

HB24-1028

Local Control of *Life-Saving* Overdose Prevention Centers

Prime Sponsors: Rep. Epps, Sen. Priola.

Every day **five** Coloradans die of preventable drug overdose.

Colorado needs Overdose Prevention Centers to help save lives.

Colorado House Bill 24-1028:

- Defines Overdose Prevention Centers (OPCs).
- Permits municipalities to authorize OPCs.
- Has no fiscal appropriation.

Overdose Prevention Centers:

✔ Improve Public Health.

- Minimizes preventable overdose deaths.
- Reduces transmission of infectious disease.
- Saves \$ on disease prevention & emergency medical care.

✔ Increase Community Safety.

- Leads to reduced crime in neighborhoods with OPCs.
- Drastically decreases public drug use (libraries, trains, parks).
- Minimizes drug litter (syringes, paraphernalia) from public spaces.

✔ Prioritize Local Control.

- Home Rule is critical to Colorado's identity.
- Public health crises require innovative local solutions.
- Cities can decide if OPCs are right for their communities.

What is an OPC?

OPCs are safe, supervised spaces for people to use previously obtained drugs, test for fentanyl, get counseling, connect to treatment, receive harm reduction services, and **STAY ALIVE.**

OPC Fast Facts:

- 165+ OPCs in Europe, Australia, Canada & U.S.
- 0 fatal overdoses at OPCs
- Supported by American Medical Association

Colorado needs a data-driven approach to drug policy.
Colorado Needs Local Control of Life-Saving Overdose Prevention Centers.



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HB24-1028 is led by survivors, advocates, and organizations all working to save lives and keep Colorado safe. Care providers, public health professionals, medical societies, recovery homes, local small businesses, policy experts, faith community, elected officials, municipalities, members of law enforcement, *housing + disability + immigration + reproductive + criminal justice reform* advocates, and many more are united in a commitment to support: **Local Control of Life-Saving Overdose Prevention Centers.**



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