Preventing Fatal Opioid Overdose

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Harm Reduction:

A set of practical, public health strategies designed to reduce the negative consequences of drug use and promote healthy individuals and communities.
Key Principles of Harm Reduction

- **Designs & promotes** public health interventions that minimize the harmful affects of drug use.

- **Understands** drug use as a complex, multi-faceted issue that encompasses behaviors from severe abuse to total abstinence.

- **Meets** people where they are in the course of their drug use.
Goals of Harm Reduction

- **Prevent disease**
  Sterile syringe access to prevent HIV and hepatitis

- **Reduce mortality**
  Overdose prevention with training and naloxone distribution; link to medical care and social services

- **Treatment for drug dependence**
  Buprenorphine, Suboxone or Methadone Maintenance
## ARCW’s Service Delivery

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- 85% of all overdoses are witnessed
- Active drug users will respond
- Naloxone (Narcan) reverses an overdose
How Do We Respond to an Overdose?

- Stimulate – can they be awakened
- Call 911
- Airway
- Rescue Breathing
- Evaluate
- Muscular Injection
- Evaluate & Support
ARCW’s Impact
2012 - 2014

- 4,511 PWID’s Trained
- 3,232 Peer Rescues Reported
- 415 Facilitated Referrals to Treatment
Expanding Naloxone Access

- Drug Treatment Facilities
- Jails/Prisons
- Co-prescribing
- OTC
Related Issues

- Naloxone Shortages/Price Gouging
- 911 Good Samaritan Law
- Funding
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