

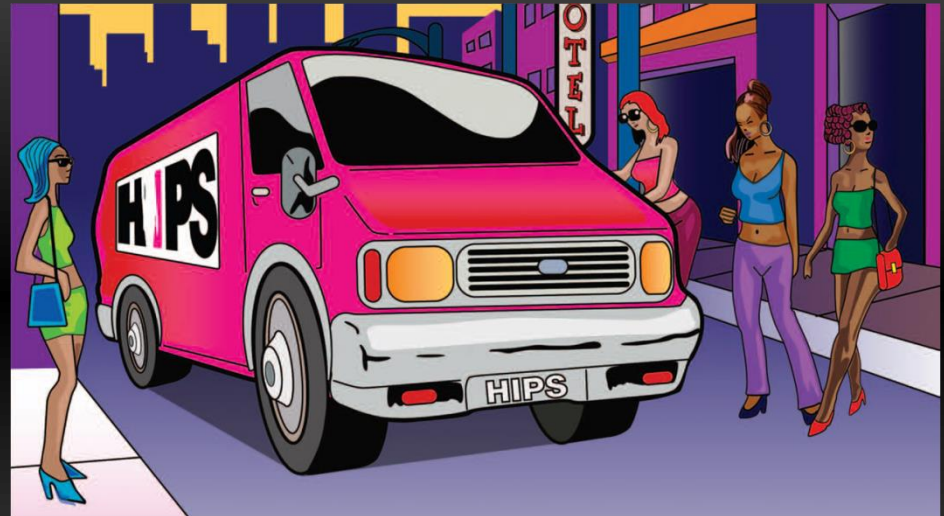


Harm Reduction's Role in the Opioid Crisis

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HIPS works to increase the health, safety and self-determination of people in street economies through services and advocacy that are:

- 🌀 Non-Judgmental
- 🌀 Low Barrier
- 🌀 Strength-Based
- 🌀 Client-Directed
- 🌀 Goal-Oriented





Who We Serve

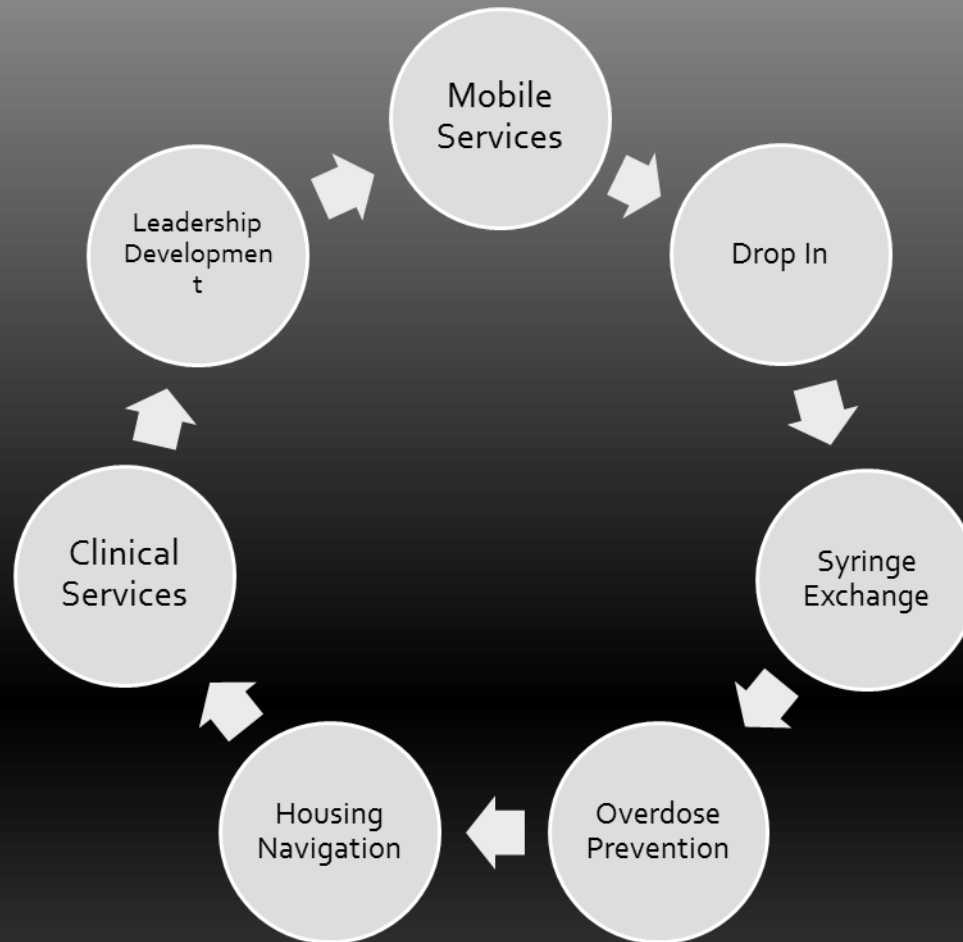
3,000 clients a year, approximately 35% trans*, 35% cis-women, 30% cis-male, depending on program. 85% Black, 10% Latinx

90% Homeless with income < \$10,000 living in all wards of the city

127 HIV + Clients enrolled in supportive Services

2.3% HIV+ / 45% HCV+

Comprehensive Harm Reduction Services



“They say, 'Oh you know what, I didn't keep my appointment because I relapsed.'”



We're not going to judge you.
It's okay to fall, it's okay to stumble.

We're all going to fall, we're all going to fall down.
And the thing about HIPS is that we can fall down a million and one times, it's okay. Come back, we're still going to help.

And they come back.

-Ms. Kenny, Drop in Center Coordinator



1,200 points of compassion per month

350,000 Syringes Exchanged

30 overdoses prevented

45 people housed

265 linkages to drug treatment

74 virally suppressed

22 linked to PrEP

7 **cured** of Hepatitis C

Thank You!



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