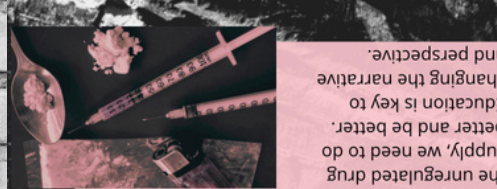


WHAT DO WE MEAN?



Prohibition has failed to eradicate illicit substance use in our society. As a consequence of people, not protection, substance use and failure, substance use and the sale of substances will continue. Due to back against criminalization of substances, substances dismantling the underground market by making it obsolete, until we have safe supply that removes the need for the unregulated drug supply, we need to do better and be better. Education is key to changing the narrative and perspective.

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There is a chronic misconception that people who sell drugs are inherently bad people or have ill intentions for their customers. No one wants to die.

The reality is that your "local drug dealer" has probably been exposed to the failings of system services and/or intergenerational poverty. They are just trying to survive capitalism like everyone else.

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The over policing and criminalization results in barriers to participation in the mainstream economy resulting in the necessity to turn to the street economy for survival and to secure that basic needs are met. The corner is always hiring, and doesn't require a criminal record check.

"Capitalism needs and must have the prison to protect itself from the criminals it has created"

While rates of substance use hold evenly across demographic groups, the weight of criminalization falls disproportionately on those who are the most vulnerable to institutionalize harms, particularly racialized, poor and those struggling with their mental wellness.

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CRIMINALIZATION



The rare but highly publicized occasions where law enforcement succeed in taking down highly placed individuals or groups is offset by the power vacuum that this loss represents with the attendant harms of increase in violence, drug supply volatility and increase in drug poisoning, toxicity, & deaths. The removal of hierarchy creates instability and opportunity that results in turf wars and increasing community and lateral violence.

If you want to see the end of highly placed drug traffickers and prohibition, establish a safe, regulated and predictable supply, take the incentives for high risk/high reward that maintain the violence of the underground market.

"Everything else in the world gets sold without people taking advantage, scamming, lying, doing each other dirty. Why it got to be that way with this shit gotta get done without people beating on each other, killing each other, doing each other like dogs."

-D'Angelo Barksdale "The Wire"




NICE PEOPLE SELL DRUGS
RADICALIZE YOUR LOCAL DRUG DEALER



Through resources and education we can build safer communities

Compiled info from @yycayro @atancstripper & additions from @streetcats.yyc

THIS IS NOT RADICAL



This is not a radical ideology, this is basic knowledge sharing and community care from a public health lens. Enable people to make informed decisions. People are receptive to education and safety when we provide respectful and informative communication. Harm Reduction belongs to Drug users.

HARM REDUCTION

Teach your local dealer about Harm Reduction

- Provide Fentanyl testing strips
- Provide Narcan kits
- Make them aware of the syringe exchanges in your area.
- Encourage engagement in community care.

Teach proper use of testing and encourage all Fentanyl free products to be tested, if substances were cut prior to their possession they can teach folks how to consume safer.

Having overdose reversal supplies on hand can provide safer test doses and rapid responses. This also allows for early recognition of an overdose and the ability to teach customers the same information

Sterile supplies provided to customers with purchase will reduce the risks associated with substance use, including blood borne illness transmission, tissue infections, and heart complications.

Being included in community care, creates safer more accountable communities for everyone and reduces the prevalence of violence.