative models to conventional health and human services and drug treatment; challenges traditional client/provider relationships; and provides resources, educational materials, and support to health professionals and drug users in their communities to address drug-related harm.

The Harm Reduction Coalition believes in every individual's right to health and well-being as well as in their competency to protect and help themselves, their loved ones, and their communities.