

Next steps in developing a national harm reduction research agenda

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Priorities for research in harm reduction

- Effects of state and local laws on harm reduction services and health outcomes
 - What types of laws facilitate and constrain the availability, reach and effectiveness of harm reduction services?
 - How does implementation and enforcement of laws vary across population groups?
- An intersectional framework to equity in harm reduction service reach and effectiveness
 - Who are services reaching, and who do they benefit? How can we change them for equitable benefit?
- Harm reduction within a broader structural approach to address the needs of people who use drugs
 - How can public health work with other sectors to meet key needs of people who use drugs (housing, nutrition, employment, transportation, child care and protection) and to reduce barriers to harm reduction services?
- Person-centered harm reduction surveillance
 - How can we develop timely, actionable and local data collection systems that can detect emerging patterns in drug-related harms, and collect data that matter to people who use drugs?
- People who use drugs as true partners in research