



HB 110- Overdose Prevention Sites Pilot Program

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Description

- ✓ Establishes an **advisory committee** to advise Illinois DHS - SUPR on the rules, regulations, development of Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS).
- ✓ Establishes **minimum principles and features for OPS pilots** to abide, informed by the harm reduction and medical communities.
- ✓ Creates a harm reduction services license for OPS pilot sites.
- ✓ Targets areas with community members considered to be **high risk for overdose and individuals who** are most likely to use drugs in public, unobserved, and in unsanitary conditions.
- ✓ **Connects people to community supports** or other existing **treatment and recovery programs, harm reduction services, and health care.**
- ✓ Requires pilots to **employ community members and people with lived experience.**

The Illinois Overdose Crisis

In 2020, the rate of overdose death grew by 33% and caused the loss of nearly **3,000 Illinoisans**.

With an overwhelming and growing supply of **fentanyl** across the state, we fear more lives will be lost to preventable deaths unless harm reduction strategies, like OPS, become part of our state response for treating substance use disorders.

The communities hardest hit by the overdose crisis are historically marginalized communities of color and low-income communities. A targeted response is needed to address these disparities, and the OPS pilot takes that step.

Overdose Prevention Sites

OPS, or safe consumption sites, are hygienic locations for people to use **pre-obtained** substances under the supervision of staff trained in overdose reversal and harm reduction. The OPS sites are designed to provide medical, mental health, and social support interventions.

The goals of OPS are to:

- ✓ Save lives.
- ✓ Reduce the spread of infectious diseases, such as HIV and Hepatitis.
- ✓ Reduce infections and treat wounds.
- ✓ Reduce public injection of substances and discarded syringes in surrounding areas.
- ✓ Link those with substance use disorders to behavioral and physical health supports.

More than **101 sites** in 11+ countries use this evidence-based harm reduction service - including New York City and multiple Canadian cities. **To date, no one has died at an OPS.**



Supporting Organizations

Above and Beyond Family Recovery Center
ACLU of Illinois
Adler University
AIDS Foundation Chicago
Almost Home Chicago
Brightside Clinic
Center for Housing & Health
Center for Wellness Counseling
Chicago Drug Users' Union
Chicago Recovery Alliance
Chicago Urban League
Christ Community Mennonite Church
Clergy for a New Drug Policy
Community Behavioral Health Association (CBHA)
Community Outreach Intervention Projects (COIP)
Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH)
Drug Users Health Collective of Chicago (DUHCC)
Duney's Defense
Family Guidance Centers
Great Lakes NIDA Clinical Trials Network
Healthcare Alternative Systems, Inc (HAS)
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Heartland Alliance
Hope for Healing
Illinois Harm Reduction & Recovery Coalition (IHRRC)

Illinois Medical Association
Illinois Society of Addiction Medicine
Jolt Foundation
Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP)
Lawndale Christian Health Center
Lighthouse Recovery
Live4Lali
Love Behavioral Health Consulting, LLC
Love LeB
Men & Women in Prison Ministry
Pharmacy and Addiction Medicine Society
The Porchlight Collective, SAP
Prevention Partnership, Inc.
Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago
Point to Point Kane County
Rush University College of Nursing
Rush University Medical College (Dep. Of Psychiatry)
Rush University Medical Center
A Safe Haven Foundation
Sana Healing Collective
Shelter, Inc
Sisters in Sobriety Transformed Anointed & Healed (SISTAH)
Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
TASC
Thresholds
West Side Heroin and Opioid Task Force