

## Services PHP Offers For Drug Users and Sex Workers:

Harm Reduction & Public Health Education

Syringe Access: Syringe Exchange, Peer Exchange, Expanded Syringe Outreach Program (ESAP)

Medical & Detox Referrals & Free Acupuncture

Overdose Education & Narcan Distribution

HIV and HCV Testing, Counseling and Referral

Outreach (Street, In-house and Internet)

Case Management for HIV+ & HCV+

Outpatient Medical Treatment Services for HIV+

Mental Health Services

Parenting Group for Drug Users & Sex Workers

Safety Counts (4 Month Harm Reduction and Health Intervention Group)

Film, Poetry & Art Education Classes

Pharmacy Education

Mobile Clinic

Crystal Meth, Benzo and Crack Cocaine Education

HIV and Hepatitis Support Groups

Men Who Have Sex With Men & Women Who Have Sex With Women Harm Reduction Health Education, Support Groups and Outreach

Transgender Support, Case Management & Outreach

Opportunities for Personal Liberation



## Donations

### Why donate to PHP?

PHP provides drug users with clean syringes. Each HIV infection that PHP prevents saves tax payers \$648,000 and each prevented Hepatitis C infection saves \$280,000 in medical costs. Each syringe PHP furnishes costs 6-10 cents.

PHP provides drug users with life-saving health information.

PHP is a gateway for individuals to get referrals for detox, shelter, medical and mental health services. Multiple research studies have shown that drug users access Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP) not for the SEP itself, but for non-judgmental health services. PHP provides all its clients with referrals to health services.

Numerous studies have found that the presence of a SEPs, such as PHP's, decrease the surrounding community's crime and drug use because drug users are able to access important health services.

PHP collects syringes from drug users, thereby decreasing the amount of used syringes found on the streets and lowering the risk of accidental needle-sticks. PHP has collected over 2 million syringes from drug users since 1993.

In addition to the above reasons, donations enhance PHP's ability to provide evidenced-based services to save lives and tax payer money.

### Who Do I Contact To Make A Donation?

Positive Health Project, Inc. welcomes gifts of all sizes. Donations can be made and directed through: Edward Manchess, Executive Director can be contacted via email at [emanchess@phpnyc.org](mailto:emanchess@phpnyc.org) or via phone at (212) 465-8304 x207.

You may designate your gift to be used for a specific purpose, or make it unrestricted so it can be applied to areas of greatest need. Gifts are tax deductible in accordance with the law.

# PHP

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## PHP's History

Since the summer of 1993 Positive Health Project (PHP) has assisted some of New York City's most challenged residents. PHP's participants include injecting drug users, sex workers, transgender individuals, people who are homeless or precariously housed, residents recently released from New York's correctional system and people addicted to crack/cocaine and other illicit substances. PHP offers its services in the heart of the Chelsea and Clinton communities, steps from Port Authority Bus Terminal, Times Square and Penn Station.

## How PHP Reaches People

PHP's continued success in providing services to this extremely hard-to-reach and hard-to-retain population is attributable to its commitment to maximizing participant input. All program services are the result of discussions among staff, peers, volunteers and the target populations they serve, focus groups, qualitative and quantitative evaluations.

## Outreach at PHP

A vital component of PHP's work is street outreach. Our outreach workers, who are themselves peers of the target population, meet sex workers and substance users on street corners and near drug selling locations. They distribute male & female condoms, literature on HIV/AIDS, and instructions on condom use and safe injection practices, and respond to questions.

Additionally, outreach is conducted regularly in night clubs located throughout the Chelsea/Clinton area. There, PHP staff and volunteers provide young adults who engage in substance use and risky sexual behavior with condoms and educational materials about PHP's program services.



## This damn dirty needle

is spreading AIDS, Hepatitis  
and other deadly diseases.



I don't approve of drug use,  
but I know clean needles will help  
keep my daughter alive while she's using drugs.

**POSITIVEhealthPROJECT**  
Needle Exchange • Outreach • Counseling  
Drug Treatment Referrals

# CLEAN SYRINGES SAVE LIVES

PHP also runs an ESAP (Expanded Syringe Access Program) Mobile SEP in Washington Heights and Harlem, providing PHP's target population with HIV/HCV testing, education, risk-reduction education, condoms and referrals.

## PHP's Mission and Philosophy

Our mission is to reduce the spread of HIV by providing health and prevention services designed for people who use drugs, including injection drugs users, club drug users, sex workers, transgenders, women, men who have sex with men, the homeless and steroid users.

Our philosophy is based on harm reduction. We respect people who are using drugs and work with them to improve their quality of life and overall health. We work with people "where they're at."

Our programs assist people in preventing the spread of HIV and viral hepatitis and we provide services to people who are HIV positive. Positive Health Project is an advocate for substance users and for those who are HIV, HBV and HCV positive. We serve as a bridge to other services such as: drug treatment, medical care, housing and education.

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