

Harm Reduction

Intentional
public health

and

Recovery Partners of Vermont

Perspective

Quote by Andrew Seaman:

We need to shift our
mentality from an

“Us vs Drugs”

to an

“Us vs Human Suffering”

one!

What is it?

Let's talk!

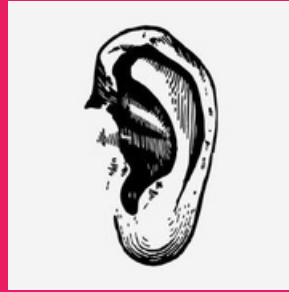
What is **HARM**
REDUCTION?

Are **ABSTINENCE** and
RECOVERY the same
thing?

What does **MULTIPLE**
PATHWAYS mean?



LET'S HEAR FROM OTHERS:



[NHRC Video](#)

What is meant by saying:

“THE WAR ON DRUGS, Is a War on people”:

[Jay Z goes deeper](#)

Perspective

Thoughts from
Stephen Andrew:

To **use drugs** is not
being hopeless.

It is the most **hopeful**
thing!

Free & Anonymous

Supportive Services

Member Protections

What's A Syringe Service Program?

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Low Barrier

**Walk-In and
Mobile Services**

Interventions

Meet people where they are at,
but don't leave them there!

Then meet them where they dream!

Drug Checking

**Sterile syringes and “works” (safer
smoke + snort)**

HIV and HCV Testing

Safe Disposal

Referrals (MOUD)

Safer Sex Supplies and PrEP

Naloxone, FTS, Xylazine Strips



Drug Checking . . . Say what???

**INNOVATIVE & BOLD
APPROACHES ARE NEEDED**

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OPC? . . . What the heck is that???

Decrim . . . Seriously???

INTERVENTIONS

part 2:

Drug Checking

Thoughts?

Drug Checking

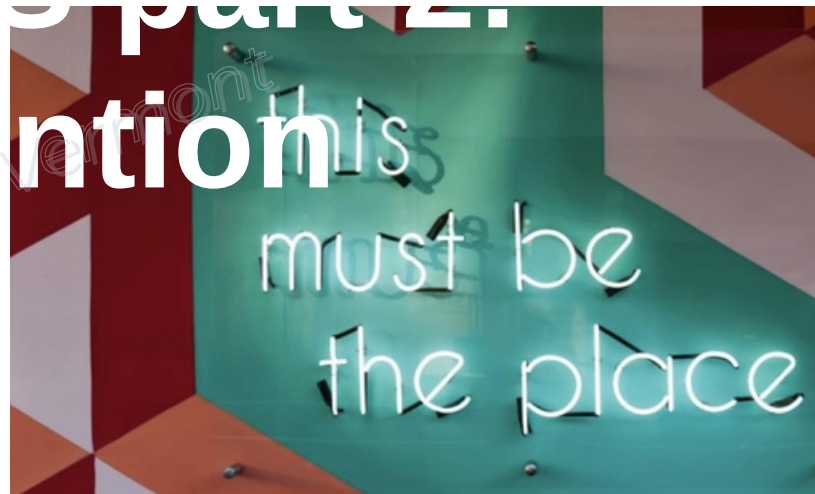
until we get to

Safe Supply

[SaferSupply](#)

INTERVENTION Overdose Prevention Centers

Thoughts?



[OnPoint!](#)

INTERVENTIONS

part 2:

DECRIMinalization

Thoughts?

A poll conducted by **Data for Process** & **Drug Policy Alliance (DPA)** in 2022 found that **more than 4 out of 5 (84%)** of likely **Vermont Voters** support eliminating **criminal penalties** for having small amounts of drugs.

[DECRIM](#)

Racial Justice

Reducing Drug Related Deaths

Reducing Incarceration

Evidence-Based Policymaking

THE FIGHT TO DECRIMINALIZE IS

ABOUT MORE

THAN JUST DRUGS

Centering Dignity & Respect

Prioritizing Wellness over Punishment

Investing in Housing, Healthcare, Childcare, Climate Justice,...
instead of the criminal punishment system

What is one thing that changed for you in your **understanding** of
Harm Reduction?

Out loud or Silent Reflection:

What is one thing you heard today that you might **share** with another person?

What is one thing you might **change** in your own practice after this training?



THANK YOU



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