

# **HUMANIZING THE CLIENT AND THE CAUSE: EFFECTIVE SENTENCING, MANAGING THE MEDIA, ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY**

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# Humanizing the Client & the Cause: Community Engagement



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# Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition

The mission of PAHRC is to promote the health, dignity, and human rights of individuals who use drugs and communities impacted by drug use.

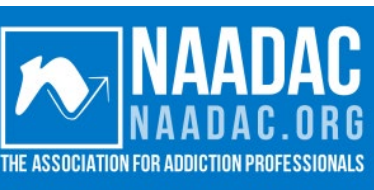
We do this by:

- Increasing knowledge and capacity of those impacted by social inequity, criminalization, and stigma
- Educating key decision-makers on effective policy and advocating for its implementation
- Building community power and leadership through training, outreach and engagement

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# Supporters At Launch



## Coalition Members

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Prevention Point Philadelphia

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Prevention Point Pittsburgh

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Highlands Health Clinic

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Underground exchanges

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Lancaster Harm Reduction Project



# Campaigns



## PASS

Pennsylvania Syringe Service

In an effort to expand effective Syringe Service Programs in Pennsylvania, PAHRC has launched the Pennsylvania Syringe Services (PASS) advocacy campaign. Currently, Pennsylvania state law defines syringes as drug paraphernalia. This legislative barrier prevents the operation of syringe service programs throughout the commonwealth.



## SRC

Serving Returning Citizens

The Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition seeks to advocate for those most at risk over overdose. No population is more at risk than those leaving correctional facilities.



## TOP

Treatment Overdose Prevention

We believe it is the duty of treatment providers to incorporate overdose prevention training in their programs. This crucial, life-saving strategy should be the standard of care and deployed in every treatment center in Pennsylvania

# ~~HERO~~ THE HEROIN INITIATIVE

## Phase 1

- Host 4 Forums
- Train 200 People
- Special Thanks to University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health & Pittsburgh Foundation



## Phase 2

- Convene Train the Trainer
- Host 20 Forums
- Train 500 People
- Organize "Hero Teams".
- Support 7 Teams



## Phase 3

- Convene 2<sup>nd</sup> Train the Trainer
- Host 35 Forums
- Train 1500 people
- Support 15 teams





# HERO Empowerment Leadership Program

- 2-day advocacy leadership training
- Designed for change agents, community organizers, and harm reduction advocates
- Topics include:
  - Grassroots & Community Organizing
  - Conveying the Problem
  - Delivering Solutions
  - Audience Engagement
  - Language
  - Messaging
  - Advocacy





**PENNSYLVANIA  
SHERIFFS'  
ASSOCIATION**

# Working with Law Enforcement

- Trained over 300 Criminal Justice Professionals
- Evaluation



# Naloxone Distribution-7000 Doses

**Autoinjectable-  
600**

- EVZIO<sup>®</sup> is a prefilled intramuscular delivery system that delivers naloxone quickly into the outer thigh. Once activated, the device provides verbal instructions to the user describing how to deliver the medication like defibrillators

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- NARCAN<sup>®</sup> Nasal Spray is a prefilled, needle-free device that requires no assembly and is sprayed into one nostril

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# Resources for Criminal Defense Lawyers

- PAHRC, our partners, and network
- We work with law enforcement professionals from many organizations, and in many roles and can provide insight and perspective
- We understand substance use disorders and have access to a network of professionals that can provide guidance to challenging issues
- We have lived experience and work in the trenches combatting harmful drug policy that affects your clients
- Our advocacy work across the state is creating a movement of people who have been affected by the current crisis and is shaping improved policy
- Working together to educate and inform all actors in the criminal justice system (including prosecutors) can lead to improved outcomes for your clients



# Thank You

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