



National Safer Supply Community of Practice
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Peer-Led Models:

What could mitigate some of the barriers to non-medicalized and peer-led models of safer supply?

peer navigators for the dark web - need training for how to use the dark web

Don't tokenize peers, involve them in a meaningful way

What if representative bodies looked like the communities they've been serving

drug users are being taken seriously - how can clinicians advocate on their behalf?

heavy lifting for this work is within housing & nonprofits who are underfunded, understaffed

having people that understand that giving a coffee with care is better than having a coffee shoved at you -- care matters

Alcohol is safer supply. Use those analogies

PWLLE are essential - bring empathy in a way people connect to

How can you source good quality drugs like the dark web ensures?

See lived experience as an asset, not a liability

Walk the walk

organizations should support the needs of their service users

compassion clubs - need capital to start them

we need a spectrum of models for safer supply

regulation of the drug supply - decrim, legalization, testing, etc

Realistic expectations for peer workers - some people's baseline is not to show up sober

access to compassion club models - how to make it more accessible?

advocacy isn't part of job descriptions, which can be a tricky fit with funders

opportunities for peer employment - people are in various stages of work readiness - meet people where they're at re employment

Drug user group sourcing & distributing

meaningful and just inclusion of PWUD

racism and colonialism as being deeply rooted in harm reduction and drug policy

Loaned directives to other provinces

"this person's life is good? What" -- PWLLE help other people get there

"My PhD in drug education probably cost more than yours"

Peer-led model that distributes under one directive