



Overdose Prevention Site (OPS) Pilot Program

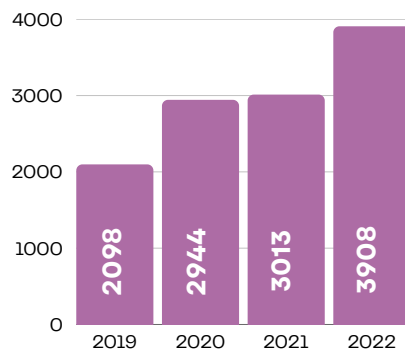
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HB2929



Overdose Crisis in Illinois

- Nearly 4,000 Illinoisans died from an accidental overdose in 2022, an 89% increase when compared to 2019.
- An increased supply of potent fentanyl and other contaminants in street-bought drugs across the state will continue to exacerbate the crisis.
- There is a government need to support and scale harm reduction strategies to adequately respond to the crisis.

Overdose Deaths in Illinois 2019-2022



Support HB2929

- Trained health workers and people with lived experiences provide **life-saving interventions and support.**
- Pilot connects people to community support services like **drug treatment, medical care, and criminal legal aid.**
- Authorizes DHS to approve an entity to establish at least one pilot program.
- Outlines the **requirements** for a pilot.
- Requires IDHS to **study OPS program effectiveness**, best practices, benefits, and challenges, and present findings in one year.

What is an Overdose Prevention Site (OPS)?

An Overdose Prevention Site is a hygienic **healthcare facility** for people to use *preobtained* substances under the supervision of *trained staff* designed to provide *medical, mental health, and social support interventions.*

Keeps Our Communities Safe.

- An OPS provides a supervised space which has safety and social benefits.
- Sites do not increase crime and instead have reduced robbery and property crime.
- Provides a safe place to dispose of drug equipment.
- Creates a safer space for women who use drugs who otherwise are at risk for violence.

Saves Lives.

- Facilitates the connection to drug treatment, life changing supports and services (housing, job training, etc.).
- Reduces the spread of infectious diseases, such as HIV and Viral Hepatitis.

1,200+ prevented overdose deaths

Since NYC OPS was established in 2023

75% of participants were provided with wellness and stabilization services

First Year Accomplishments for NYC OPS

Saves Money.

- An OPS reduces costs by preventing hospitalizations, EMS calls, and treatments for HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV), and other illnesses.
- No funding impact for State GRF Funds.

Taxpayer Costs for Emergency Response Calls and Overdose Fatalities

PER INDIVIDUAL INCIDENT **\$30K-40K**

ANNUAL COST **\$100M**

435k units of hazard waste diverted from public spaces

First Year Accomplishments for NYC OPS

30.1% drop in calls for crime and other emergencies

First Year Accomplishments for NYC OPS

48,533 site utilizations

First Year Accomplishments for NYC OPS

OPS Saves Lives. Saves Money. Keeps Our Communities Safe.

Supporting Organizations

Above and Beyond Family Recovery Center
Access Living
ACLU of Illinois
Adler University
AIDS Foundation Chicago
Almost Home Chicago
The Angel Moms Network
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Association for Individual Development
Brightside Clinic
Buddy's Purpose
Cannabis Equity Coalition Illinois
Carle Addiction Recovery Center
Center for Housing & Health
Center for Wellness Counseling
Chicago Drug Users' Union
Chicago House and Social Services Agency
Chicago Recovery Alliance
Chicago Urban League
Children's Best Interest Project
Christ Community Mennonite Church
Clergy for a New Drug Policy
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Community Mental Health and Substance Use Providers
Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township
Community Outreach Intervention Projects (COIP)
Cook County Health Department
Cook County Health
Drug Users Health Collective of Chicago
Duney's Defense
Entheo IL
EverThrive Illinois
Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
Family Guidance Centers
FED UP! Coalition
Great Lakes NIDA Clinical Trials Network
Healthcare Alternative Systems (HAS)
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Heartland Alliance
Hope for Healing
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Harm Reduction & Recovery Coalition
Illinois Medical & Nursing Associations
Illinois National Organization for Women (NOW)
Illinois Psychiatric Society
Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois State Medical Society
Illinois Society of Addiction Medicine
Jolt Foundation
Kane County Sheriff's Office
Lake County Sheriff's Office
Lake County State's Attorney's Office
Lake Forest Hospital
Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc.



101 sites in
12+
countries

Since opening the first
OPS in 1986 not a single
death has occurred in one.

Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP)

Lawndale Christian Health Center
Legal Council for Health Justice
Lighthouse Recovery
Linda Benton Yoga
Live4Lali
Love Behavioral Health Consulting, LLC
Love LeB
Memorial Behavioral Health
Men & Women in Prison Ministry
Mental Health America of Illinois
Mental Health Summit
MBM Advantage, LLC
NAMI Chicago
National Association of Social Workers Illinois
The Night Ministry
Northern IL Recovery Community Organization
PCC Community Wellness
Peace and Justice Solutions
Perfectly Flawed Foundation
Pharmacy and Addiction Medicine Society
Phoenix Center
The Porchlight Collective, SAP
Prevention Partnership, Inc.
Project Vida
Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago
Point to Point Kane County
The Puerto Rico Project
QC Harm Reduction
Renaissance Social Services, Inc.
Rush Medical School
Rush University College of Nursing
A Safe Haven Foundation
Safer Foundation
Sana Healing Collective
Shawnee Health Services
Shelter, Inc
Sierra Club
Sisters in Sobriety Transformed Anointed & Healed
Springfield Harm Reduction Initiative - Phoenix 2U
Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Supportive Housing Providers Association
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)
Thresholds
University of Illinois Chicago
West Side Heroin and Opioid Task Force
Wolf Pack Therapy