



Using Harm Reduction Approaches to Enhance Participant Outcomes: Increasing Our Engagement Toolkit

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Society's responses to drug use has been shaped by the misconception that people with addictions are morally flawed and lacking in willpower, resulting in an emphasis on punishment rather than prevention and treatment. This presentation will explore the application of harm reduction principles and interventions for people who use drugs and have contact with the criminal justice system. Participants will gain an understanding in the interplay between trauma, mental health, substance use, and the criminalization of addiction. Participants will learn valuable tools for working more effectively with their clients who may be facing these often interwoven, layered, and complicated barriers.

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