

Contact Information

HIPS Offices are at a private location in Adams Morgan convenient to Metro and Bus lines.

Please call for directions!

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**To reach the mobile unit or emergency line, call
1-800-676-HIPS**

We encourage you to call!

What does HIPS do?

HIPSmobile: Runs on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Provides safer sex products, information on ways to protect yourself from HIV/AIDS and STDs, private, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, and answers to your questions.

Connect with people who have been in the game : Current and former sex workers share information on personal safety and HIV.

24-Hour Hotline: Provides someone to talk to about life on the streets, help in crisis situations, answer s health questions, and offers support to family members.

HIPS Advocate services: Provides help for a variety of needs such as crisis help if you have been a victim of violence, obtaining an ID card, writing a resume, and other advocacy issues.

What is HIPS?

We are dedicated to empowering street-based sex workers in Washington, D.C. HIPS helps individuals on the streets reduce the harm associated with, poverty, violence, drug use, discrimination, and health risks associated with street life.

What is a Sex Worker?

A sex worker is someone who provides sexual or sexually related services in exchange for money, drugs or other favors.

Sex worker is a term that acknowledges the work part of jobs in the sex industry. Other terms include, prostitute, pro, streetwalker, escort, etc.

Some Facts about Sex Work/ Prostitution

Myth: All sex workers are women.

Reality: Although most sex workers are female, many are male or transgender.

Myth: Sex workers can't be raped. Or if sex workers are raped, beaten, or robbed, it's not a crime.

Reality: Yes, they can. Sex workers have the same rights as everyone else. Rape, assault, and robbery are crimes no matter who the victim is.

What others have said about HIPS:

[HIPS] helps people out here with anything, like condoms and services for people, helps [us] get jobs.

Other organizations said they didn't help prostitutes. When I called HIPS, they helped me find options.

HIPS is the only place I can talk about issues with dates and clients, and also issues with my man. They're respectful and helpful.

HIPS

Education, Health, and Empowerment
For
Female, Male, and Transgender
Sex Workers