NJ Department of Health Approves New Harm Reduction Center



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On August 31, 2023, the New Jersey Department of Health approved the operation of a new mobile harm reduction center in Monmouth and Ocean Counties and pledged increased state funding toward overdose prevention. A harm reduction center is a community-based trauma setting for drug users. The purpose of the harm reduction center is to provide community members with a safe, non-stigmatizing space where they can access essential supplies like naloxone and sterile syringes, as well as safely dispose of syringes. Harm reduction centers also connect individuals to healthcare services and substance abuse resources.

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