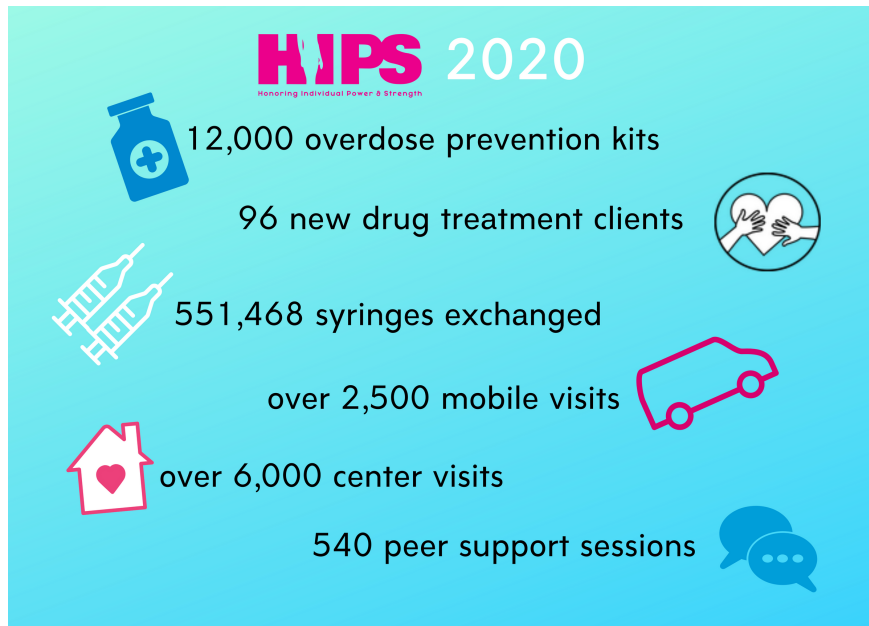


HIPS IN 2020

Showing up, when it counts



Stories from the Streets

NEW NAME

Inspired by conversations with staff and clients, our new name "**Honoring Individual Power and Strength**" - perfectly represents our present and future.

SERVICE EXPANSION

Even under Covid-19 protocols, HIPS expanded our mobile services and assistance to cis and trans homeless women, including gender affirmation clinical services.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

HIPS pivoted our scheduled advocacy work in 2020 to uplift local activism and campaigns.

DOING THE WORK....

HIPS has been open and operating under Covid-19 Protocols since March 14, 2020. Thanks to our amazing staff & peers, we've been able to offer every service except showers, hang out space, & laundry.

In collaboration with local partner No Justice No Pride, HIPS raised & distributed over \$90,000 for a local sex worker covid-19 emergency aid.

HIPS adopted a new strategic plan in January 2020, which included a commitment to leadership development for people with lived experience. This included an intentional commitment to ending white supremacy and work for racial justice and equity, both within our org and the world.





HIPS mobile services team created covid-19 procedure "staff pods" that allowed us to safely stay on the streets & even expand day and night time mobile services.

HIPS drop-in services were brought to outdoor tables - 5 days a week offering counseling, case management, clothing, support, safer sex/drug using supplies, & more, serving over 5,000 folks.



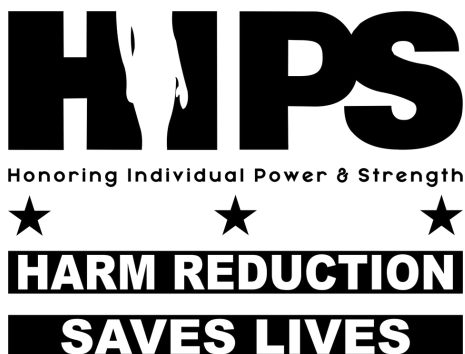
HIPS expanded harm reduction education on safer sex, safer drug use, self care & love, HIV prevention and covid-19 safety through a new collaboration with DC Health outside of DC women's shelters.

HIPS's amazing volunteers donated over 1,500 hand made masks to folks on the streets in the first few months of the pandemic.



HIPS helped bring drug user expertise to the city council -helping to create legislation to decriminalize public health tools and revise our outdated & dangerous paraphernalia laws.

HIPS believes that those engaged in sex work, sex trade, and drug use should be able to live healthy, self-determined, and self-sufficient lives free from stigma, violence, criminalization or oppression. We achieve this through engaging sex workers, drug users and our communities in challenging structural barriers to health, safety, and prosperity.



NEW SERVICES

Despite the pandemic -- HIPS expanded our work - answering the call for compassionate, harm reduction based education and services.

Between March and Sept 2020, HIPS was the only organization enrolling new suboxone substance use treatment clients in the DC metro area.

With the support of DC Health, HIPS purchased a new van that will support NEW mobile medical services and mobile suboxone services.

HIPS increased naloxone access from 5,400 kits in 2019 to over 12,000 in 2020.