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Naloxone in Public Housing: Success in St. Louis



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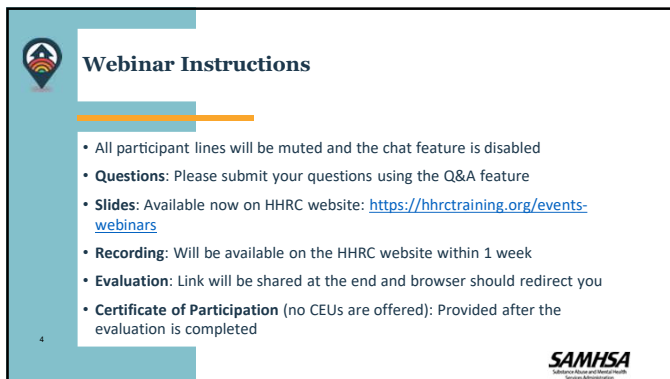
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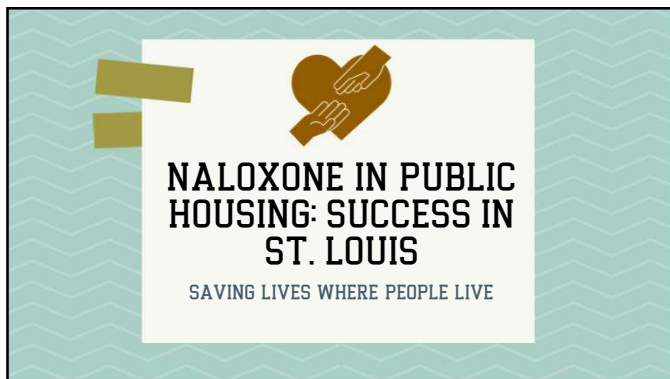


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SAVING LIVES WHERE PEOPLE LIVE



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Speakers

Dr. Rachel Winograd, Associate Professor, Department of Psychological Sciences, Director of Addiction Science, Missouri Institute of Mental Health

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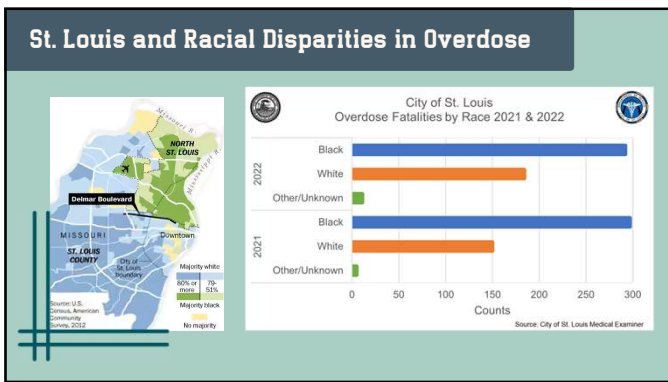
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Pastor Pamela Paul, Harm Reduction Consultant, Addiction Science,

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St. Louis Historical Disinvestment

- St. Louis remains one of the top 10 most racially segregated cities in the U.S.
- Redlining-discriminatory practice of refusing someone a loan, insurance, credit, etc
- Inequality of resources are insufficient to meet the needs of communities

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11 OVERDOSES & 7 LIVES LOST



Photos of loved ones from the Riverfront Times

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Legal Landscape

- The Anti-Drug Abuse Act (ADA) of 1988**
Prohibits tenants from engaging in drug-related activity on or near public housing premises → grounds for immediate eviction.
- The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (Cranston-Gonzales) of 1990**
Expanded the above to include a tenants' family member or guest
- Housing Opportunity Program Extension (HOPE) Act of 1996**
Expanded the above to include activities off housing property

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WE NEEDED TO GET INTO PARKVIEW

- REACHED OUT TO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT... BUT IT WASN'T WORKING**
- ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT**
- CONNECTED WITH SLHA LEADERSHIP**

One year later, we take time to acknowledge the painful, mass overdose event that occurred this time last year (2022) at Parkview Apartments taking 7 of our neighbors' lives. As we honor them, we must also recognize the 402 additional members of our community who needlessly passed away in St. Louis City and County last year due to the tenants' possessed drug supply and lack of access to the nearby recovery resources, effective treatment, and supportive recovery services.

Over half of these lost to overdose in the St. Louis region in 2022 were Black or African American.

In a community where it is illegal to access clean syringes and tools that readily check drugs for fentanyl, our policies and practices are making it harder for people to get the life-saving assistance they need.


Insights from Black St. Louis stakeholders in the recent CENTER study add to decades of research showing that people achieve wellness through compassion and ongoing support. Without safety and stability, it is difficult to get through the day, let alone get to a treatment provider or doctor's office.

With this in mind, we recommend these immediate investments:

- Same-day access to needle and recovery housing
- Same-day access to substance use drop-in centers & treatment clinics
- Care navigators, community health workers, peer specialists & patient advocates
- Universal access to naloxone, clean syringes, drug checking, and other harm reduction tools

See detailed recommendations and provide feedback: [CENTERstl.org/media/parkview](https://centerstl.org/media/parkview)

In solidarity, The CENTER Team



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4 Addressing Stigma through Harm Reduction Training

TRAINED PROPERTY MANAGERS & STAFF IN HARM REDUCTION TOOLS & STRATEGIES

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5 Combining OEND & Social Determinants of Health

Conducting approximately **12 outreach** activities per month across sites

1080 unique engagements with public housing residents, averaging 15 community members per visit

- Harm Reduction Supplies
- Physical Health Resources
- Basic Needs
- Cell Phone & Internet Support
- Individual need's request

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Collaborative Model for Outreach and Access

Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution in Public Housing

- Community Health Workers
- SLHA & Property Management
- Naloxone Supplier & Harm Reduction Training
- Education & Other Health Resources


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CENTER Black Advocates Study

4S's: Security, Stability, Safety, and Survival

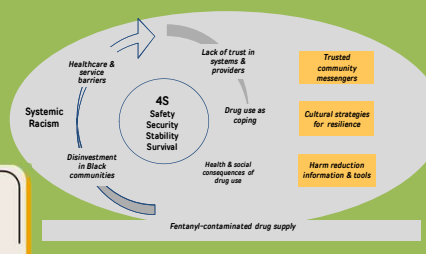
- Lack of basic needs
 - unstable housing or lack of shelter
 - not currently in the labor force
 - have untreated chronic physical and/or mental health conditions
- Lack of social support needs
 - lack of support system and positive relationships
 - have experienced significant trauma such as domestic violence, bullet-related injury, sexual violence, or police violence

Identifying drivers of increasing opioid overdose deaths among black individuals: a qualitative model drawing on experience of peers and community health workers (Banks, Duello, Paschke, Grigsby, & Winograd, 2023)



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Promising Strategies for addressing inequities in overdose



“That’s what I love about [being a CHW]. We are the people from the neighborhood who have gone. We look like them, we’ve experienced the things that they’ve experienced, and we see the value in the hood.”

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Residents’ experiences and the program’s impact on their lives

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Community Perspectives/Outcomes

- FCHC created SUD CHW Role
- Trusted community messengers
- Consistent Days and Times
- Anti-Stigma Language
- Building relationships with residents

Outreach in a safe and supportive way MATTERS

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Navigating Barriers

Emergency Response

Adopt a Public Health approach

Fair Housing Protections

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Key Ingredients to Public Housing Outreach

LARGE NALOXONE SUPPLY + TRAINING FOR PROPERTY MANAGERS + FOLKS WHO DO THE GROUND GAME

+ CONNECT FOLKS TO OTHER RESOURCES = **Successfully getting Naloxone into Public Housing!**

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Key Takeaways

- Public housing environments are a key sector where there is a need for Naloxone*
- Getting into public housing takes relationship building and trial & error*
- Need to be able to connect people with other resources (naloxone isn't enough on its own)*

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Q&A Session

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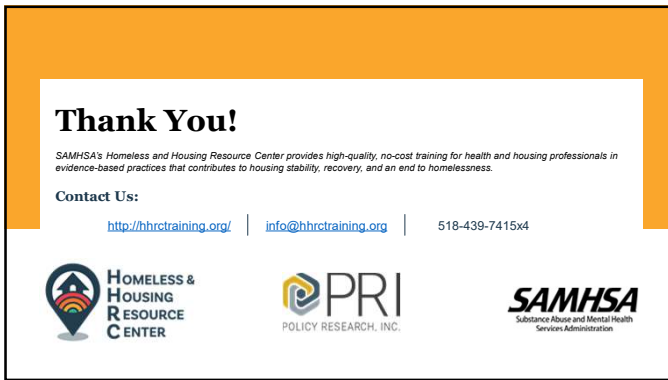
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