

Drug User Health Resource Guide for DC

Connecting the
DC Community
and Workforce to
Services, Support,
and Tools to Prevent
Overdose



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DC Engage, led by HealthHIV with support from DC Health, is providing this Resource Guide to address critical gaps in drug user health information in Washington, DC. By connecting communities and the public health workforce to relevant services, support, and tools, we can reduce overdose deaths.

Key Professional Development Resources for the Drug User Health Workforce in DC



DRUG USER HEALTH
Learning INSTITUTE
a project of **DCengage**

DC Engage offers online, no-cost professional development through the Drug User Health Training Institute

A go-to learning hub created especially for the drug user health workforce in DC. Offering practical, real-world learning on drug user health — from substance use treatment to overdose prevention. Explore more than 50 engaging courses (many with continuing education credit) plus a rich library of tools, resources, and service information built for healthcare providers and the broader community.



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ORGANIZATION	ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION	CONTACT INFO	HOUSING	SYRINGE EXCHANGE	MAT PROGRAM
BONDS	A community-based program supporting individuals at risk through mentorship, personal development, and violence prevention.	info@bondsdcc.org			
Capitol Ballroom	A DC organization preserving ballroom culture and providing LGBTQ+ community support, HIV prevention education, and youth mentorship.	www.capitolballroomcouncil.org info@capitolballroomcouncil.org			
Center Point Baptist	A faith-based church offering food, clothing, and community assistance programs for vulnerable DC residents.	centerpointdc.org office@centerpointdc.org			
Father Factor	Provides mentoring, life-skills training, and support services to empower fathers and strengthen family engagement.	fatherfactor.org info@fatherfactor.org			
Westminster Empowerment Center	An overdose prevention and response organization providing safer-use supplies, naloxone, and compassionate support to people who use drugs.	westminsterdc.org/empowerment-center wpc@wpcmaryland.org			
Project Briggs	LGBTQ+ empowerment organization supporting Black same-gender-loving men through community programs, HIV awareness, and cultural advocacy.	projectbriggs.org info@projectbriggs.org			
SMYAL	Supports LGBTQ+ youth through housing, leadership programs, mental health services, and affirming community spaces.	smyal.org info@smyal.org	✓		
Street Health DC	Provides mobile healthcare, overdose prevention and response, and basic needs services to unhoused residents across Washington, DC.	streethealthdc.org outreach@streethealthdc.org			
The H3 Project	Serves homeless and trafficked youth and adults with street outreach, case management, and emergency services.	h3projectdc.org info@h3projectdc.org			
Bread for the City	Provides medical care, behavioral health, food, clothing, legal services, and social support for low-income DC residents.	breadforthecity.org info@breadforthecity.org	✓	✓	
Community Connections	A leading DC behavioral health provider offering mental health, housing support, addiction treatment, and trauma services.	www.communityconnectionsdc.org info@cc-dc.org	✓		
Empowerment Enterprises II	Provides overdose prevention and response, behavioral health counseling, and community support services.	empowermententerprises2.org info@empowermententerprises2.org			
Everyone Home DC	Works to end housing instability by providing homelessness prevention, family housing, food assistance, and case management.	everyonehomedc.org info@everyonehomedc.org	✓		
Family and Medical Counseling Service, Inc.	Offers overdose prevention and response, syringe exchange, HIV/HCV testing, mobile outreach, and integrated health care.	fmcsinc.org fmcs@fmcsinc.org		✓	✓
Far Southeast Strengthening Family Collaborative	Strengthens families through case management, youth development, violence prevention, and community support programs.	fssfamilies.org info@fssfamilies.org	✓		
Friendship Place	Provides housing placement, food, employment services, street outreach, and wraparound support for individuals experiencing homelessness.	friendshipplace.org info@friendshipplace.org	✓		
HIPS	Provides overdose prevention and response services including syringe exchange, naloxone, overdose prevention, sex worker support, and mobile outreach.	hips.org info@hips.org	✓	✓	✓
Marshall Heights	Offers workforce development, youth support, housing resources, and community programs for underserved residents.	mhcdo.org info@mhcdo.org	✓		
Miriam's Kitchen	Provides meals, housing support, case management, behavioral health services, and advocacy for people experiencing homelessness.	miriamskitchen.org info@miriamskitchen.org	✓		
No Justice No Pride	A collective advocating for LGBTQ+ liberation, mutual aid, overdose prevention and response, and community support for marginalized groups.	www.nojusticenopride.org njp@nojusticenopride.org	✓		
SOME (So Others May Eat)	Offers meals, medical care, housing, addiction services, and job training to individuals experiencing homelessness.	some.org info@some.org	✓		✓
Us Helping Us, People Into Living Inc.	Black-led organization providing HIV services, behavioral health, transgender support, overdose prevention and response, and community outreach.	uhupil.org info@uhupil.org		✓	
Mayor's Office of Community Affairs	Connects residents to city services, community resources, and constituent support programs across DC.	communityaffairs.dc.gov communityaffairs@dc.gov			
DC Department of Behavioral Health	Provides mental health services, substance use treatment, crisis intervention, and prevention programs.	dbh.dc.gov customer.service@dc.gov			✓
DC Department of Aging and Community Living	Supports older adults and people with disabilities through meals, case management, caregiver resources, and wellness programs.	dacl.dc.gov dacl@dc.gov			
DC Department on Disability Services	Provides disability services, job support, vocational training, and case management for adults with disabilities.	dds.dc.gov dds@dc.gov			
DC Department of Human Services	Oversees housing assistance, food benefits, family services, shelters, and homelessness prevention.	dhs.dc.gov dhs@dc.gov	✓		
DC Public Library	Offers job training, youth programs, community learning spaces, technology access, and public education resources.	www.dclibrary.org ask@dc.gov			
DC Office of the Tenant Advocate	Protects tenant rights and provides legal assistance, case management, and housing advocacy for DC residents.	ota.dc.gov ota@dc.gov	✓		

MOBILE OUTREACH	STI, HIV, & HCV TESTING	SAFER SEX SUPPLIES	CLOTHING	FOOD	TRANSGENDER SUPPORT	LIFE SKILLS AND JOB TRAINING CLASSES	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES	HEALTHCARE SERVICES	LEGAL SERVICES	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	YOUTH SUPPORT	CASE MGMT/ SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES
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Drug User Health Resources Available in the US

The following are organizations with nationally available resources and services addressing drug user health needs.

Substance Use and Addiction Support

National Harm Reduction Coalition (NHRC)

Providing overdose prevention and response training, technical assistance, overdose prevention education, and policy guidance to communities and providers.

harmreduction.org

NEXT Distro

A mail-based program distributing naloxone and other overdose prevention and response supplies while supporting overdose prevention and health equity.

nextdistro.org

Shatterproof

Dedicated to reversing the addiction crisis through advocacy, stigma reduction, treatment quality improvement, and public education.

www.shatterproof.org

Services

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Leading efforts on substance use and mental health, including funding, data, treatment guidance, and the National Helpline.

www.samhsa.gov

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

National Council for Mental Wellbeing

Provides national leadership, training, and advocacy to strengthen mental health and substance use treatment systems.

www.thenationalcouncil.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Offers education, advocacy, peer-led support, and resources for individuals and families affected by mental illness.

www.nami.org

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Focuses on suicide prevention through research, education, advocacy, and support for survivors.

afsp.org

Policy, Advocacy, and Systems Change

Drug Policy Alliance (DPA)

Advances drug policies grounded in public health, racial equity, and human rights through advocacy, research, and education.

drugpolicy.org

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

A federal research institute providing evidence-based information on drug use, addiction, and treatment to inform policy and practice.

nida.nih.gov

Harm Reduction International (HRI)

A global leader in overdose prevention and response research and advocacy, promoting evidence-based drug policy, human rights, and overdose-prevention strategies worldwide.

www.hri.global

National LGBTQ Task Force

Advocates for LGBTQ+ rights nationwide through public policy reform, community mobilization, and programs supporting queer health and wellbeing.

www.thetaskforce.org

Youth/LGBTQ+ Crisis & Mental Health Support

The Trevor Project

Provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services for LGBTQ+ youth through counseling, education, and advocacy.

www.thetrevorproject.org

Nutrition Resources

Feeding America

The largest hunger-relief organization in the U.S., supporting millions through food banks, nutrition programs, and national anti-poverty advocacy.

www.feedingamerica.org

Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

FRAC improves the nutrition, health, and well-being of people struggling against poverty-related hunger in the United States.

frac.org



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No-Cost Capacity Building for Providers in DC

DC Engage offerings include capacity building courses, self paced learning, microgrant programming, and an annual conference, as well as the Drug User Health Learning Institute, an online hub for education and resources that connects learning, technical assistance, and community engagement across the District.

To learn more, visit
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