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Prevention Resources becomes Authorized Harm Reduction Center

Flemington, NJ - Prevention Resources has recently been authorized with the New Jersey Department of Health to begin a Harm Reduction Center program, serving Hunterdon County. Prevention Resources is also applying for a state-funded harm reduction grant that will allow them to meet and exceed our goals as a Harm Reduction Center.

Prevention Resources' Harm Reduction Center will have a physical, fixed location at 5 E. Main St. in Flemington, with additional services provided via a mobile van that will service all 26 municipalities of Hunterdon County. The mobile van will provide all authorized and proposed services. The PR Harm Reduction Center will provide access to harm reduction supplies and services that include the following:

A Syringe Access and Disposal Program: One of the number one causes of HIV, Hepatitis C, and other blood-borne pathogens is the sharing and reusing of needles and syringes. Through a syringe access and disposal program, people who use substances via injection will have safe and non-discriminatory access to new, clean, and safe needles/syringes and the ability to dispose of their used needles/syringes.

Extensive Spoken, Written, and Electronic Psychoeducational Materials: The topics of PR's harm reduction psychoeducation include, but are not limited to, HIV, viral hepatitis, overdose prevention, various harm reduction services, substance use disorder treatment services, safe/proper disposal of needles/syringes, overdose prevention information, and referrals to care based on consumer need/desire.

The continued provision of various harm reducing supplies, such as naloxone, fentanyl test strips, xylazine test strips, hygiene kits, and assistance in referral to care.

The continued provision of substance use disorder, mental health disorder, and life transitions evaluations and counseling.

The addition of harm reduction-specific counseling services and related service referrals: This service area may include additional counselors who are dedicated to the harm reduction center, including counselors versed in treating HIV+ individuals and counselors who can provide group therapies appropriate for harm reduction. PR's Harm Reduction Center will also provide

consumer referrals to outside substance use, mental health, or physical health providers, as necessary.

Prevention Resources will have a Harm Reduction Center based around the idea of meeting an individual where they are and offering to help guide them through their personal wants, needs, and goals in relation to their substance use. We provide a welcoming, non-discriminatory, and caring environment using evidence-based approaches that honors every individual recovery pathway.

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