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STOPPING HIV
IN ITS
TRACKS!!

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SPACE. A LONE
SIGNAL TRAVELS DEEP
INTO THE GALAXY...

... UNTIL IT REACHES THE HOME
PLANET OF **METHADONE MAN**
AND **BUPRENORPHINE BABE**!

"UNAIDS ESTIMATES THAT
NEARLY ONE THIRD OF NEW
HIV INFECTIONS OUTSIDE
AFRICA ARE AMONG
INJECTION DRUG USERS."

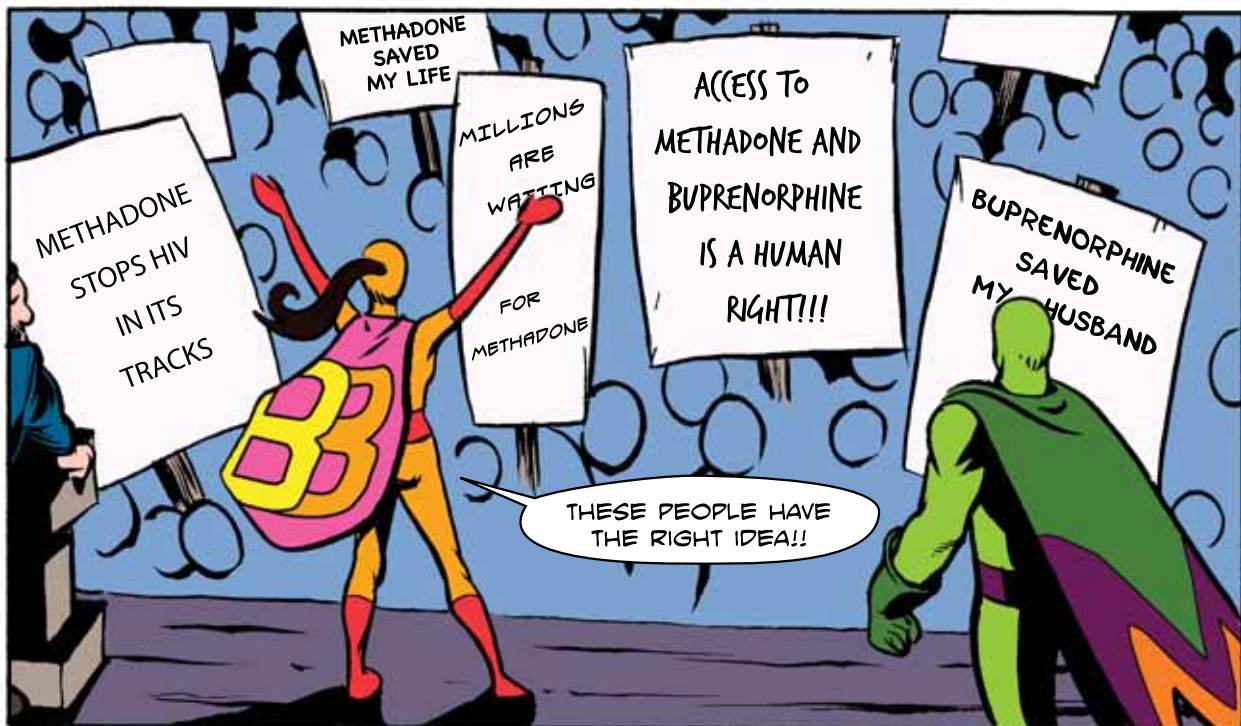
BUMBLING BUPERS,
METHADONE MAN!

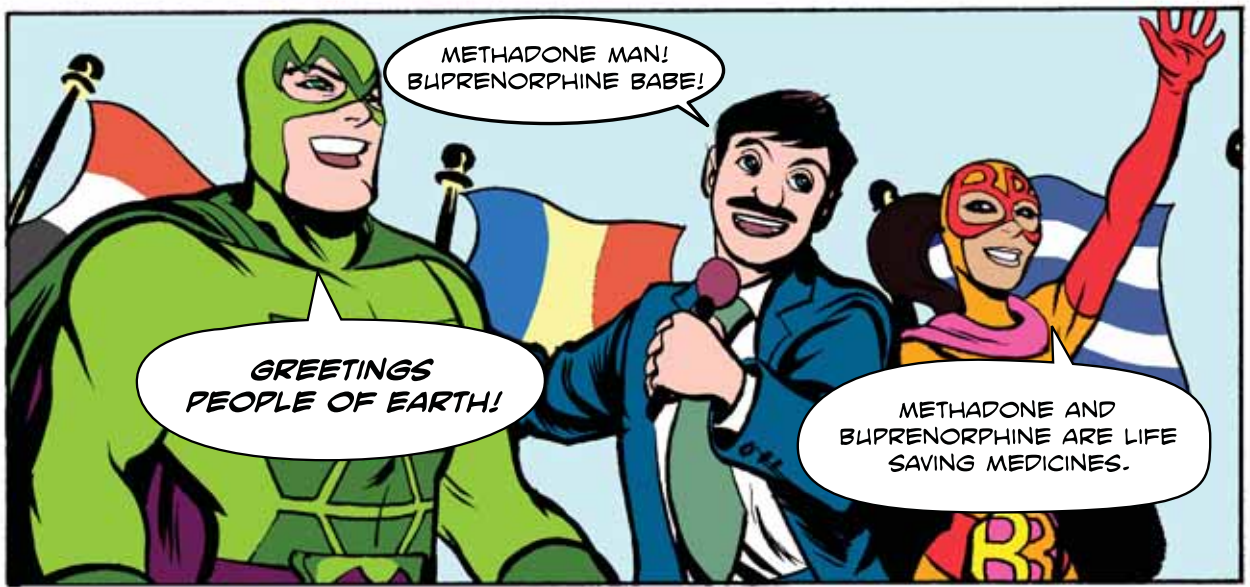
WE BETTER GET DOWN
THERE! THEY NEED
OUR HELP!

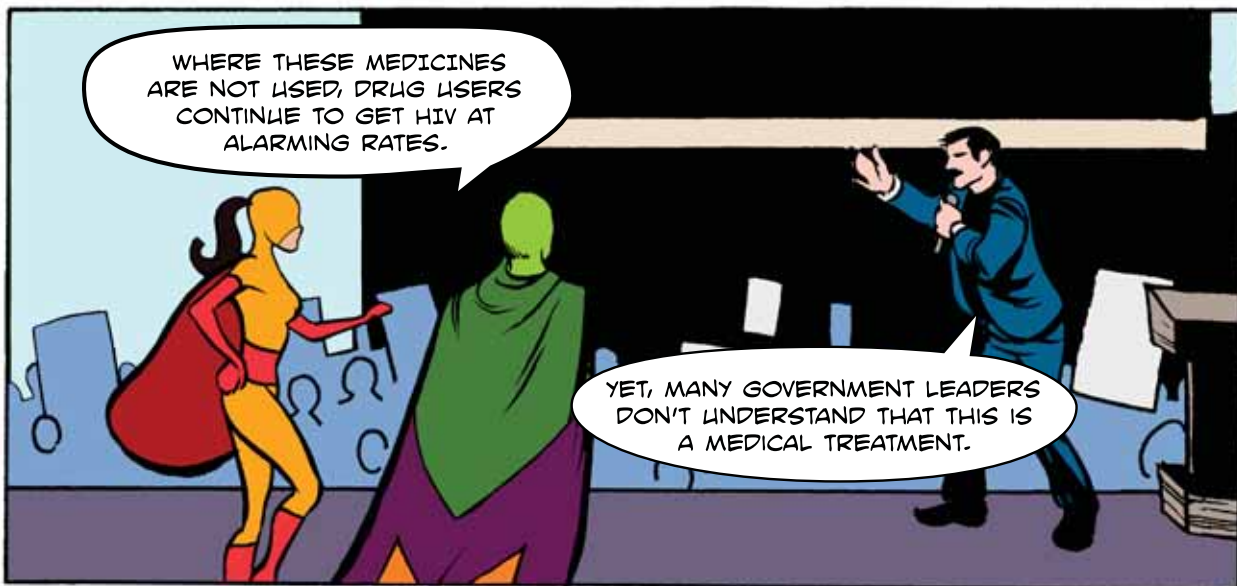
LET'S GO!!

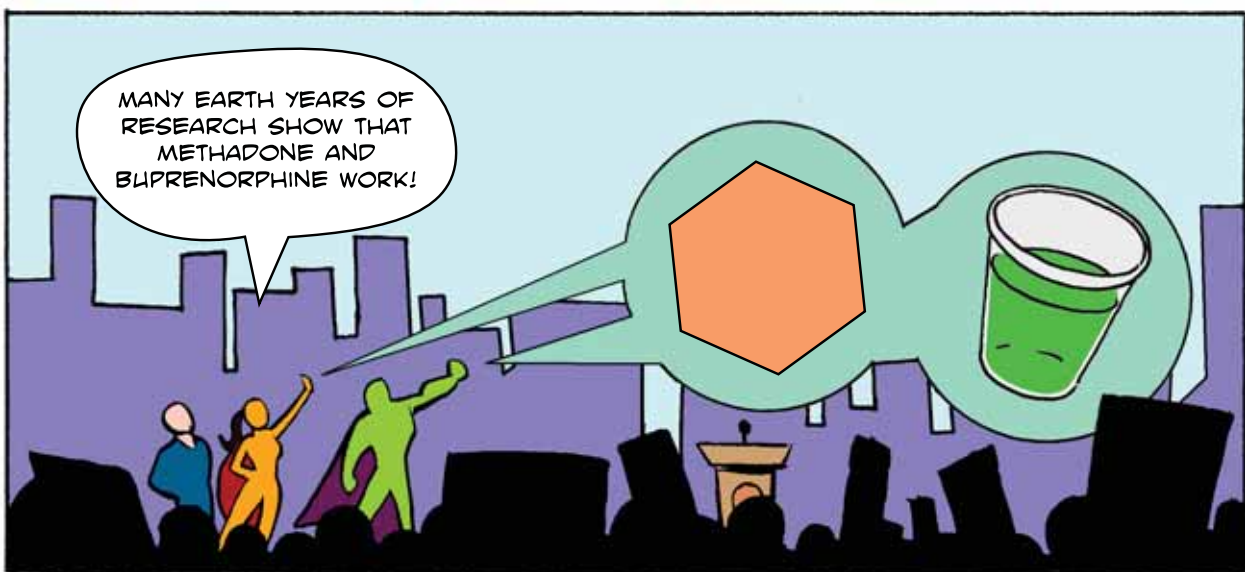
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, OUR
HEROES DASH THROUGH SPACE
TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.



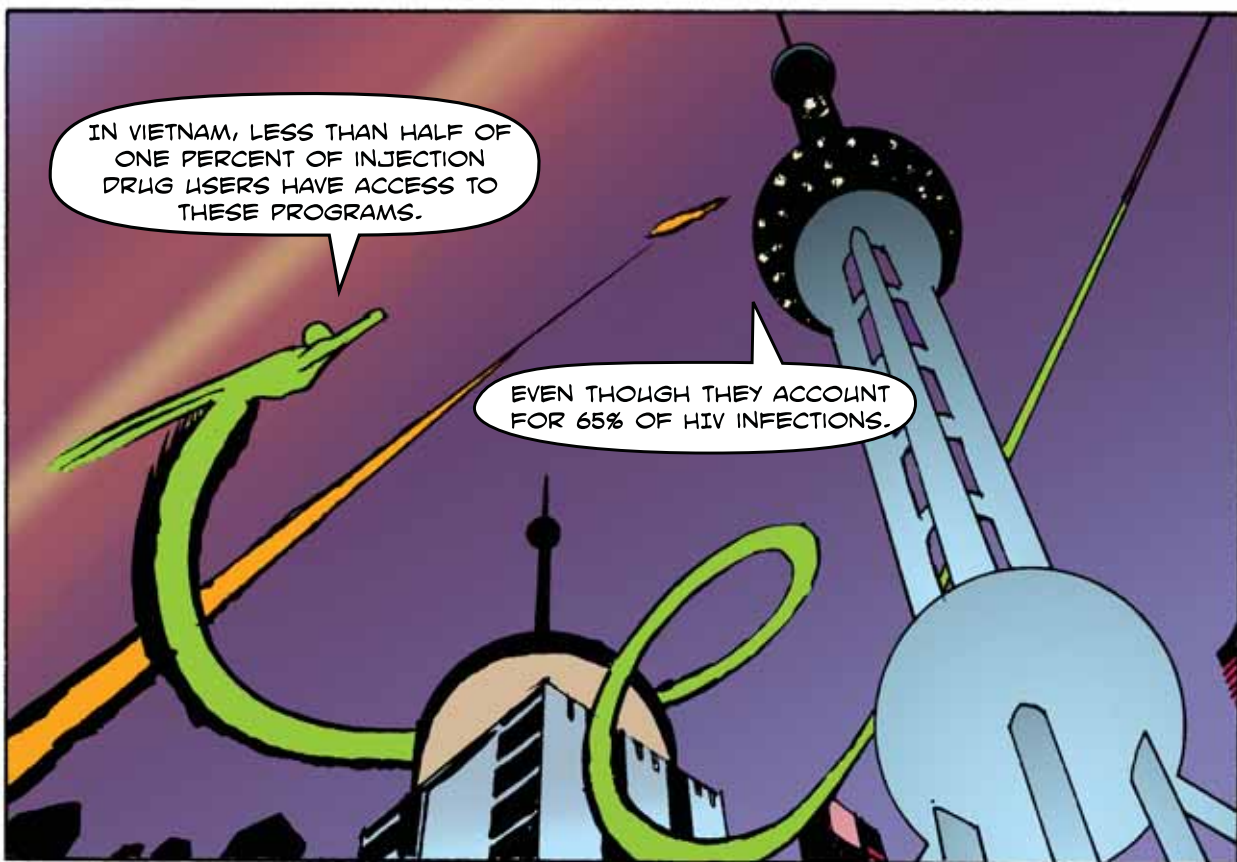














**MILLIONS
ARE
WAITING!**







"SIXTY-FIVE COUNTRIES NOW OFFER THE MEDICATIONS BUPRENORPHINE AND METHADONE TO TREAT OPIATE ADDICTION. DEEMED "ESSENTIAL MEDICINES" BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THEY ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME, UNAIDS, AND MULTIPLE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS TO REDUCE DRUG INJECTION AND DRUG-RELATED CRIME, AND TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ORDER, FAMILY SATISFACTION, RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT, AND ADHERENCE TO HIV TREATMENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN WHEN MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAMS WITH METHADONE OR BUPRENORPHINE ARE AVAILABLE, THEY FAIL TO REACH MANY OF THOSE WHO COULD BENEFIT.

ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THE MANY REQUIREMENTS—INCLUDING ADMISSION RESTRICTIONS, LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION, WAITING LISTS, AND CLUMBERSOME PRESCRIPTION AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS — THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PATIENTS TO ENTER TREATMENT."

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*LOWERING THE THRESHOLD: MODELS OF ACCESSIBLE
METHADONE AND BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT*



GLOBAL AVAILABILITY OF OPIOID SUBSTITUTION THERAPY

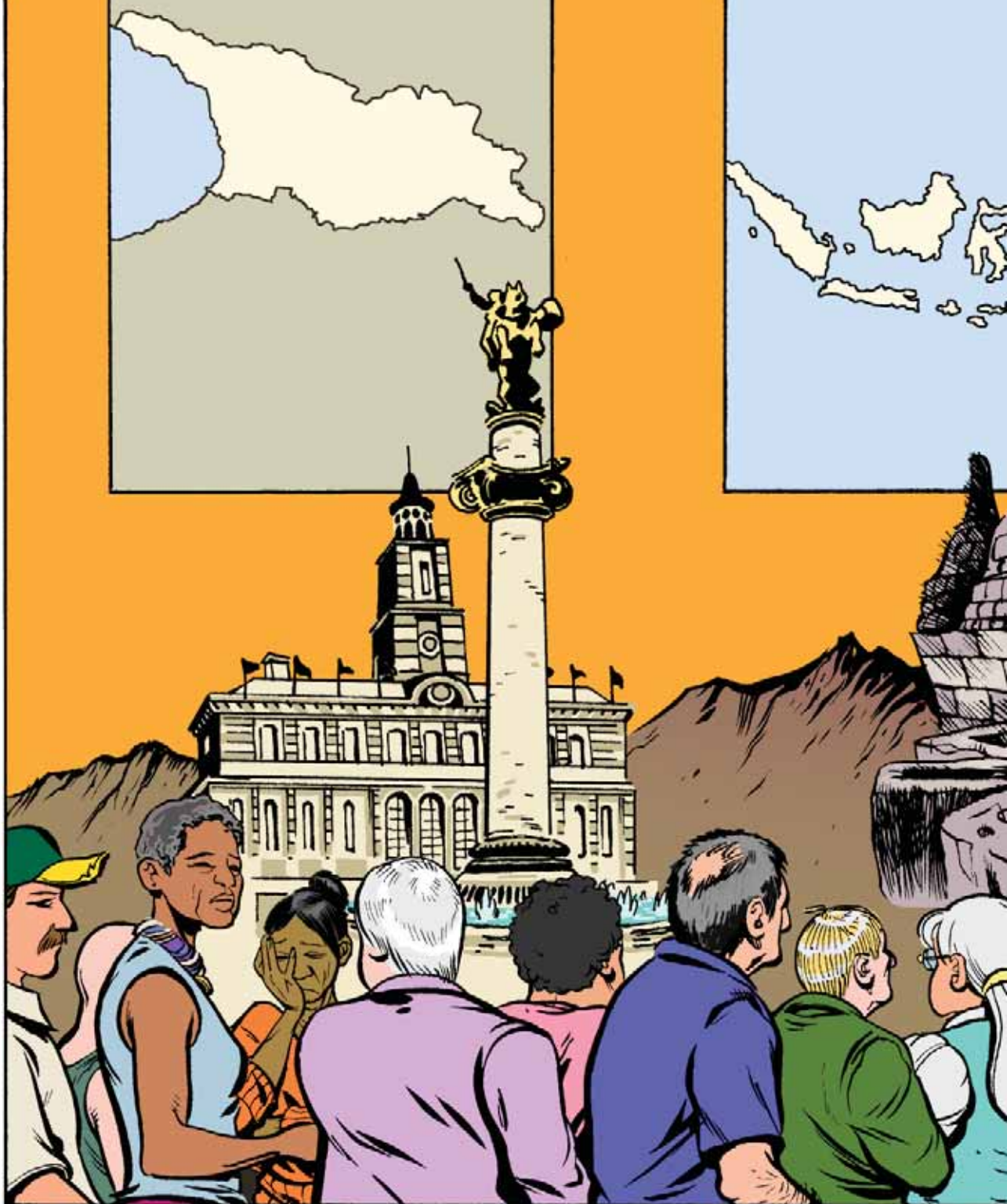


*"EIGHTY-EIGHT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHERE INJECTING DRUG USE
HAS BEEN REPORTED HAVE NO OPIOID SUBSTITUTION THERAPY AT ALL!"*

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IN GEORGIA...

IN INDONESIA...





AND IN KYRGYZSTAN,

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN DISCOURAGED FROM
TREATMENT PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF
LOOOOOOONG WAITING LISTS.

WHAT IS METHADONE?

METHADONE IS A LONG-ACTING, SYNTHETIC DRUG USED FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID (HEROIN, OXYCONTIN, ETC.) DEPENDENCY. METHADONE IS DISPENSED ORALLY AS A LIQUID, POWDER OR TABLETS. DOSES MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY DETERMINED.

THE BENEFITS OF METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

METHADONE REDUCES DEPENDENCY ON HEROIN AND OTHER OPIATES, THEREBY REDUCING OVERDOSE. IT ALSO REDUCES HIV INFECTION RATES BY LIMITING THE USE AND SHARING OF CONTAMINATED SYRINGES.

OPIOID USERS WHO RECEIVE METHADONE TREATMENT ARE HEALTHIER THAN THOSE WHO DO NOT.

THEY LIVE LONGER, SPEND LESS TIME IN THE HOSPITAL, COMMIT FEWER CRIMES AND HAVE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR FAMILIES.



METHADONE HELPS DRUG USERS STABILIZE THEIR LIVES. AND IT HELPS THOSE WHO ARE HIV-POSITIVE TO STAY ON AIDS TREATMENTS.

**METHADONE STOPS HIV
IN ITS TRACKS!**



WHAT IS BUPRENORPHINE?

BUPRENORPHINE IS A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MEDICATION PRESCRIBED FOR OPIOID ADDICTION. IT RELIEVES WITHDRAWAL, REDUCES CRAVING AND BLOCKS HEROIN IN WAYS SIMILAR TO METHADONE. DOSES ARE TAKEN ORALLY IN TABLET FORM AND ARE CUSTOMIZED FOR EACH PATIENT.

THE BENEFITS OF BUPRENORPHINE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

BUPRENORPHINE REDUCES DEPENDENCY ON HEROIN AND OTHER OPIATES. IT ALSO REDUCES HIV INFECTION RATES BY LIMITING THE USE AND SHARING OF CONTAMINATED SYRINGES.

PATIENTS WHO TAKE BUPRENORPHINE LEAD LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES THAN THOSE NOT RECEIVING TREATMENT.

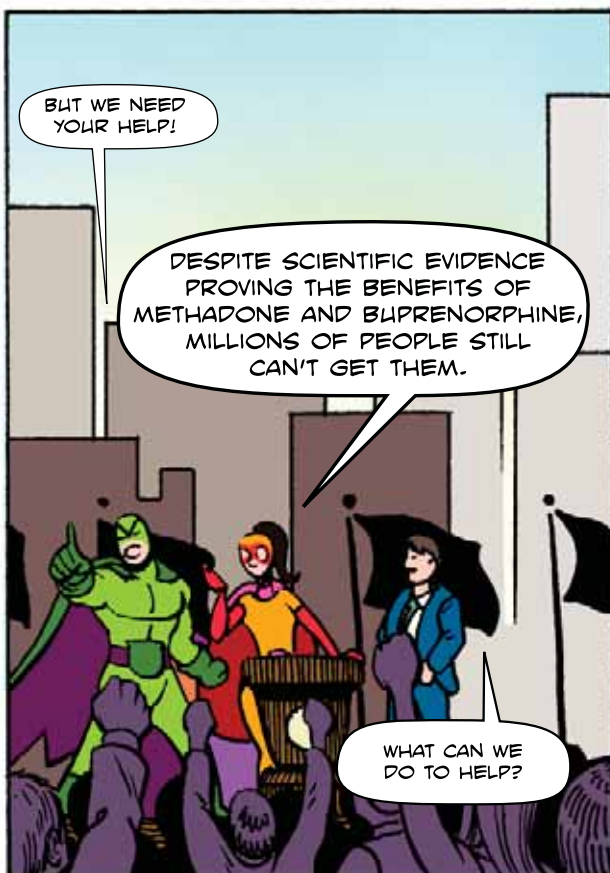


BUPRENORPHINE EACH DAY
KEEPS INJECTION AWAY!



AND, TOGETHER,
WE SAVE LIVES!!!







**RAISE AWARENESS
AND TAKE ACTION!**

**MILLIONS ARE
WAITING ON YOU!!!**

RESOURCES

DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE

WWW.DRUGPOLICY.ORG

*INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF ADDICTION TREATMENT*

WWW.OPIATEADDICTIONRX.INFO

INTERNATIONAL DRUG POLICY CONSORTIUM

WWW.IDPC.NET

INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION

WWW.IHRA.NET

*INPLUD - THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PEOPLE
WHO USE DRUGS*

WWW.INPLUD.NET

INTERNATIONAL NURSING HARM REDUCTION NETWORK

WWW.INHRN.NET

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

WWW.INTERNATIONAL.DRUGABUSE.GOV/COLLABORATION/GUIDE_METHADONE/INTRO.HTML

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UNAIDS

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UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

WWW.UNODC.ORG

WOMEN'S HARM REDUCTION INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

WWW.TALKINGDRUGS.ORG/WOMENS-HARM-REDUCTION-GROUP

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

WWW.WHO.INT

YOUTH RISE

WWW.YOUTHRISE.ORG

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HARM REDUCTION COALITION

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CANADIAN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK

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CARIBBEAN HARM REDUCTION COALITION

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*COLECTIVO POR UNA POLITICA INTEGRAL
HACIA LAS DROGAS*

WWW.CUPIHD.ORG

*MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN
HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION*

WWW.MENAHRA.ORG

EURASIAN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK

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RUSSIAN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK

WWW.HARMREDUCTION.RU

EUROPEAN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK

WWW.EUROHRN.EU

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REDUCTION NETWORK*

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WWW.METHADONEMAN.ORG

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