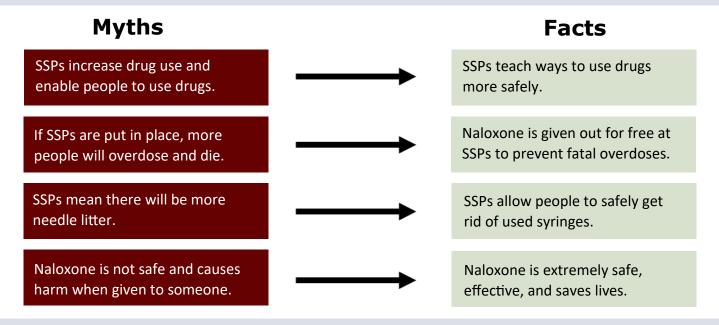
Harm Reduction: Keeping Communities Healthy



Harm Reduction Basics

- People practice harm reduction everyday to keep themselves safe. Wearing seatbelts and helmets, driving the speed limit, and exercising are everyday examples of harm reduction.
- Harm reduction is a public health approach that engages directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdoses and the spread of infectious diseases such as HIV and hepatitis C.
- Harm reduction programs can include a range of services. Some of the most well-known services are syringe service programs (SSPs) and Naloxone distribution.



Benefits of Harm Reduction Programs



Distribute Naloxone and sterile syringes to prevent fatal overdoses and diseases.



People receive referrals to mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and medical care.



Offer HIV, hepatitis C, and STI testing and treatment.



Provide law enforcement with the tools they need to respond to certain calls.

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