

Sex Work & Harm Reduction

Values Exploration

Responses are anonymous



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Social Services



2.4K Total Clients Served

5K Lunches Delivered

Clothes - Food - Hygiene Kits - Showers -
Connections to Other Social Services

Clinical Services



129 + Clients

100+ Covid & Mpox vaccines

1,128 + medical appointments

HIV/HepC/STI
Gender Affirming Care
Harm Reduction Drug Treatment

Mobile Services

Overdose Prevention treatment



15 K+ Doses Distributed

23% Increased from last year

95 Reported overdose Reversals

www.HIPS.org

Advocacy



DECRIM POVERTY

**Sex Worker Advocate
Coalition**

Know-Your-Rights Training
Pole Pary Showcase
Sex Work Storytelling Event
Coalition Building

Mission

HIPS advances the health, rights, and dignity of people and communities impacted by sex work and/or drug use by providing non-judgmental harm reduction services, advocacy, and community engagement led by those with lived experience.

Vision

We envision a world where all people engaged in sexual exchange and/or drug use can use their power to lead healthy and self-determined lives free from stigma, violence, criminalization, or oppression.





HIPS Honoring

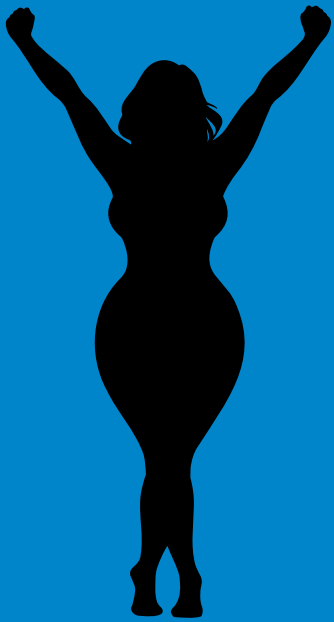
--48% of HIPS low barrier drug treatment clients were previously banned from *every* treatment program in the city.



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The Power of HIPS

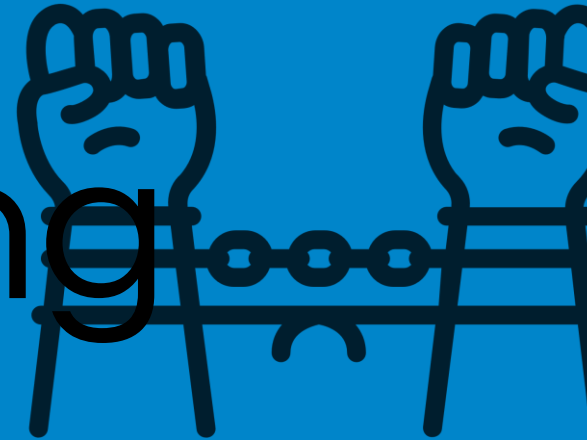


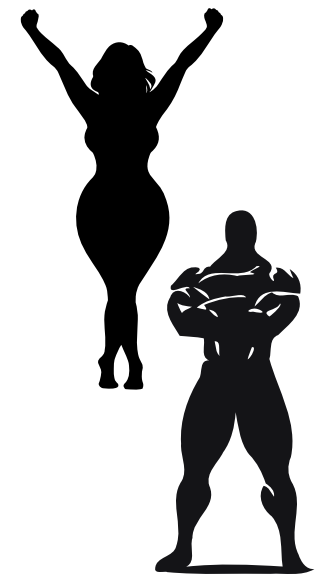
Sex Work

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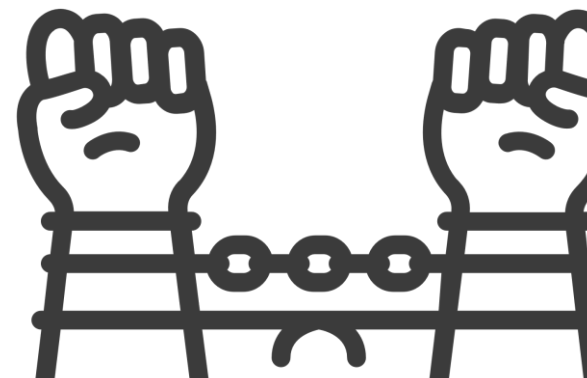
Trafficking





Sex workers include female, male and transgender adults and young people (over 18 years of age) who receive money or goods in exchange for sexual services, either regularly or occasionally.² Sex work may vary in the degree to which it is “formal” or organised. It is important to note that sex work is consensual sex between adults—which takes many forms—and varies between and within countries and communities.³

Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.



TRADITIONAL HARM REDUCTION CONTINUUM

HARMFUL
L



SAFE
E



SEX WORK



TRAFFICKING
G



Cultural
Treatment
Fun
Dependence

Choice
Circumstanc
e
Coercion

Goal

Reduce Risk
Improve Health
Improve Safety
Improve Joy

Increased Risk?

- Isolation
- Increased Criminalization
- Added Stigma
- Economic Coercion
- Violence

BEST PRACTICES

SUPPLY CONDOMS & LUBE!

APPLY HARM REDUCTION AS A PHILOSOPHY

INTEGRATE SAFE SEX EDUCATION

CONSIDER HOURS & TIMES OF SERVICE

SEX WORKERS ARE PEOPLE!

NOT ALL SEX WORKERS ARE SEX WORKERS

BE LOUD, BE PROUD





ANY POSITIVE
CHANGE

this stuff is complicated!



MONEY CHANGES
EVERYTHING

Sex work is work

CONDOMS, ETC

PREP

HOUSING

COMMUNITY

EMPLOYMENT

TRAUMA-INFORMED COUNSELING



RESOURCES

HIPS

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