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2017 Highlights

**Syringe Access**
- Supported advocates and officials in multiple states pursuing syringe access legislation and implementation

**Building Community**
- Engaged housing and homelessness service providers on shared harm reduction strategies
- Strengthened federal agency commitment to syringe access programs
- Partnered with advocates and experts to advocate for hepatitis C elimination in New York State

**Overdose Prevention**
- Advocated for stronger federal and state leadership on access to naloxone and medication-assisted treatment
- Provided leadership and guidance on responding to the overdose risks of illicitly manufactured fentanyl
- Advanced access to overdose prevention and naloxone funding as federal priorities
- Joined advocates and allies to launch the End Overdose NY campaign
- Called for the establishment of safer consumption spaces

**Facilitating Leadership Development For People Who Use Drugs**
- Hosted monthly in-service for the Peer Network of New York and HCV Peer Navigators
- Led the New York State Harm Reduction Peer Foundational Training Curriculum and Training series
It Has Been an Exciting Year For Harm Reduction Coalition.

As a commitment to ensure that the organization reflects on its mission, Harm Reduction Coalition, led by Monique, embarked on a two-year strategic visioning exercise last year to reimagine the future of harm reduction. In response to a dramatic shift in the political landscape and the increased toll of the overdose epidemic, we developed a new North Star statement to orient the organization, and articulate a clear vision to guide us as we move forward: “Harm Reduction Coalition creates spaces for dialogue and action that help heal the harms caused by racialized drug policies.” To better engage the broader harm reduction world, we held many listening sessions where we heard that people are hungry for stronger advocacy networks and infrastructure support, and they need answers about how to deal with the opioid crises in their communities.

This year we expanded our West Coast operations by laying the foundation for the re-opening of the East Bay Training Institute in Oakland, and expanding our funding base. This will allow us to leverage our extensive experience advocating for, and training, best practices for syringe services programs.

We will miss Sharon Stancliff, who served for ten years as Harm Reduction Coalition’s Medical Director. Her unwavering focus on overdose prevention and naloxone distribution impacted several jurisdictions in the US and abroad.

As the opioid epidemic worsens, it remains crucial to keep harm reduction real, by keeping people with lived experiences central to solutions and equipped to be part of conversations; by committing to racial justice; and by challenging rhetoric that seemingly—but does not actually—include harm reduction.

It’s been a productive year of growth, reflection, and expanded focus. I am honored to serve as Board Chair and look forward to the time to come.

In Solidarity,

Professor Susan Sherman, MPH, PhD
Chair, Board of Directors,
Harm Reduction Coalition

Monique Tula
Executive Director,
Harm Reduction Coalition
Our Impact

2017 By the Numbers

Training and Capacity Building

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Peer Workforce Development

| Peer Foundational Training Program graduates | 38 |

Overdose Prevention

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<td>Trainings</td>
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<td>Naloxone kits distributed or refilled</td>
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Corrections Initiatives

| People under criminal justice supervision trained to use naloxone | 2,456 |
| People leaving criminal justice settings received naloxone kits | 863 |
| Interventions on harm reduction at the United Nations | 2 |

People leaving correctional settings are particularly vulnerable to overdose. Harm Reduction Coalition has an ongoing partnership with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and the New York State Department of Health.

NEW TOOLS

Online Training Modules

Be on the lookout for three new, self-paced online modules that will be launched in 2018, making it easier than ever to learn about:

- Harm Reduction Approach
- Overdose Prevention Strategies
- Engaging People Who Use Drugs
Harm Reduction Coalition

HIGHLIGHTS

California

In September 2017, over 100 syringe access program staff from across California joined together to share best practices, discuss new initiatives, and priorities for 2018. As a precursor to the statewide needs assessment and listening sessions, Harm Reduction Coalition hosted an open house to connect with providers to hear about what resources were needed.

Maryland

In November and December 2017, Harm Reduction Coalition provided a series of trainings to support expansion of syringe service programs in Maryland. Thirty providers are now approved and prepared to implement new syringe service programs across the state, and a second cohort will be trained in 2018.

West Virginia

In August 2017, HRC collaborated with AIDS United and the New York City Department of Health to host the Appalachian Harm Reduction Summit in Charleston, West Virginia. Providers from West Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, and Colorado came together to explore how to advance harm reduction including syringe service and overdose programs in their communities.

It is difficult to overstate how vital the Harm Reduction Coalition has been to capacity building in Maryland as we stand up Syringe Services Programs. We couldn’t recommend them highly enough for those looking for short term help and looking to build up their own long-term capacity as they seek to address the harms associated with drugs and the barriers to adopting helpful, evidence-based, and compassionate approaches.

– Andrew Bell, Maryland Trainings

Harm Reduction Coalition has been instrumental in providing technical assistance for a local health department starting one of the first harm reduction programs in West Virginia. Their expertise allowed us to build a program that fit the needs of our community and allowed the decision making to occur at our level. They have continued to provide outstanding assistance anytime we are in need.

– Tim Hazlett, Cabell-Huntington Health Department
Faith in Harm Reduction

In collaboration with Judson Memorial Church, Harm Reduction Coalition launched a unique initiative to build bridges between the harm reduction and faith communities.

Faith in Harm Reduction is the only program in the country dedicated to building capacity and mobilizing community at the intersection of harm reduction and faith-based organizing. Born from conversations with communities of faith, harm reduction organizations, and unions of people who use drugs throughout the United States, Faith in Harm Reduction fills a unique role as connector, community mobilizer, and capacity builder, fostering innovative—and previously untapped—cross-sector collaborations to expand and strengthen harm reduction in principle, practice, and policy.

Since its inception in Fall 2017, Faith in Harm Reduction has contributed thought leadership, vision, and direction for overdose and other harm reduction advocacy events and conferences, including the following key events:

• Faith Leader Panelist at Clinton Foundation and John Hopkins School of Public Health’s America’s Opioid Crisis: From Evidence to Impact summit, Baltimore, MD
• Conduct Opioid Overdose Memorial Service for New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Lifesavers Event, New York, NY
• Create and host Shaping Sanctuary Summit – The Role of Faith Leaders in Transforming the Overdose Crisis at Judson Memorial Church, New York, NY

Goal

To expand support for harm reduction messages, practices, and policies among faith leaders in the United States through resource development, capacity building, and community mobilization

Objectives

• Build a network of faith leaders that will advance responses to the overdose crisis that are rooted in compassion, dignity, and social justice
• Advocate for a spiritual and theological approach to address the overdose crisis and the harms of racialized drug policy
• Confront the root causes that increase vulnerability to drug-related harm
• Encourage a healing movement for people who use drugs or have a history of drug use
• Support public policies that expand harm reduction and other evidence-based, community-led education, prevention, and treatment opportunities for persons at risk of opioid overdose

Harm reduction is holy, faith-full resistance, rooted in love and unapologetically insistent on justice.

It is the expression of radical welcome, the welcoming of all stories and paths.

Harm reduction calls people by name, and attends to and cherishes the particularities.

It is a hospitality that seeks people out, meets them where they are and invites them into loving community.

Harm reduction is love that stands with awe at the hardships that people carry, rather than stands in judgment at how they carry it.
Planning for the Future

Listening Sessions

Last year, we began hosting listening sessions to learn more about how Harm Reduction Coalition can support the work of our partners around the country. To date, more than 350 stakeholders have participated in the community listening sessions in Montreal, Chicago, Boston, Jackson, Michigan, New York, and California. Participants joined Harm Reduction Coalition staff for candid conversations about the state of harm reduction in their communities, including how people with lived experience are meaningfully involved in policy and programmatic decision making, and how the opioid crisis is affecting their communities. Several important themes emerged that are informing our strategic priorities for the coming years. Stay tuned!

Our volunteers are deeply appreciative of the ongoing support and solidarity of Harm Reduction Coalition through personal and professional relationships, as well as scholarships to their biannual conference that convenes national allies.

— Nora Trystereo,
New Orleans Harm Reduction Network
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We have the good fortune to receive training from staff at the Harm Reduction Coalition. We have found their trainings to be thorough, cutting edge, and delivered with great skill! We work with the hardest-to-reach, hardest-to-serve segment of the homeless veteran population and these trainings have been very helpful in strengthening our skills and enhancing our effectiveness with the challenging folks we serve.

– Leo Joslin, Swords to Ploughshares, San Francisco
Thank You!

By championing the principles of justice and dignity, every single one of our contributors are critical to the vibrancy of the harm reduction movement. Thank you for standing with us!

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Finance

Revenue Breakdown 2017

All percentages are rounded.

- NYC 9%
- NY State 27%
- CA 10%
- SF 12%
- Earned Income 11%
- Foundation 27%

New York State 27%
San Francisco 12%
California 10%
New York City 9%
Foundation 27%
Earned Income 11% (including Capacity Building fee for services and fiscal sponsorship work)
Individual Giving 2%
Corporate 2%

Government Total 59%
Join Us In New Orleans!

For more information, visit: https://harmreduction.org/conference/

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– Adriana, Jericho Housing
Harm Reduction Coalition

is a national advocacy and capacity-building organization that promotes the health and dignity of individuals and communities affected by drug use.

Our efforts advance harm reduction policies, practices and programs that address the adverse effects of drug use including overdose, HIV, hepatitis C, addiction, and incarceration. Recognizing that social inequality and injustice magnify drug-related harm and limit the voice of our most vulnerable communities, we work to uphold every individual’s right to health and well-being and their competence to participate in the public policy dialogue.