

## Mobile Harm-Reduction Units

### Top Reasons Why People With Opioid Use Disorder Don't Get Treatment

Homelessness /  
Insecure Housing

Stigma

Unsatisfactory  
range of  
treatment  
options available

Poverty

## COMMUNITY *Care* in **REACH**

This is Boston program that began in 2018 is an innovative mobile health initiative that targets opioid overdose hotspots in the city, bringing care to those who need it most.

By the end of 2019, the Community Care in Reach team had made over 9,000 contacts with people with OUD and distributed over 96,000 syringes and almost 3,000 naloxone kits.

### Takeaways

Patients using the Community Care in Reach Program found it: 1) **compassionate**; 2) **less stigmatizing**; 3) **convenient**; 4) **flexible**, and 5) **predictable**.

The program could improve by increasing the number of units, outreach, hours, and locations.