


NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US



Boston Users Union

Mass Ave IS a Consumption Space, but it's far from safe.

	Sterile Supplies	Safe Consumption	Chill Out Room/Drop-In Center	Social Services/Access to Treatment
Safe Consumption Spaces	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boston, MA	✓	✗	✓	✓



Safe Supplies

Safe Consumption Spaces provide sterile supplies



Boston: Harm Reduction programs provide sterile supplies



Consumption

SCS's provide sanitary and safe conditions for people to consume substances



Boston: People use in unsafe and unsanitary conditions all over the city



Safe Consumption Spaces



Unsafe Consumption in Boston



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Unsafe Consumption spaces in Boston



Chill Space/Drop In Space

Safe Consumption Space:
“Chill Room”



Boston: AHOPE, Engagement
Center, SPOT Program

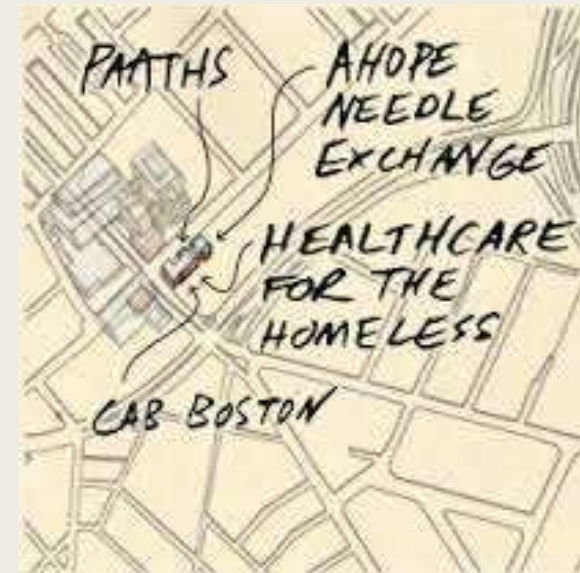


Social Services/Access to Treatment

Safe Consumption Spaces: access to treatment, case managers, housing assistance etc.



Boston: PAATHS, AHOPE, Faster Paths, Shelters etc.



Outcomes from Insite

Improve Community Health & Safety

Research shows that **SIFs** reduce:



overdose
deaths



discarded needles
in the streets



HIV &
Hepatitis C



public
drug use



arrests
& crime

\$3.5 
MILLION

Estimated Tax
dollars saved
per year for
one 13-booth
SIF in the USA

60%

of Canadians living or
working near a **SIF** reported
feeling that it had a positive
impact on public order

A Women's Perspective

- For many women on the street, it is safer to run with a man than it is to be alone
- However, many women make compromises and are taken advantage of by their male running partners
 - *Women are pimped out to support men's habit and cash flow*
 - *Men hold the drugs and control women through withholding drugs*
 - *Coerced sex/transactional sex*
 - *Some women, especially young girls, don't know how to inject, rely on male partner for injection*
- Women aren't able to control their environment

SCS's can

- Give women more control over their health and safety.
- Provide information and support around safe injection
- Decrease a woman's need for an unsafe relationship on the street
- Create an avenue for women to seek and receive services in a safe environment.

**How many
more deaths
will it take?**

#YES to SCS



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