

TITLE: Harm Reduction Strategies related to Opioid Use

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ABSTRACT: To address the growing opioid use and fentanyl deaths happening in Oregon, and specifically, Yamhill County, harm reduction strategies should be considered. The strategies can be implemented from an individual level all the way to state polices. This informational project aims to suggest one strategy per level of intervention that addresses reducing opioid harm to the population that uses opioids. Research shows that harm reduction can save lives. This project recommends six interventions to result in harm reduction. Each intervention is evidence-based and shown to reduce the harm of opioid use. These six interventions range from an individual strategy up to policy change. Harm reduction does save lives and multiple harm reduction strategies should be considered, many can be integrated together.

OBJECTIVE(S): Identify many harm reduction strategies. Name ways to implement harm reduction strategies. List different levels of harm reduction implementation in public health.
