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“Injection drug use is first and foremost a health issue. Involving all Canadians in a just and compassionate response means that we must dig deep in our search for solutions and not stop until we find ones that work.”

*(Health Canada. Injection Drug Use and HIV/AIDS.*

*Health Canada's Response to the Report of the Canadian HIV/AIDS*

*Legal Network. Ottawa: 2001)*

# Needle Syringe Program



- Education
- Referrals to other Community Services
- Counseling
- New injection drug using equipment
- Accept returns of used equipment
- Often the first contact with the Health Care System



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- 10 Fixed sites
- CPHC Mobile Unit

## **2013 Statistics**

- 635 individual visits
- 200+ referrals made
- 51 new clients
- 101,000+ needles distributed



Provides **Naloxone** kits to people who are at risk of experiencing an **Opioid Overdose**.



## **ONTARIO**

*Fatal Opioid Overdoses* = / ↑ *Fatal Car Crashes*  
*#1 Opioid Users in Canada*

## **LGL**

5 opioid related overdoses from January – July 2014  
2<sup>nd</sup> most used drug by IDU

## HEALTH UNIT SITES ONLY



- **Kits go to Eligible Clients;**
  - 16 years & Old
  - Current or past history with Opioids
  - No allergy to Naloxone
  - Complete Training
- **Training Required**
  - 30 minutes & provided by a RN from the Health Unit
- **Topics Covered in Training**
  - Overdose Prevention, Overdose Response including the administration of Naloxone, Importance of Calling 911 etc



20 kits to start

Expectation is that 10% of all kits given will be used.





# Safer Inhalation Program



- Targets people who smoke drugs, mainly crack cocaine, crystal meth and some opioids
- Clients have access to education, referrals, counseling, new supplies
- Accept returns of used equipment
- Reach a vulnerable population who otherwise are not accessing other services



## Rationale



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↑ Evidence supporting the link between sharing of pipes and the transmission of Hep C and HIV.

Prevention of burns and cuts to the oral cavity and fingers = ↓ Health Care Visits.



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- Available through all 11 Smart Works sites
- Unsure of the potential demand for the kits



**Focus on education  
and awareness &  
moving harm  
reductions strategies  
forward in our  
communities**



- 4 different workshops
- Developed 2 resources
- 2014 working on revive Program awareness and Steroid Use.



# Other Community Strategies

- In partnership with the Smiths Falls MDS Committee and the Health Unit
- Started up a Needle Hunter Program in SF
- Volunteer organized and run
- On call to pick up needles found in the public



**Harm Reduction**  
is  
**Health Promotion**



# Questions?????

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