

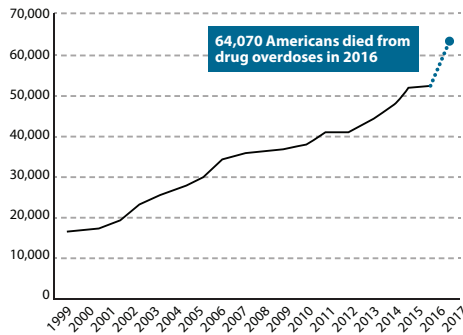
Supervised Injection Facilities (SIFs) or Supervised Consumption Sites (SCS)

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As the opioid epidemic rages on, physicians are working to save patients' lives. We are in the midst of an opioid crisis. Physicians are also members of our communities, and this crisis has impacted many of us personally and professionally. Last year, Massachusetts saw approximately 2,000 opioid-related overdose deaths. Nationally, overdose deaths are skyrocketing. More than 64,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2016. **We need innovative solutions to save lives and improve health.** SIFs are a rigorously researched strategy proven to do just that.

As Overdose Death Rates Continue to Rise, SIFs Can Reduce Harms Associated with the Opioid Epidemic

Total US Drug Deaths



What is a SIF?

A legally approved public health facility that offers a hygienic environment where people can inject previously acquired illicit drugs under the supervision of trained staff. Staff are medical professionals who are prepared to provide emergency care, including the overdose reversal drug naloxone, when needed. Importantly, **SIFs do NOT supply illicit drugs to the patients.** The patients must bring their own. SIF staff also provide referrals and counseling.

30 YEARS
NUMBER OF YEARS
SIFs HAVE BEEN IN
OPERATION.

100+ NUMBER OF SIFs
CURRENTLY OPERATING IN
10 COUNTRIES
AROUND THE WORLD.

SIFs Save Lives



RATE OF REDUCTION IN OVERDOSE DEATHS IN THE AREA SURROUNDING A SIF IN VANCOUVER, CANADA.

1 IN 3

LIVES SAVED BY THE POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN OVERDOSE DEATHS.



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NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED FROM AN OVERDOSE AT A SIF.

6,440

OVERDOSE DEATHS AVERTED SINCE THE OPENING OF A SIF IN VANCOUVER.

SIF Support Is Gaining Momentum across the Nation

Research has been conducted on the efficacy of SIFs for decades by experts across the globe with positive findings published in world-renowned journals, including the *New England Journal of Medicine* and *The Lancet*.



PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ARE CONSIDERING OPENING SIFs IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SIFs Save Money and Don't Increase Crime

\$6.0 MILLION

ANNUAL AMOUNT THAT A SINGLE SIF COULD GENERATE IN SAVINGS IN BALTIMORE.



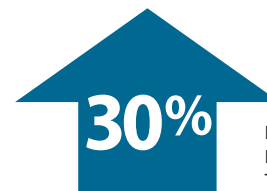
Baltimore savings includes prevention of:

- 3.7 HIV and 21 hepatitis C infections
- 374 days in the hospital for skin and soft-tissue infection
- 5.9 overdose deaths
- 108 overdose-related ambulance calls
- 78 emergency room visits and 27 hospitalizations, while bringing 121 additional people into treatment per year



STUDIES FOUND A REDUCTION IN PUBLIC INJECTING AND INJECTION-RELATED LITTER AND **NO INCREASE IN CRIME** IN AND AROUND SIFs

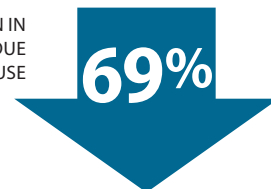
SIFs Put People on a Path to Recovery



INCREASE IN RATE OF DETOXIFICATION DRUG TREATMENT FOR SIF USERS



RATE OF REDUCTION IN NEEDLE SHARING DUE TO SIF USE



Sources: www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/overdose-death-rates; www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-visualization/drug-poisoning-mortality/; www.massmed.org/News-and-Publications/Vital-Signs/President-s-Message--Opioids--A-Case-Study-in-Lifelong-Learning/#.WpmY2mrvapo; www.massmed.org/advocacy/state-advocacy/sif-report-2017/; www.vch.ca/public-health/harm-reduction/supervised-injection-sites/insite-user-statistics; https://ac-els-cdn-com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/S0376871605003492/1-s2.0-S0376871605003492-main.pdf?_tid=7f9b99443-6531-47e8-b12b-49e47cfd1e&cdnat=1520278663_0a252c0a5bc702832c7442ad485b9d3.



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