

Harm Reduction 2023 Insights

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This training is dedicated to Mr. Mark Kinzly and Anthony Givens

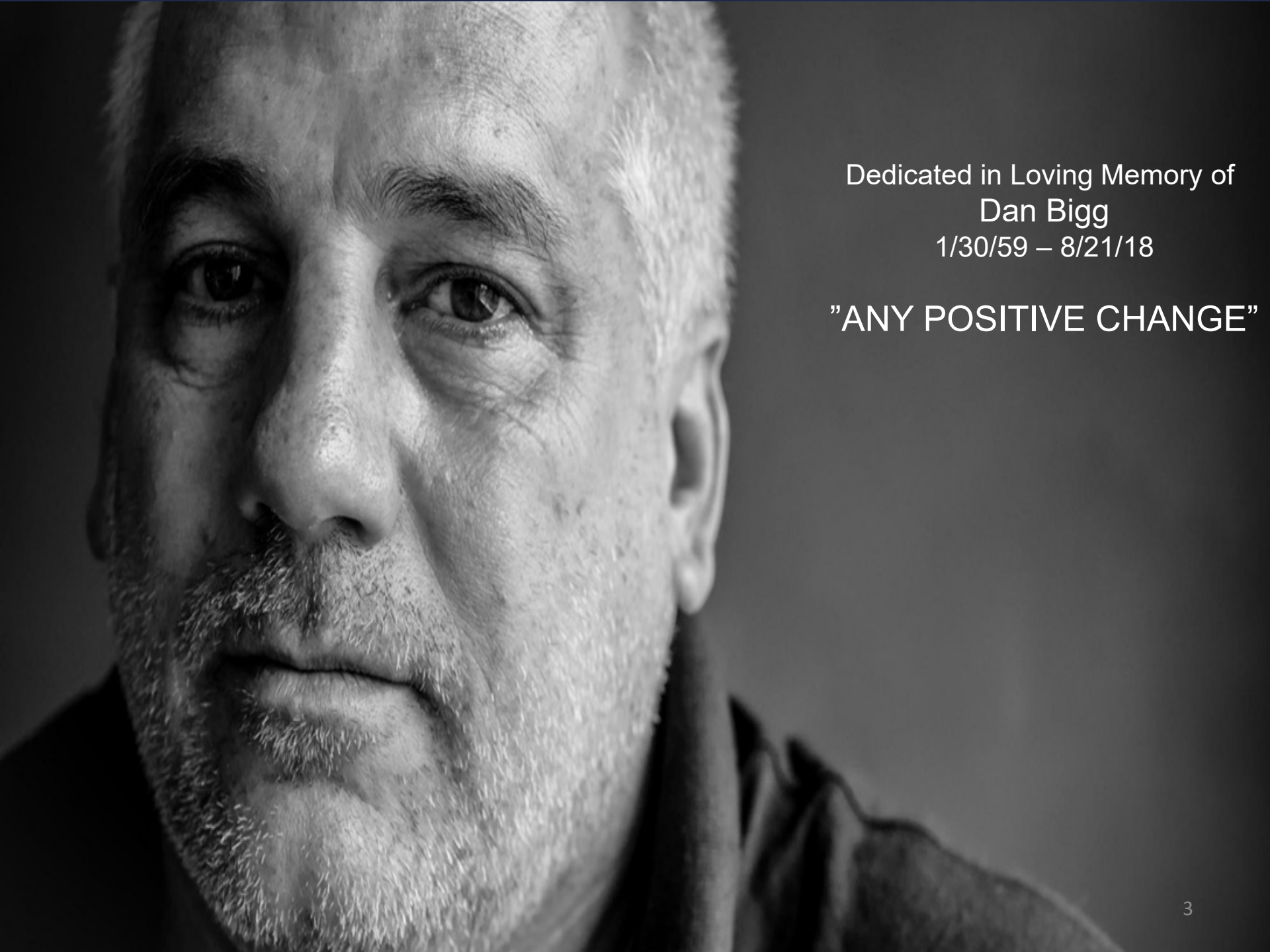
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SISTER
IMANI WOODS



WHEN THE LOVE
OF POWER
IS REPLACED BY
THE POWER OF
LOVE
THE WORLD WILL
KNOW PEACE.

--ATTRIBUTED
TO JIMI
HENDRIX



Dedicated in Loving Memory of
Dan Bigg
1/30/59 – 8/21/18

”ANY POSITIVE CHANGE”

Basic Principles

- We are dedicated to serving the most vulnerable in our communities
- Basic principles of harm reduction “meet people where they are at”
- We are different things to different people depending on the level of their need

“WE GET IT”

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT:

- Substance Use / Abuse
- Treatment Options / Referrals
- HIV / HEP-C Screenings
- Shelter Referrals
- Syringe Exchange
- Narcan® / Naloxone
- & Much More

THE 557 DROP
BY GHHRC

Come In! Have A Seat! Relax!

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Some of the services we offer are:

- Homeless Outreach, Shelter/housing referrals
- Questions about substance use/abuse/Opioid Use Disorders
- Provide "on-demand access" referrals/transportation Tx.
- Syringe exchange
- Condoms/safe sex kits/lubricants
- Real-time drug checking
- Safe crack use kits/ supplies
- Wound care and safe injection techniques
- HIV/HCV screenings
- Narcan/Naloxone
- Overdose prevention training
- Assistance obtaining Identification
- Syringe Outreach Response Team (SORT)
- ROVER Network

“Harm reduction is a way to help people change their substance use without demanding immediate and lifelong abstinence. It uses many creative strategies to keep people alive and safe while they figure out how to develop a healthier relationship with drugs. For some people, that means abstinence; for others that means moderate or safer use.”

—OVER THE INFLUENCE



**HARM REDUCTION
SAYS, “YOU CAN TRY
FOR ABSTINENCE, OR
NOT. BUT LET’S
PROTECT YOUR LIFE
AND THE LIVES OF
THOSE AROUND YOU.”**

STANTON PEELE

Harm Reduction Continuum

— Substance use and behaviors occur along a continuum from no use to chaotic use



Source: www.AustinHarmReduction.org
Adapted from Patt Denning's book
"Practicing Harm Reduction Psychotherapy"

Meet the Team



Syringes **Fentanyl test strips** **Crack pipes** **Narcan**
People who use drugs **"Enabling"**
Overdose prevention **What people think Harm Reduction is only about** **Condoms**

Racial equity **CTHRA** **Access to housing**
Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance
What Harm Reduction is truly about **Community**
Social justice **Empowering voices** **Multiple pathways to recovery**
Unconditional love **Positive change**
Removing stigma **Drug use education**
Wound & vein care **Ending the war on drugs**
Saving lives **Human to human interaction**
Access to healthcare

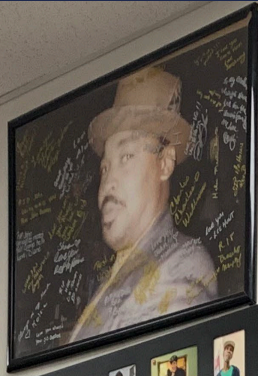
“557 The Drop” – Safe Spaces

- Most importantly we are a “safe space” & overdose prevention site.
- We are not a “SIF,” as SIF’s are illegal
- Responding to reality that many public consumption spaces include businesses like McDonald’s, Burger King, Dunkin’ Donuts, Starbucks and your local library
 - These spaces are unsupervised and as a result have seen many unnecessary deaths occur in these and other locations











“557 The Drop” - Successes





“557 The Drop” Successes – Expanding to 559



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COVID-19 Response – Evolving Service Delivery



GHHRC sought formal approval by the CT Department of Community and Economic Development as an organization that delivers "essential services" (Case No: 00007317)



While the premium on physical/social distancing has altered our services delivery significantly, there has been a notable increase in the demand for our services over the last several months

COVID-19 Response: A Changing Landscape

As a result of the pandemic and local health and safety restrictions, we had to take "Standing in the Gap" to a whole new level.



Programs: Mobile-1



**QUESTIONS?
DIRECT
SERVICES.**

Mobile-1 RV:: 860-883-9587

Mobile-1 MV:: 860-778-6325

Mobile-1 MV2:: 860-913-6877

“We Get It”

- Substance Use / Abuse
- Referrals / Transportation
- Health Screenings
- Shelter Referrals
- Syringe Exchange
- Free Narcan® / Naloxone
- & Much More

Mobile-1 Opening Hearts & Minds

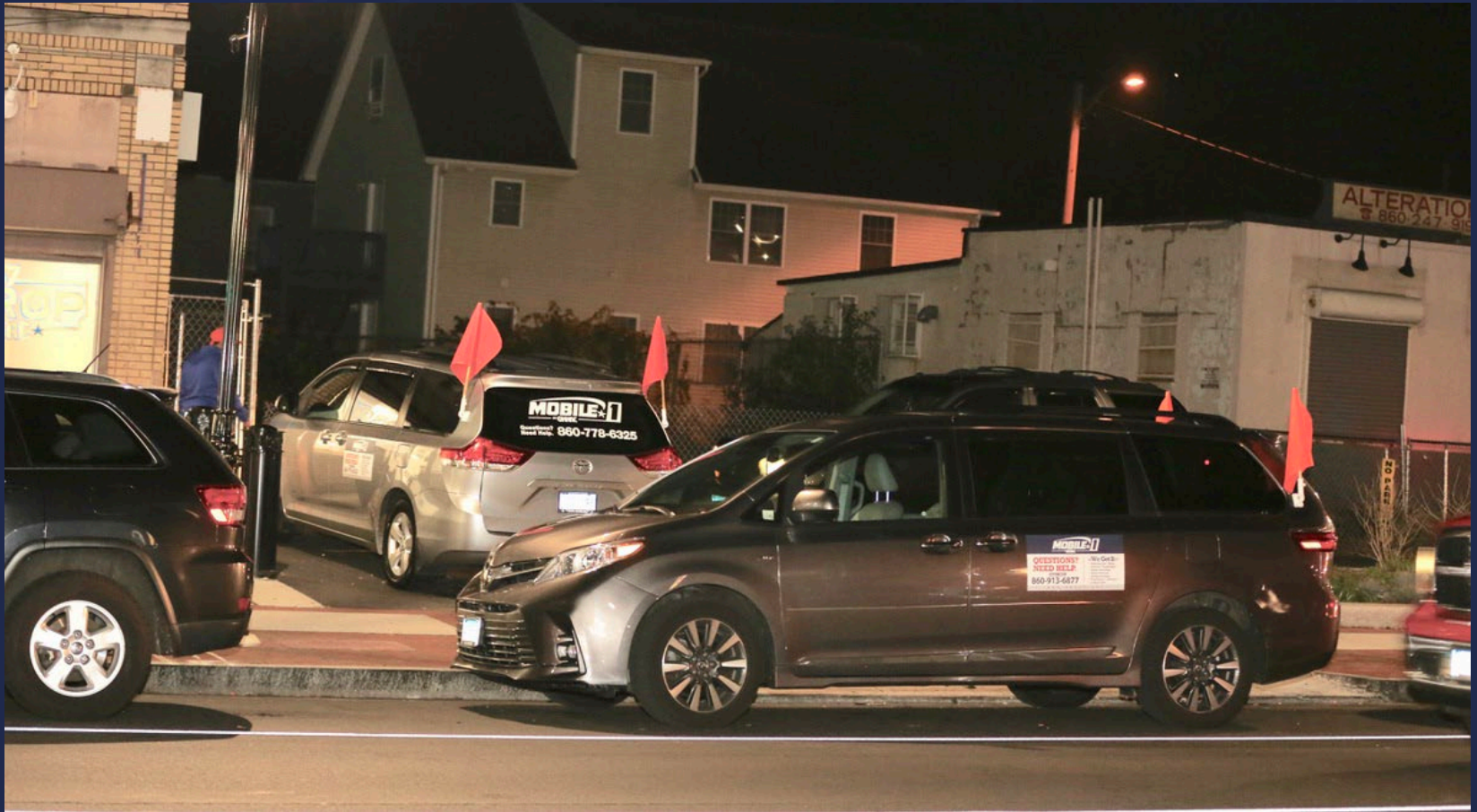
WOPJG-1 Opening Hearts & Minds



Mobile-1 in the Community



Mobile-1 @ Night (Flags Up!)



Mobile-1 Non-Traditional Outreach



Rover

In the midst of CT's staggering opioid epidemic CTHRA deployed a unique, cost-effective, secure, and portable syringe exchange unit (**ROVER**) that allows outreach workers and/or line staff to "meet people where they are" and receive vital harm reduction tools.

This innovative service delivery method enables CTHRA, gatekeepers and partnering service providers to deploy syringe exchanges service into targeted high-risk populations areas with minimal cost and disruption to service. Our goal being the the expansion of accessible Syringe Access services in targeted areas of the state, which presently have little or none.

Through boots on the ground outreach we have already reached high-risk users in Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, Bristol, Meriden, Enfield and Litchfield County using this invaluable tool.



CTHRA Rover



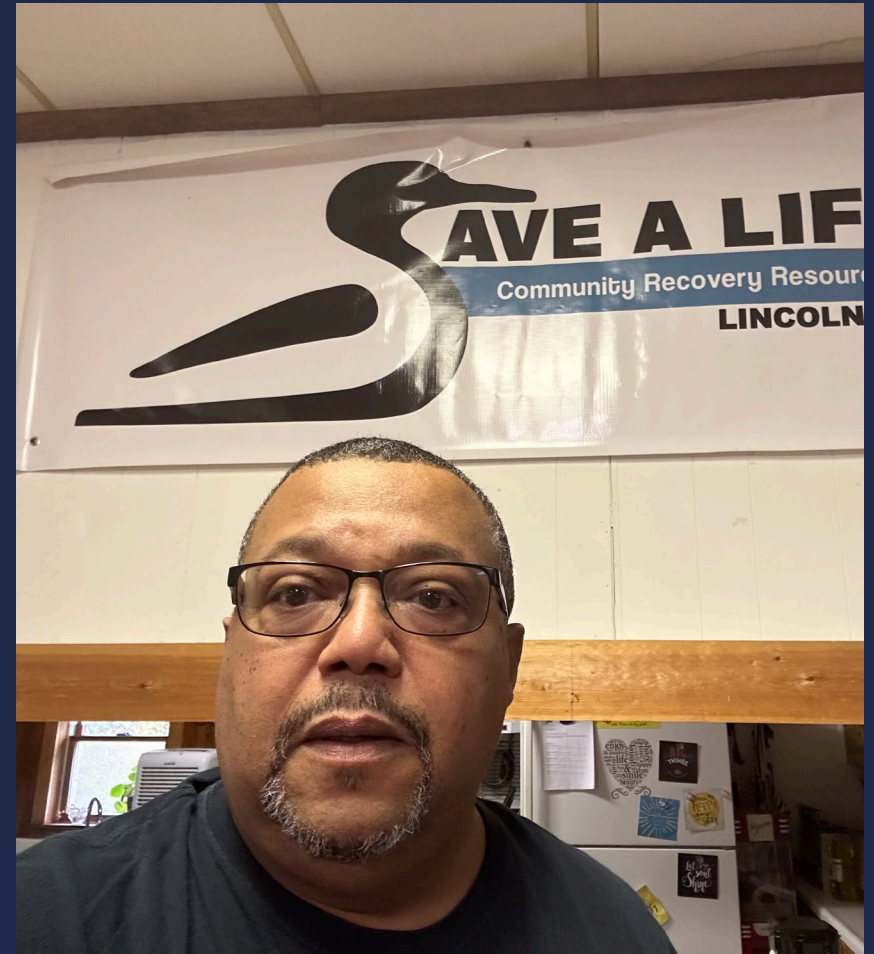
Rover Ready



Rover in the Community



Service Expansion/TA



FENTANYL TESTING STRIP

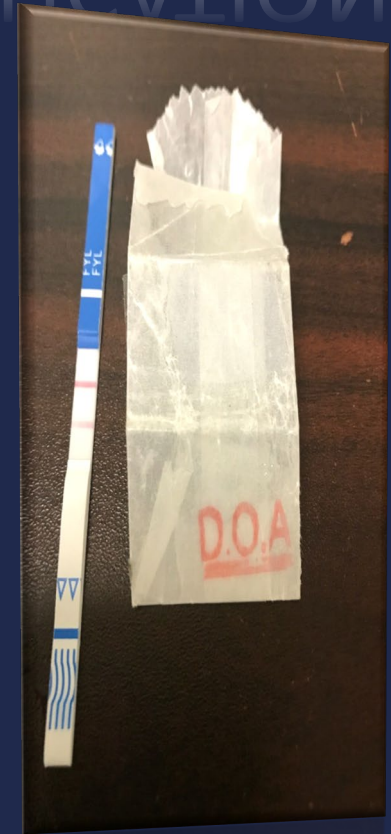


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Strip







Drugs of Abuse Testing Strip

FENTANYL PREVENTION EDUCATION



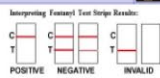
Fentanyl Testing and Reporting Project*

SUMMER 2017

Coca-Cola  Date Tested: 08/02/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	No Stopping  Date Tested: 07/24/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Hype  Date Tested: 07/12/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Thor  Date Tested: 06/25/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Diesel  Date Tested: 08/25/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	New Arrival  Date Tested: 09/03/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	New World  Date Tested: 09/22/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive
Green Star  Date Tested: 08/02/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Spartan Mask  Date Tested: 07/24/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Louis Vuitton  Date Tested: 07/11/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Long Wolf  Date Tested: 06/24/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Fairy  Date Tested: 08/27/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Batman  Date Tested: 09/01/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Loner  Date Tested: 09/30/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative
DOA  Date Tested: 08/01/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	China Green  Date Tested: 07/24/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	"No Name"  Date Tested: 07/10/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Welcome Home  Date Tested: 05/15/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Ride or Die!  Date Tested: 09/01/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Wildcat  Date Tested: 09/25/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Panda  Date Tested: 09/26/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative
Kiwi  Date Tested: 07/31/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Knockout  Date Tested: 07/23/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Space Jam  Date Tested: 07/07/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Red Check  Date Tested: 07/31/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Tiger  Date Tested: 08/20/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	WiFi  Date Tested: 09/15/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Take Over  Date Tested: 09/25/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive
Smile  Date Tested: 07/31/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Scorpion  Date Tested: 07/17/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Green Dragon  Date Tested: 07/04/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	J.F.K  Date Tested: 09/01/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	OK  Date Tested: 07/31/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Curry Chicken 30  Date Tested: 09/29/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Adidas  Date Tested: 09/30/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive
Rolex  Date Tested: 07/30/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Smurf  Date Tested: 07/17/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Flash  Date Tested: 07/04/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Summer Time  Date Tested: 09/01/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Gatorade  Date Tested: 09/15/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Back Off  Date Tested: 09/26/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	Snap Chat  Date Tested: 07/23/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive
Blue  Date Tested: 07/30/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Fox  Date Tested: 07/17/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Eagle  Date Tested: 07/03/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	30/30  Date Tested: 07/14/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Dead Gorg-Geus  Date Tested: 09/20/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	4XL  Date Tested: 09/31/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	
Green S  Date Tested: 07/26/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Shaka Zulu  Date Tested: 07/14/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Laser  Date Tested: 06/29/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	Thumbs up  Date Tested: 08/04/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	The Reaper  Date Tested: 09/01/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Negative	US Grade A  Date Tested: 09/15/17 Preliminary Toxicology: Positive	

Note:
*Bliss Collection Method
1) SSP Client is offered a Fentanyl Test Kit
2) SSP Client returns to GHHRC, the test result along with unopened usage bag.
Project Administrator: Mark Jackson, GHHRC Executive Director
Project Assistant: Lisa F. Diaz-Molina, CT DPH Data Specialist

Fentanyl Test Strips:
A home reduction strategy to reduce the health risk posed by the use of heroin.
Disclaimer:
Fentanyl drug tests is a rapid method to detect fentanyl drug attributable to urine.



Tabling/ Community Resources





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ROVER

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EXIT

THE HOUSE

COVID-19 Response - SORT



Thank You!!