



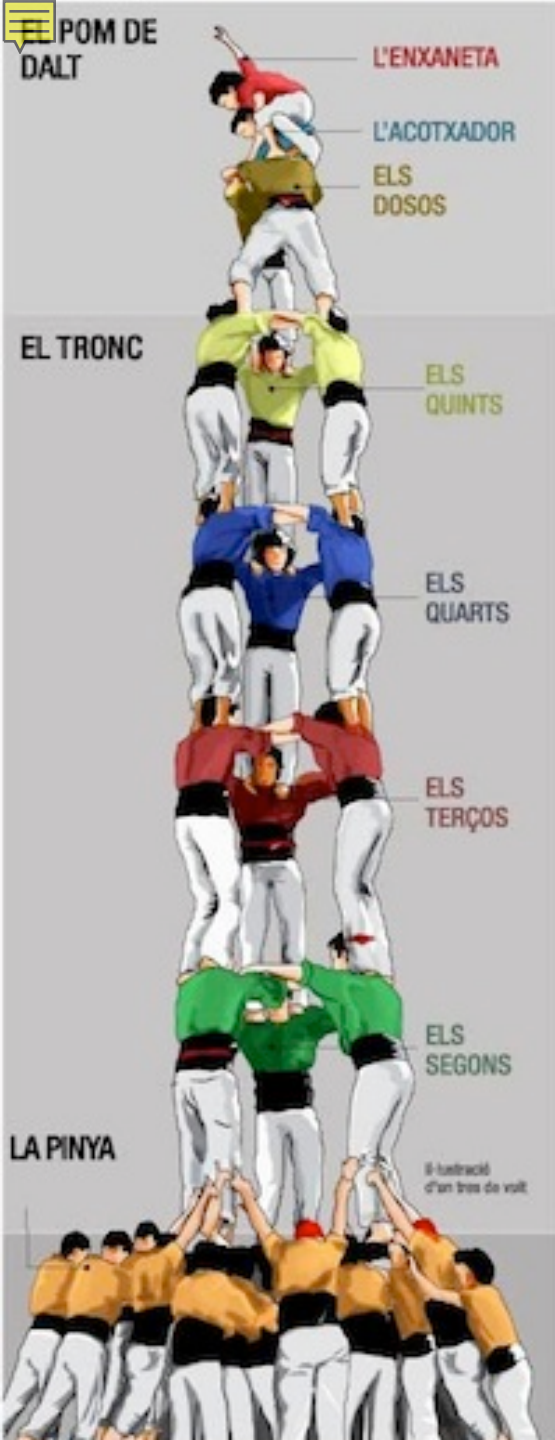
HOLISTIC PUBLIC HEALTH FOR PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS: LESSONS FROM BARCELONA

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**WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO KEEP PEOPLE
WHO USE DRUGS ALIVE AND MOVING TOWARD
WELLNESS?**





OUTLINE

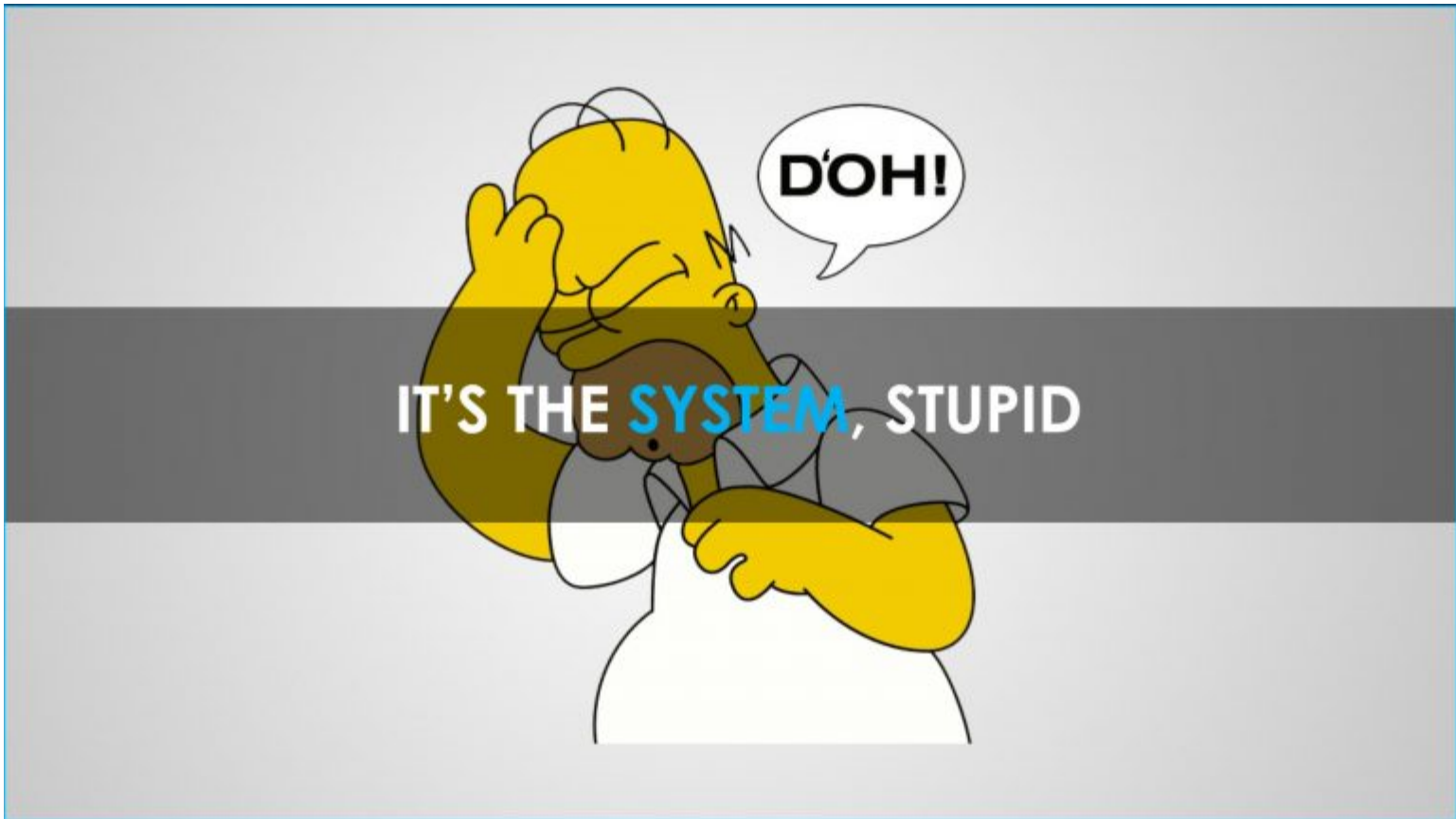
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- Why work with people who use drugs?
- Theoretical perspective and harm reduction
- The Barcelona Model
- Outcomes
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BACKGROUND



Source: Esri

MARK NOWLIN / THE SEATTLE TIMES





WHAT DOES A FULL SPECTRUM SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS LOOK LIKE WITHIN THE CATALAN CONTEXT AND WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN?





WHY WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS?



THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK + HARM REDUCTION



Work with people who use drugs

Low barrier services

No judgement or stigma

IT'S THE SYSTEM: THE BARCELONA MODEL



STAGES OF CHANGE IN THE BARCELONA MODEL



Harm reduction programmes

Treatment programmes

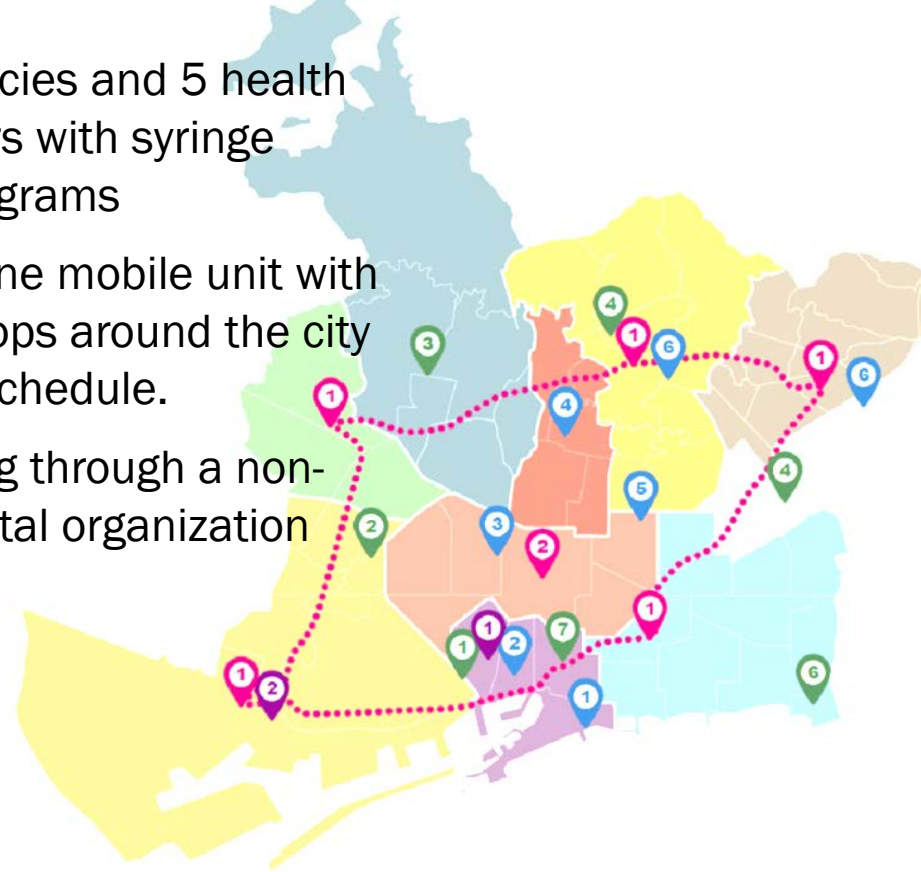
First contact (“calor i cafè”)
Safe injection materials
Spaces to consume safely
Development of skills to reduce risks
Health care and social care access
Outreach: street educators
Low-threshold substitution treatment (methadone)

- Alcohol, opiates, cocaine, cannabis, other drugs, dual diagnosis
- Therapeutic groups
- Referral to other health resources
- Care in crisis
- Care to families

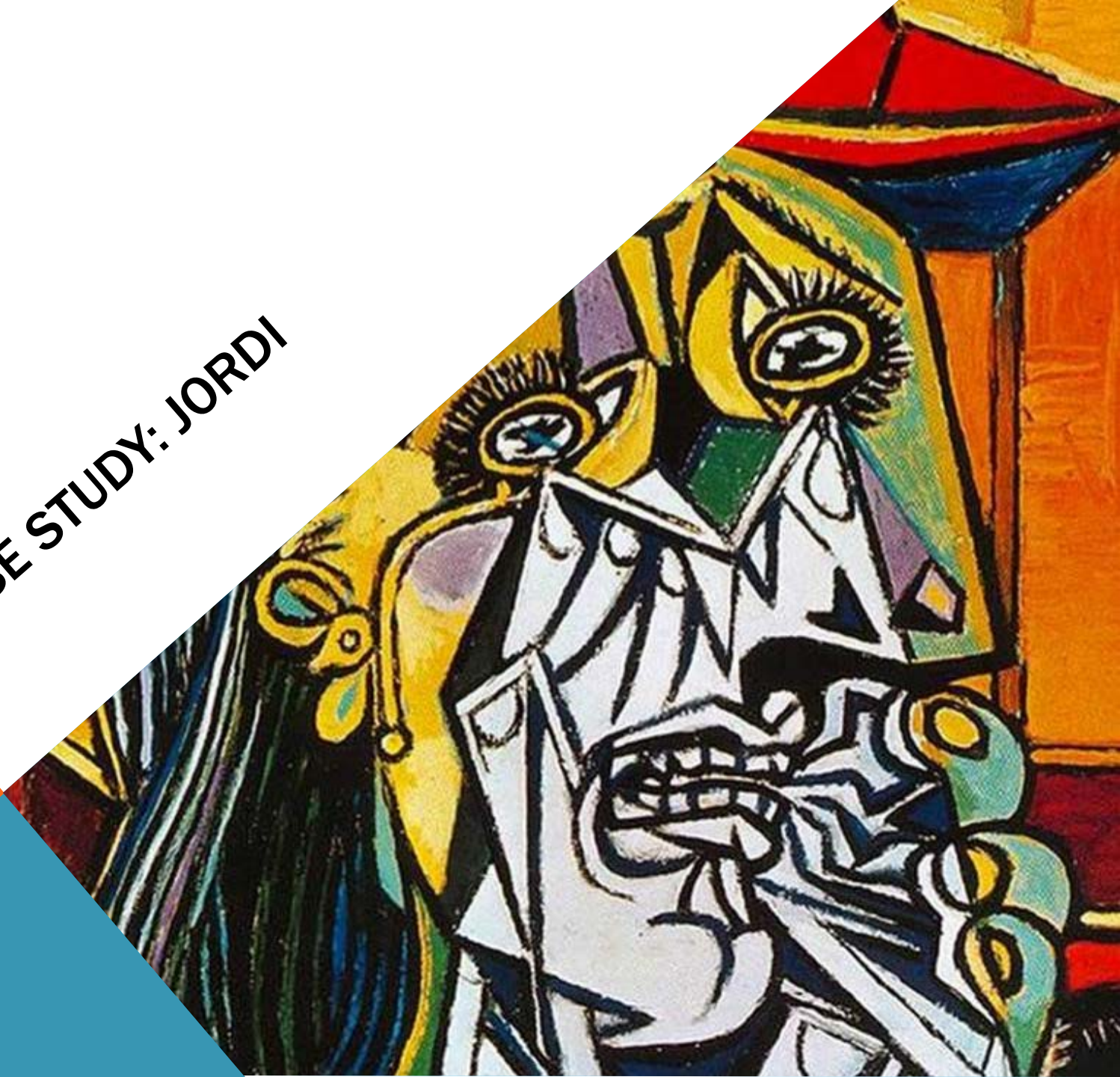
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES IN BCN

- 15 CAS: integrated, multidisciplinary outpatient SUD programs
- 4 hospital detox units
- 1 harm reduction drop in center
- 1 women's only harm reduction center
- 1 inpatient drug treatment program
- 10 safer consumption spaces
- 13 therapeutic apartments

- 65 pharmacies and 5 health care centers with syringe service programs
- 1 methadone mobile unit with multiple stops around the city and a set schedule.
- Drug testing through a non-governmental organization

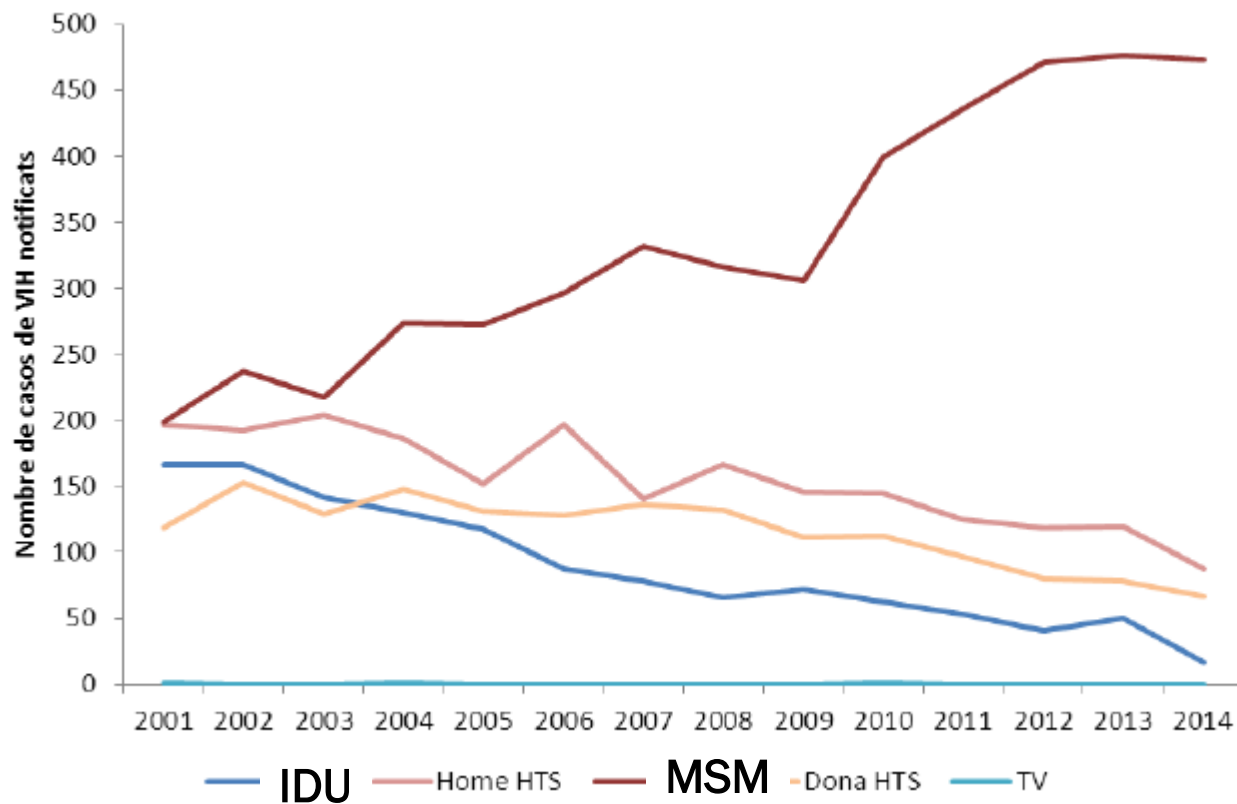


CASE STUDY: JORDI



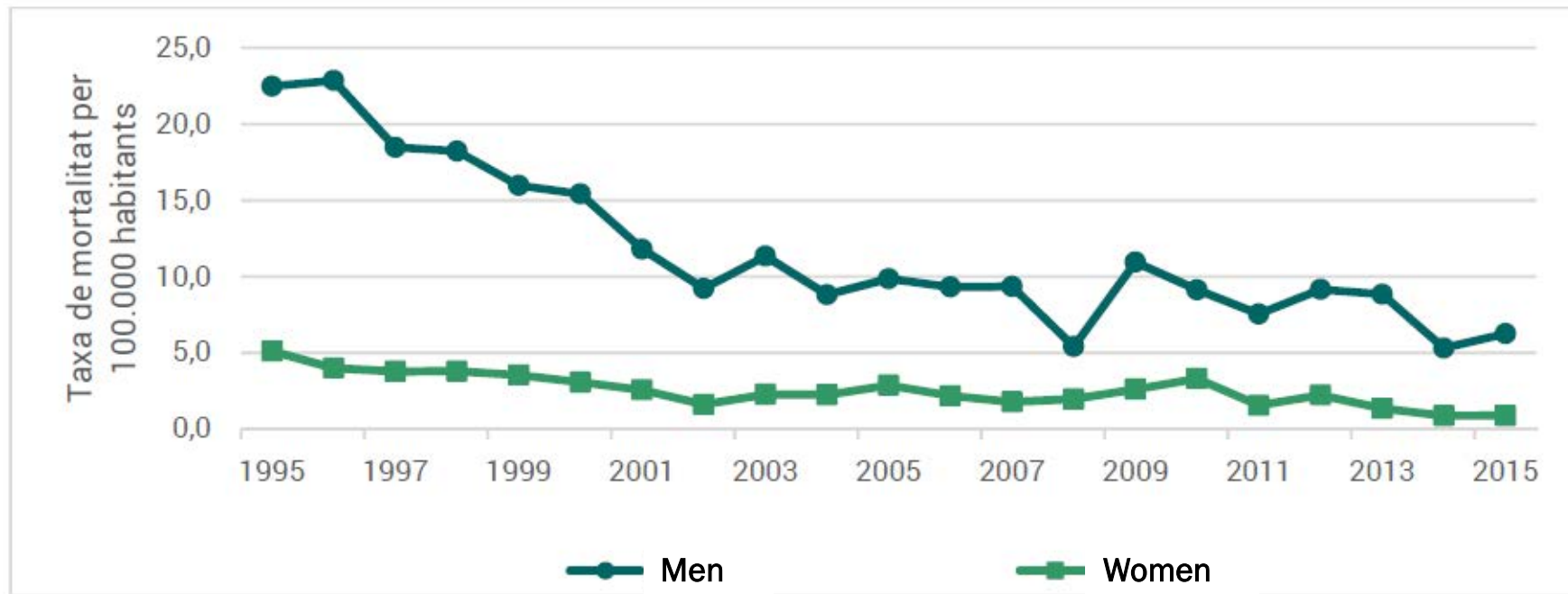


NEWLY DIAGNOSED CASES OF HIV, BY TRANSMISSION ROUTE, 2001-2014



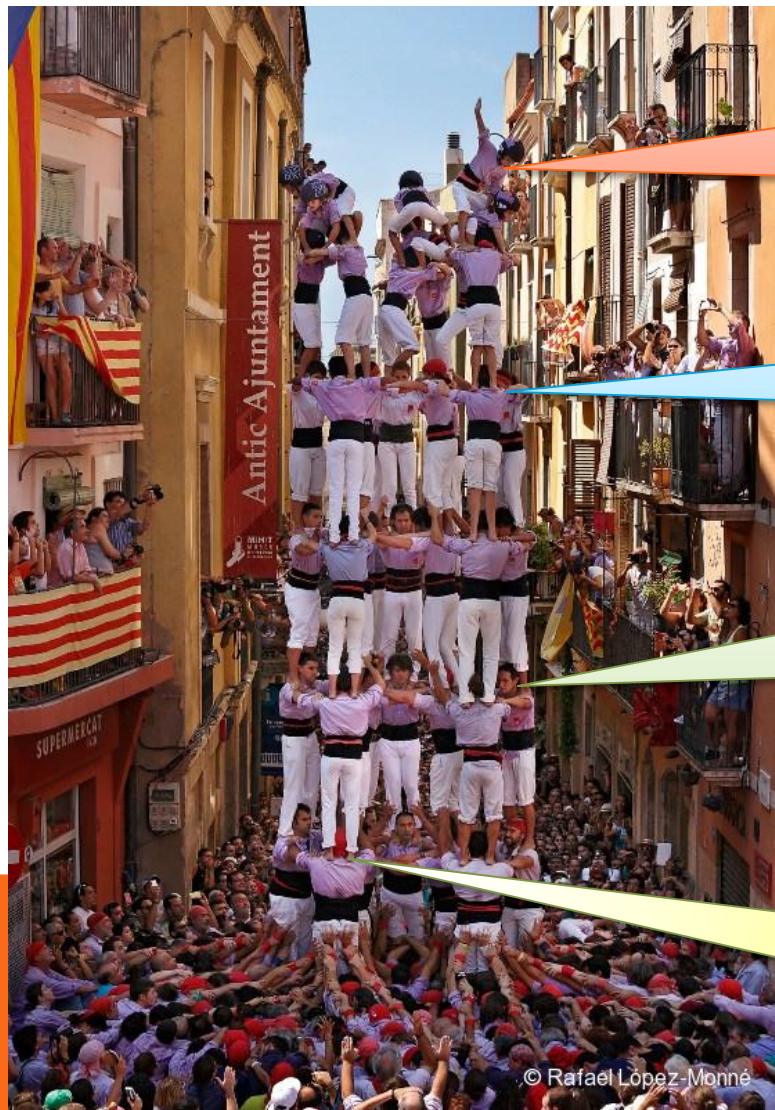
Source: Pla d'Acció sobre Drogues de Barcelona 2017-2020.
Agència de Salut Pública de Barcelona, 2017.

RATES OF OVERDOSE DEATHS IN BARCELONA PER 100,000 PEOPLE, 1995-2015



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LESSONS FROM BARCELONA



Identify the gaps!

Provide services for people who will continue to use drugs

Decriminalize all drugs

We can do this.

WITHOUT A FULL SPECTRUM SYSTEM FOR SUD...



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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