

# Harm Reduction and Prevention Drop-In Center

December 3, 2025



# Background

Dane County Board of Supervisors approved \$800,000 in opioid settlement funds (RES-370) to support the creation of a centralized, low-barrier Harm Reduction and Prevention Drop-In Center.

A Harm Reduction and Prevention Drop-In Center is a safe, welcoming, and low-barrier space where people at risk of overdose, infectious disease, or other substance-related impacts can access nonjudgmental support, supplies, education, and referrals—without the requirement of abstinence.

This RFP was released by Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) to identify a qualified organization to establish and operate the center.

# Scope of Services

## **These centers focus on:**

- Harm reduction services like distributing naloxone, fentanyl test strips, sterile syringes, and safer smoking supplies.
- Prevention and health promotion through education, screenings (e.g., HIV, hepatitis C), and linkages to medical, mental health, and substance use treatment.
- Basic needs support such as snacks, hygiene products, clothing, and charging stations.
- Peer engagement and support groups led by staff with lived experience to build trust and reduce stigma.
- Connections to resources for housing, employment, and other social services.

# Application Overview

**TOTAL  
APPLICATIONS**

**4**

**TOTAL  
NUMBER OF REVIEWERS:**

**9**





# **PROPOSED CONTRACTOR**



## EXPERIENCE

- Founded in 2023, CAYA's mission is to meet people who use drugs in Wisconsin where they are and utilize evidence-based harm reduction therapy techniques to reduce drug-related harms, prevent overdose, and promote the empowerment of people who use drugs.
- Provided 9,584 hours of harm reduction psychotherapy to 495 unique clients reducing anxiety by 5 pts, depression by 7 pts, and cut substance use in half with an 87% client satisfaction rate
- Distributed 11,804 naloxone doses (712 nasal, 11,092 intramuscular), 10,500 injection supplies, 8,544 smoking supplies and more than 5,000 safe sex supplies
- Trained hundreds of community members on identifying and responding to overdose



## PROPOSAL: RENE LIVINGSTON-DETIENNE DROP-IN CENTER

- The center honors CAYA's former BIPOC Program Manager Rene Livingston-DeTienne, who championed this project and built trust with Black communities most affected by overdose.
- Safe, low-barrier access point **open-door drop-in space with peer greeters**, comfortable common areas, private consultation spaces, and no-barrier entry. Staffed by peer specialists, program coordinators, and outreach workers.
- Harm reduction supplies distribution free, unlimited access to naloxone (nasal/intramuscular), fentanyl/xylazine test strips, sterile syringes, safer smoking supplies, condoms, wound care supplies, and sharps disposal.

# PROPOSED SPACE

1765 Theirer Rd, Madison, Wisconsin

Tuesday through Saturday from  
12:00 to 6:00 PM

