

## Mainline Needle Exchange

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To whom it may concern,

The Mainline Needle Exchange Program is a Health Promotion Project based on a harm reduction model. The goals of Mainline are to reduce the acquisition and transmission of HIV, Hepatitis B & C among people who inject drugs and to increase awareness and knowledge of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B & C and health and social issues affecting people who inject drugs.

Mainline is committed to helping drug users to focus on their health and well-being through raising awareness of the risks, education and empowerment.

Mainline targets a population who use illicit drugs, who may live in less adequate housing and are often unemployed, have less than adequate income and do not access health care services. I am writing to strongly urge that you continue your financial support for the Halifax Housing Help project. This project has demonstrated time and time again to be extremely viable, effective and beneficial for the individuals who frequent our services.

If you have any questions please call. Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this very valuable and important project in our community.

Sincerely yours,

Diane Bailey

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