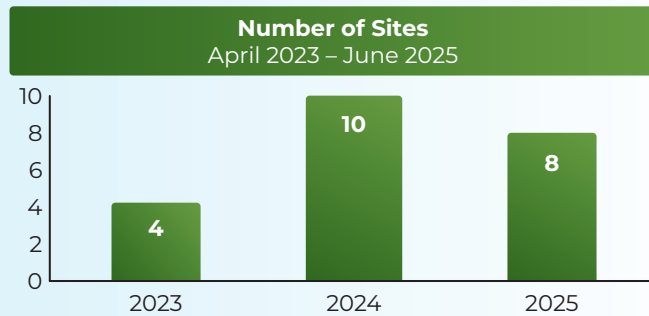


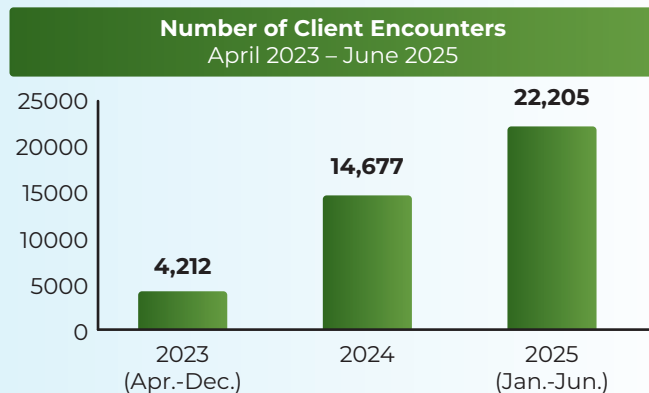
# HARM REDUCTION IN OKLAHOMA

## GROWING IMPACT

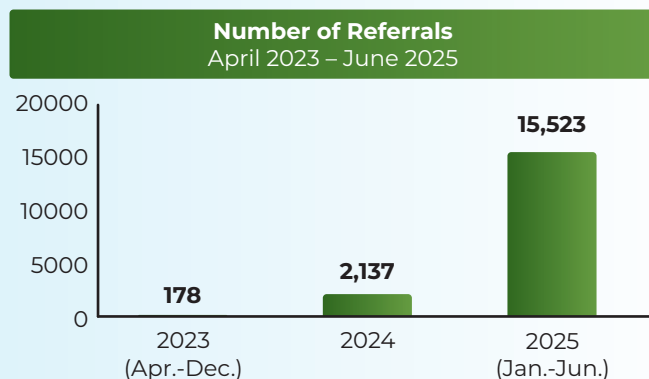
Harm Reduction Services were legalized in 2021; however, it took over a year to prepare for implementation. Four sites were registered in 2022 and the first round of data were collected in 2023. Data is from April 2023 to June 2025.



With an increasing number of sites, there were increased client encounters. Harm reduction sites offer low-barrier engagement opportunities for people navigating substance use to offer resources and community support.



Of the total 41,094 client encounters, harm reduction sites provided 17,838 referrals to social and medical services. Given the social nature of referrals, the number of referrals provided is likely much higher.



Harm Reduction sites include both clinic- and community-based organizations. Clinic-based organizations can provide health care needs, while community-based organizations focus on social support. The total number of referrals is broken down by type below.

Total Referrals: 15,575		
Social Services	Substance Use Treatment Referrals	988
	Housing Assistance	144
	Mental Health Services	871
	Food Bank/Pantry Services	1,562
Medical Services	Other Medical Services Referrals	919
	Rapid Testing Referrals	10,030 HIV 9,171 HCV
	<b>Total Testing Referrals</b>	<b>19,201</b>
	HIV Rapid Tests performed	13,486
	HCV Rapid Tests performed	7,025
	<b>Total Rapid Tests Performed</b>	<b>20,514</b>

Harm Reduction is an effective strategy for preventing HIV and Hepatitis C, decreasing the prevalence of HIV and HCV by stopping transmission and connecting participants to testing and treatment services. Four harm reduction sites conducted over 20,000 Rapid HIV and Rapid HCV tests for participants.

### Total Harm Reduction Supplies Provided April 2023 – June 2025

Number of syringes distributed	1,225,006
Number of syringes returned	1,773lbs = ~232,263
Naloxone distributed	38,030
Fentanyl Test Strips distributed	50,045
OD Reversals Reported	1,728

Of all harm reduction sites, only three sites have the capacity to accept sharps for disposal. Those three sites collected almost one ton of syringes, protecting our community from improperly disposed sharps.

All sites were able to distribute almost 40,000 doses of naloxone over 2.5 years (50 doses per day!) and participants reported over 1,700 overdose reversals during that time. Overdose reversal reports are sometimes difficult to obtain due to the traumatic nature of an overdose event. The number is very likely to be much higher.



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