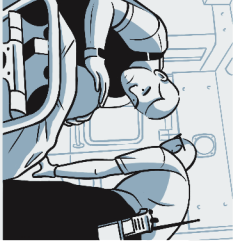


At an OPC, people receive oxygen at the first signs of overdose, so an overdose is not a life-threatening crisis. In most cases, EMS is not needed.

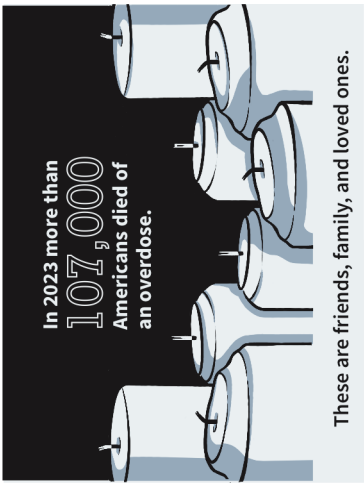
An OPC in New York City, **successfully stabilized all of the 1500+ overdoses** at their sites in **2.5 years** of operation.



People often overdose alone, on the street, in public bathrooms, at home. An overdose can become fatal in **minutes**



EMS must be called and arrive quickly to reverse an overdose. **Often, help arrives too late.**



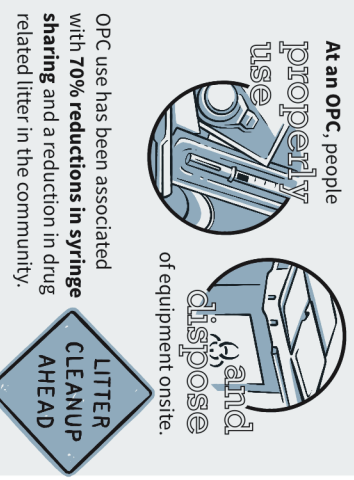
In 2023 more than **107,000** Americans died of an overdose.

These are friends, family, and loved ones.



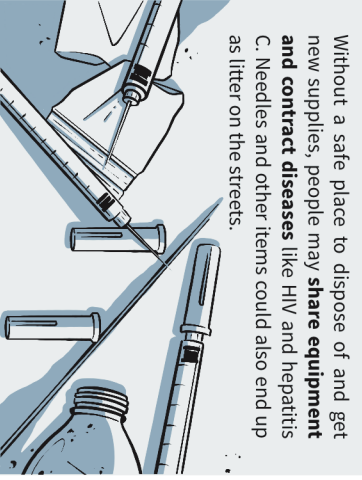
**Overdose Prevention Centers (OPCs)** reduce overdose deaths in the communities where they are located.

One study from Toronto found a **69% decrease in overdose deaths** in a 1000 meter radius from OPCs within one year of opening.

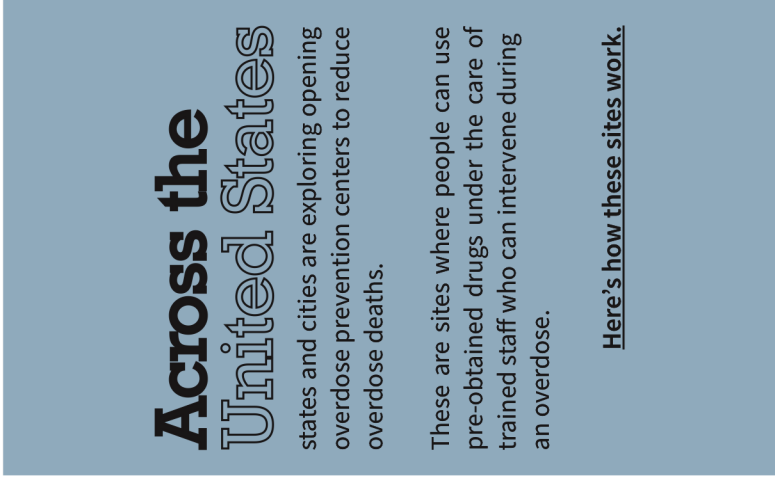


At an OPC, people **properly use** and **dispose** of equipment onsite.

OPC use has been associated with **70% reductions in syringe sharing** and a reduction in drug related litter in the community.



Without a safe place to dispose of and get new supplies, people may **share equipment and contract diseases** like HIV and hepatitis C. Needles and other items could also end up as litter on the streets.



# Across the United States

states and cities are exploring opening overdose prevention centers to reduce overdose deaths.

These are sites where people can use pre-obtained drugs under the care of trained staff who can intervene during an overdose.

Here's how these sites work.



## When people stay alive and feel supported

they can access services. After two years at an OPC in Vancouver, 42% of people who used an OPC and weren't enrolled in treatment before, entered treatment.



## The overdose crisis

and drug related stigma keep people alone and isolated—away from supports and services.



# The Impacts of OPCs



# The research is clear:

**these sites save lives.**



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