

## **Homeless Health Care Los Angeles Hosted a Pop-up Naloxone Training in Honor of International Overdose Awareness Day**

Los Angeles, CA - [Homeless Health Care Los Angeles](#) (HHCLA) commemorated [International Overdose Awareness Day](#) with an open-house naloxone training. International Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable. HHCLA's training seminar was open for active drug users and local service providers to discuss opioid overdose, naloxone, and harm reduction strategies specific to fentanyl. Participants received a free naloxone kit.

HHCLA's open-house was hosted by Heather Edney, the organization's Director of Communications and Development. Edney is a founding member of the [Harm Reduction Coalition](#), the [North American Syringe Exchange Network](#), and the Los Angeles Overdose Prevention Task Force. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for TransForm.

"My priority is to work in partnership with individuals and organizations that are mission driven and committed to promoting the health and well-being of drug users," says Edney.

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### **About Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles**

Founded in 1985, [Homeless Health Care Los Angeles](#) has helped more than 200,000 of the most marginalized and impoverished individuals and their families in Los Angeles through medical, behavioral health and quality of life services. *Homeless Health Care Los Angeles* is committed to providing trauma informed care and harm reduction services to homeless individuals in Los Angeles. Their primary mission is to provide innovative strategies for reducing the harms associated with homelessness and substance use.

### **About International Overdose Day**

[International Overdose Awareness Day](#) was initiated in 2001 by Sally J Finn at The Salvation Army in St Kilda, Melbourne. Since 2001, many community members as well as government and non-government organizations have held events to raise awareness and commemorate those who have been lost to drug overdose. Since 2012, International Overdose Awareness Day has been coordinated by the not-for-profit Australian public health organization Pennington Institute. International Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity to remember loved ones lost to overdose.