

Declarations

MB declares personal fees from AbbVie and grants and personal fees from Gilead Sciences, outside of the submitted work. NT grants and personal fees from Gilead Sciences, outside of the submitted work.

Acknowledging we are people who uses drugs, MB has been on a medical safe supply of prescription drugs, and both have been impacted by the criminalisation of drug use.

Land Acknowledgment

I would like to begin by acknowledging that where I work and this presentation was created was in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people first signed with the British Crown in 1725.

"We are all treaty people."



THE CURRENT DRUG SUPPLY IS MORE TOXIC THAN EVER BEFORE

The Status Quo

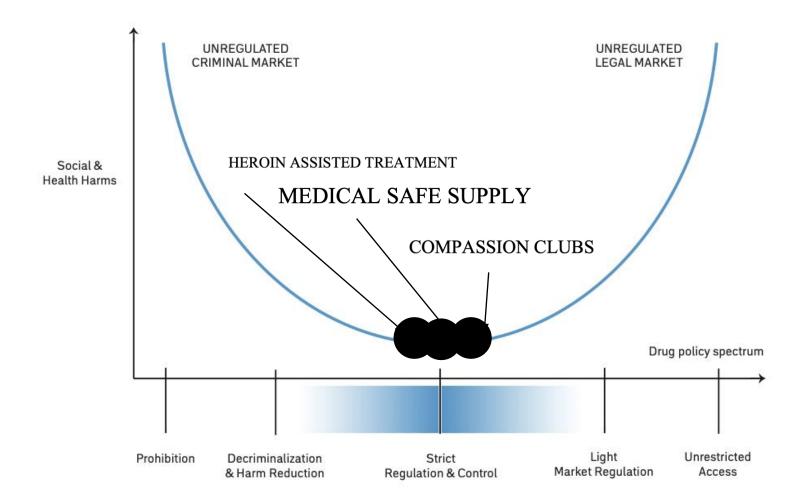
IF YOU SUPPORT THE CRIMINALIZATION OF DRUGS, YOU SUPPORT...

ORGANIZED CRIME

CARTELS

MURDER

TOXIC DRUG SUPPLY



Above: Adapted from an original concept by Dr John Marks

SAFE SUPPLY

CONCEPT DOCUMENT

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#SAFESUPPLY CONCEPT DOCUMENT

16 PAGES : TAKE AS NEEDED : USE TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATH : MADE IN CANADA

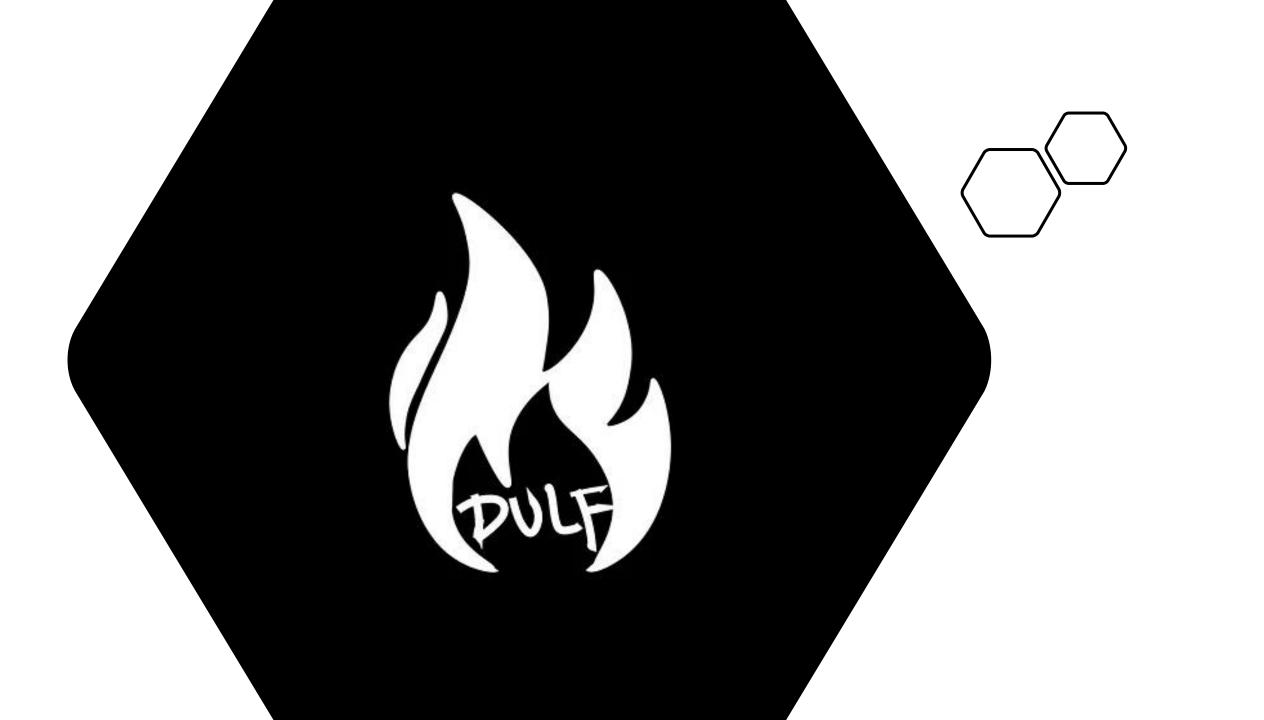
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SAFETY: In the midst of the worst overdose epidemic in Canada's history, 11 people are dying every day. Most of the deaths are related to the rise of fentanyl and its analogues adulterating the illicit drug market, a reality that is likely to stay for the long term. Yet, the need for safe supply has existed long before the current overdose epidemic. For many decades the drug using community has had to risk overdose, poisoning, infection, disease transmission, and death because it has been forced to rely on the illicit drug market. Meaningful and purposeful expansion of the provision of safe and regulated drugs to compete with the black market will significantly curtail these harms, and is a necessary step to stop the ongoing overdose crisis.

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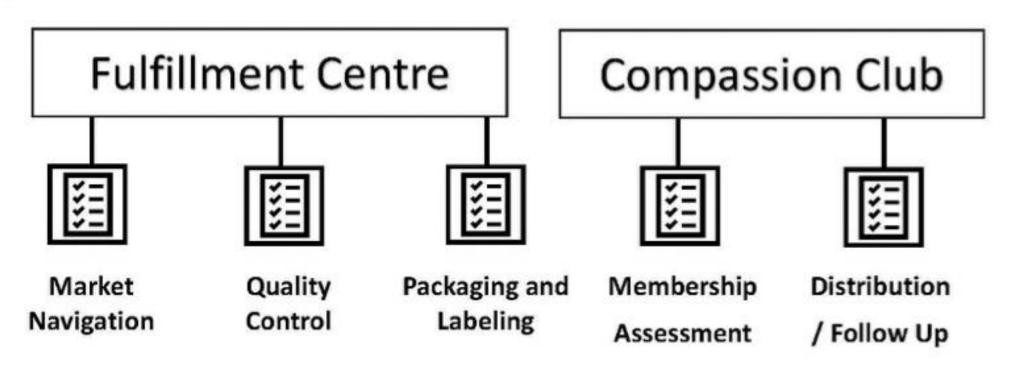
JUSTICE

EFFECTIVENESS: While different interventions work best for different individuals, the evidence is consistent in showing that people who use drugs are more likely to benefit from safe supply treatment options in comparison to more traditional treatments in terms of keeping clients on treatment, lowering their amount of illicit drug use, creating stability and improving their quality of life. For example, recent heroin maintenance trials in Vancouver involving over 200 participants had retention rates over 80 per cent after a year on treatment, and those remaining on treatment had drastic reductions in illicit opioid use.⁴ In comparison, in British Columbia retention rates of new clients on methadone is under 35 per cent after a year,⁵ and suboxone⁶ and slow release oral morphine are similar in effectiveness.⁷



Drug User Liberation Front Fulfillment Centre

DULF Fulfillment Centre and Compassion Club: How It Works



addictive substance This product contains heroin which is a highly WARNING

addictive substance

addictive substance



Heroin

diacetylmorphine ~40% caffeine ~60%



Ingredients:

heroin; caffeine.*

*Please see insert.

FOR SALE.

Keep away from children and pets.

contains amphetamine which is a highly This product WARNING

Meth

methamphetamine ~100% no cut / no buff









Ingredients: methamphetamine.*

*Please see insert.

FOR SALE.

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which is a highly contains cocaine This product WARNING

Cocaine cocaine ~100%

no cut / no buff



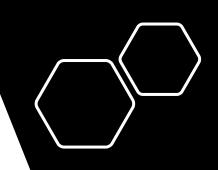


Ingredients: cocaine.*

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Take Home Messages

All safe supply models are needed until we have a regulated drug supply.

Don't wait for anymore research before prescribing safe supply.

We need alternative options for different modes of consumption.

Safe supply should match the current unregulated drug supply. For example, there is a safe supply of prescription benzodiazepines that aren't being used.