



# The New England HIV Implementation Science Network

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## Community Organization Open House on HIV and Harm Reduction Services Event Summary 6/29/2022

On July 29, 2022, the New England HIV Implementation Science Network held a community organization open house on HIV and harm reduction services. Representatives from [Alliance for Living](#) (Connecticut), [Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance](#), [Open Door Health](#) (Rhode Island) and [Project Weber/RENEW](#) (Rhode Island) briefly presented on their current harm reduction services, research collaborations, and ongoing support needs. A representative from the New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) also shared available harm reduction training and technical assistance resources. This summary provides an overview of the key themes that arose in organization presentations and discussion during the event.

### Current Service Needs

- Lack of housing support resources for individuals currently unhoused, including low availability of shelters and permanent housing opportunities.
- Long waitlists and/or minimal availability of both medical (e.g. HIV/HCV) and behavioral health services (e.g. mental health & substance use treatment) for client referrals.
- Limited availability of treatment services and other referrals for non-English speakers.

### Current Organizational Needs

- Support for identifying grant/funding opportunities and for the preparation and submission of grants to fund research and services.
- More opportunities to learn from and collaborate with other organizations across the region that provide similar services.

### Current Research Priorities

- Identifying the cognitive impacts of multiple overdoses that could inform treatment services.
- Collection of data regarding treatment provider stigma and the development and delivery of educational programs to target stigma towards persons who use drugs.

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