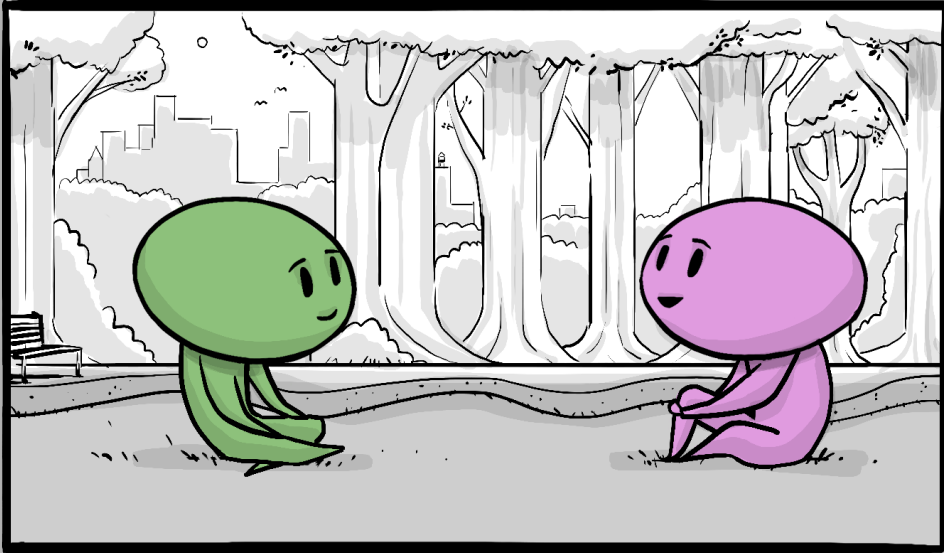


What Is Harm Reduction?



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The goal of harm reduction

is to keep users of drugs healthy and safe. Harm reduction represents both a set of practical strategies and a larger social justice movement. It is grounded in the idea that people who use drugs deserve respect and fundamental rights.

The Texas Center for Justice and Equity advances solutions and builds coalitions to end mass incarceration and foster safer communities.

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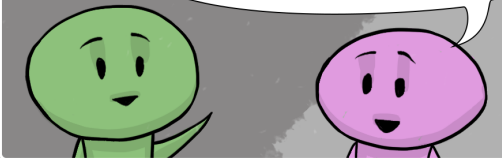
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What is Narcan?

MEDICINE TO REVERSE AN OVERDOSE

Hi pal, do you have some Narcan on you? I want to stock up and be safe.

I don't, but there's a vending machine where we can get some!



A vending machine?!

Yes! They just put it in the community, where it's accessible to everyone, AND it is free!



WOW! This could save lives. I want these everywhere!

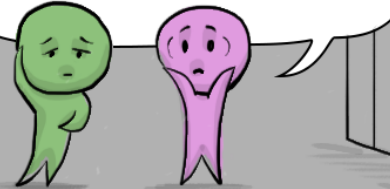


What is a Good Samaritan Law?

CURRENT "GOOD SAMARITAN" LAW

I don't feel well. I think I'm overdosing.

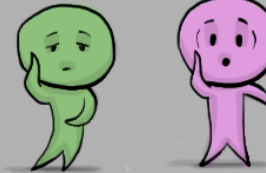
Oh no! I'm not sure what to do... I can't call 9-1-1, I already have a drug conviction.



A TRUE "GOOD SAMARITAN" LAW

I don't feel well. I think I'm overdosing.

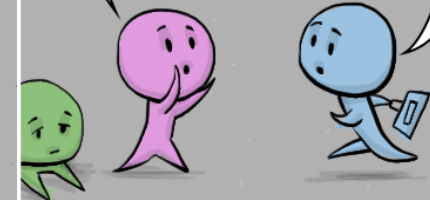
Oh no! I'll call for help. We won't get in trouble.



EMS ARRIVES

Over here! We need help!

It's good you called right away, your friend will be okay.



MINUTES LATER

Please help...

I want to, but I'm scared.

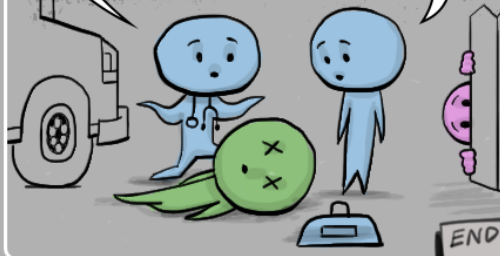
Let me think... I'll call, but I can't stay.



EMS ARRIVES

He's gone... We didn't make it in time.

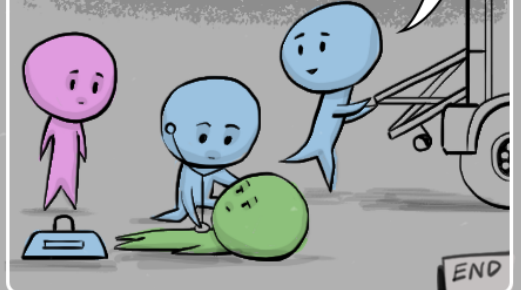
Every moment counts.



Before the Good Samaritan Law, people wouldn't call because they were afraid the police would come.



Your well-being is the most important thing. We got y'all.



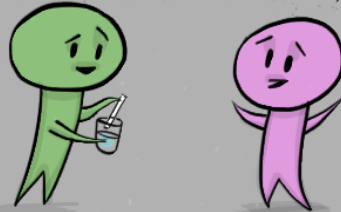
What is Safe Usage?

Drug Paraphernalia Decriminalization

FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS

Hey check this out, I can test our drugs!

Yay!



TESTS SUPPLY

It tested positive for fentanyl.

Oh no! We shouldn't use it.



So grateful these strips are legal!

Now we can make an informed decision about our usage.

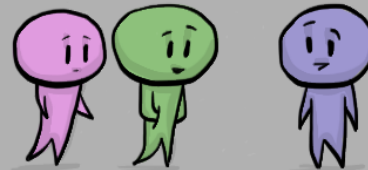


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SAFE SYRINGE PROGRAMS

Hi, do you have a clean needle?

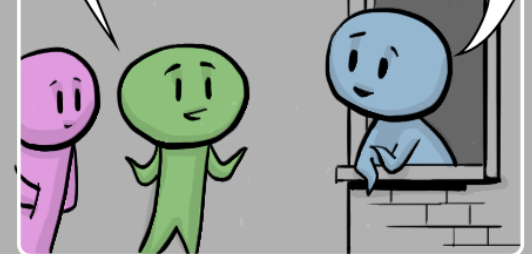
Oh man, no, but I know where we can get some.



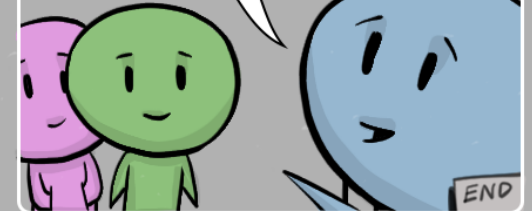
SAFE SYRINGE SITE

Hi, we need some clean needles!

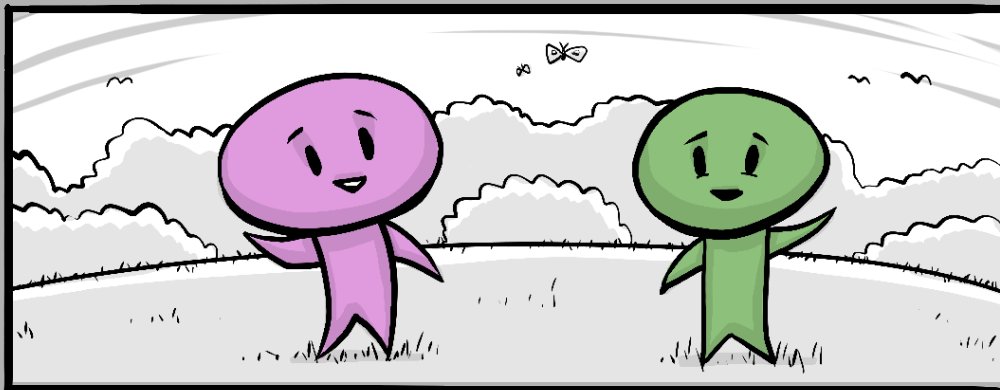
Y'all have come to the right place!



Happy to help! Clean needle access keeps people healthy! Limiting the spread of disease like HIV and Hep C keeps all of us safe.



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Staying Healthy and Safe

To learn more about the policies in this 'zine and to find quick facts, resources, and more about harm reduction, scan the code or go to www.TexasCJE.org/harm-reduction-facts.



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