

Housing Works to unveil Midtown harm-reduction center

Housing Works—a Brooklyn-based nonprofit that provides health care, job training and legal assistance to individuals living with HIV/AIDS—today will unveil a center in Midtown that will serve as a treatment hub for drug users.

The Ginny Shubert Center for Harm Reduction, named after one of its co-founders, will offer programs and services including syringe exchanges, health education, opioid-overdose-prevention training and naloxone kit dispensation.

According to Housing Works, the newly renovated and expanded facility boasts comprehensive services to help at-risk individuals stay safe and seek substance-abuse treatment.

"Housing Works understands that to move New York closer to our goal of ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2020, we must provide even more comprehensive, integrated and coordinated care for our community," said Charles King, CEO and co-founder of Housing Works, in a statement.

The center will provide clients PrEP screenings, acupuncture and counseling, as well as a crystal meth support program, all under one roof.

The facility will offer a federally qualified health care clinic administering primary care and the Positive Health Project, which provides a range of services for drug users, home-care coordination for those with chronic conditions and a reentry program for formerly incarcerated individuals.

The center will be welcoming to adults of all sexual orientations, gender identities and income levels, Housing Works said.

The nonprofit currently serves more than 10,000 New Yorkers a year at four other health centers throughout the city.