

## STD/HIV/Hepatitis C Program

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### Update on Naloxone Distribution Programs (SB 384A, 2013)

On June 6, 2013, Governor Kitzhaber signed Senate Bill 384A into law. This bill increased access to naloxone for lay people. Naloxone is a safe medication used for over 40 years by emergency medical services.

On July 9, 2013, the Oregon Health Authority put temporary rules in place for the law. That same day, Outside In began their naloxone training program for clients, their friends, and family. In May 2014, Multnomah County Health Department also started training clients to use naloxone. Together, both agencies have trained more than 1,400 clients. As of December 1, 2014, 554 overdoses had been reversed by their trainees.

In the first year of naloxone distribution (July 2013- Jun 2014), heroin deaths decreased by 29% compared to the year before – according to internal analysis of Medical Examiner data. While it is too early to conclusively attribute this decrease to naloxone distribution, we believe lives have been saved through this work.

Outside In and Multnomah County Health Department produced a naloxone training video that is available online for any agency in Oregon to use:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsN0ijLnK2k&feature=youtu.be>

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