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New Release!

Harm Reduction Vending Machines: Considerations for Implementation

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Topics include:

- Why vending machines?
- What to include
- Considerations for implementation
- Program examples



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Introduction

Harm Reduction is an evidence-based, practical, and transformative approach that incorporates public health strategies—including prevention, risk reduction, and health promotion—to empower people who use drugs and their families with the choice to live healthier, self-directed, and purpose-filled lives.¹

Harm reduction is part of a comprehensive prevention strategy, as outlined in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Overdose Prevention Strategy.² Harm reduction vending machines are stocked with crucial supplies intended to prevent injury, promote public health, and reduce overdose deaths. These machines allow individuals to access these supplies for free or at a very low cost and serve as one tool in the broader continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery care.

Why vending machines?

Vending machines offer an innovative method for distributing life-saving naloxone and other harm-reduction supplies. Strategically placed machines can complement syringe service programs (SSPs), pharmacies, and mobile outreach initiatives by making these supplies available outside typical business hours and potentially reaching a broader population.



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In Case You Missed It:

Contingency Management Webinar Recording

Understanding Contingency Management: A Foundational Webinar for Homeless Service Providers



HHRC Job Board

Is your agency currently hiring for a position serving people experiencing or at risk of homelessness? Are you looking for your next role? We invite agencies to submit open job listings to be advertised on the HHRC website!

Positions **must relate** to supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have SMI, SUD, or COD. HHRC staff will review incoming listings for appropriateness and contact agencies with any questions.

HHRC does not charge fees to advertise or view job listings.

[View and Submit Open Roles](#)



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COMPASSION
+ ACTION

March is National Social Work Month!

Every March, we highlight and celebrate social workers. This year, the theme for Social Work Month is “Social Work: Compassion + Action.” Driven by empathy, social workers use their expertise to profoundly impact millions by transforming compassion into action to produce positive, tangible results.

HHRC strives to support social workers by providing free, easily accessible [training and resources](#). On our website, you can learn more about substance use and serious mental illness, identify strategies for combatting compassion fatigue and burnout amongst supervisees, assess your Motivational Interviewing skills, and more!

To learn more about National Social Work Month, visit the [National Association of Social Workers website](#).

Partner Resources

NAEH: Housing-Focused Street Outreach Framework

This [framework](#) offers guidance for designing and implementing programs that connect households to housing. A [companion guide](#) to the Framework provides supplemental information about the "how-to" of collecting and managing street outreach data.

Hispanic/Latino Behavioral Health COE: Language Access Resource

The [Language Access Resources Map](#) showcases behavioral health organizations and providers that offer services in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and/or the Indigenous Languages of the Americas by state. Complete the [Language Access Inventory](#) to have your organization included in the map.

NLIHC: The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes

This [annual report](#) presents data on the affordable housing supply and housing cost burdens at the national, state, and metropolitan levels.

Opportunity Starts at Home: Companion Animal Welfare Advocates are Housing Advocates

This [fact sheet](#) describes the critical connection between companion animal welfare and access to stable, affordable, and pet-inclusive housing.

Partner Events

- [Webinar](#): Treatment and Recovery of Co-Occurring Disorders among Hispanic and Latino Individuals
March 25, 2:00pm ET. SAMHSA Hispanic/Latino Behavioral Health COE
- [Webinar](#): Federal Policy Update on Child and Youth Homelessness
March 26, 12:30pm ET. SchoolHouse Connection

- [Webinar](#): Cognitive Processing Disorder (CPD) 101: Awareness and Support in the Field of SUD Treatment
April 8, 10:00am ET. SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center
- [Webinar](#): Prescribing Buprenorphine: Adapting to New Realities
April 9, 10:00am ET. SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center
- [Webinar](#): Community Conversation: Family Homelessness
April 9, 1:00pm ET. National Health Care for the Homeless Council
- [Conference](#): NatCon2025
May 5-7, Philadelphia, PA. National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- [Conference](#): NHCHC & Policy Symposium
May 12-15, Baltimore, MD. National Health Care for the Homeless Coalition
- [Conference](#): NCHV Annual Conference
May 27-30, Washington, D.C. National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

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