

NEW ENGLAND HIV IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE NETWORK *Spotlight*

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Harm Reduction Needs Assessment

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In this project we are reviewing various data sources that might serve as proxies for injection drug and other opioid users to review the reliability of such data as indicators of geographic and programmatic harm reduction needs in New England. Data that has been reviewed includes drug arrest records, heroin-related overdose deaths, hospital admissions, and data from existing harm reduction programs and academic research.

KEY INSIGHTS/PROGRESS:

To date, we have identified misperceptions about injection drug use spatial distribution, explained possible indicators of injection drug prevalence,

and rated the reliability of such data as proxies for drug use. We have mapped communities underserved by harm reduction services.

PROJECT TEAM AND PARTNERS:

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