

THE SOCIAL PRACTICE LAB.

[The Social Practice Lab](#) mission is to invest resources in underserved communities in order to address and resolve the health equity gap. We envision a robust public health infrastructure where every community has access to equitable healthcare. Social Practice Lab is bringing life-changing projects to residents in deep poverty pockets throughout the Louisville Community.

The Social Practice Lab's core program is the Harm Reduction Hub, a public health collaborative work space, well positioned to provide barrier-free, comprehensive prevention and treatment services to underserved Louisville residents. Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness is partnering with The Social Practice Lab to expand harm reduction services to the Shelby Park neighborhood. The location was chosen as 40203 is the number one zip code for EMS runs in response to overdoses. Thus far in 2022, The Social Practice Lab has had 6,913 total participant interactions, 786 in October alone.

Our objectives include:

- Provide barrier-free access to comprehensive prevention & healthcare services
- Decrease HIV and HCV transmission rates
- Decrease overdose and overdose death rates
- Increase retention in care and treatment services

Our 2022 achievements include:

- Four (4) medical harm reduction education programs
 - Podcast ([link](#))
 - Medical Harm Reduction Toolkit ([link](#))
 - LIVE HIV Free Campaign ([link](#))
 - My Prevention Green Book ([link](#))
- Distribution of 3,200 HIV self-test kits
- Research + program partnerships:
 - Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness
 - University of Louisville
 - Norton Healthcare
 - Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation
 - Metro United Way
- [Published in the International Journal of Drug Policy](#)
- Hosted 10 community advisory board meetings to inform the LIVE HIV Free education
 - CAB members are self-identified PWID
 - Paid compensation for time and knowledge expertise
- Presented at the 2022 National Harm Reduction Conference, Puerto Rico
- Hosted one (1) community art exhibition in partnership with Metro United Way

Now more than ever, barriers are higher for the most underserved among us to access services that meet the most basic of human needs. The services provided by Social Practice Lab are tailor-made to address today's continuing inequalities in housing, employment, education and wealth.





