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Introduction

Pharmacologic drug use, whether stimulants, cannabis, or opioids, can contribute to a range of consequences, many of which can also be mitigated through health promotion and harm reduction strategies. Because the consequences of drug use often manifest in the areas of health or the social determinants of health, the decriminalization of such use may also help to mitigate these consequences. This policy brief is intended to inform health professionals about the potential benefits and challenges of the decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use. It is designed to help in the development and implementation of policies that support health promotion and harm reduction strategies for drug use.

Key Findings

1. Criminalization of drug use and possession for personal use leads to increased stigma, discrimination, and social exclusion, which can have negative impacts on mental health and well-being.
2. Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use can improve access to medication-assisted treatment and other harm reduction services.
3. Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use can reduce the burden on the criminal justice system and divert resources to public health initiatives.
4. Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use can improve public health outcomes by reducing the transmission of blood-borne infections and improving public health surveillance.
5. Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use can improve social cohesion and reduce inequalities by reducing the stigmatization and discrimination that often accompany criminalization.

Conclusion

Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use is a strategy that has the potential to improve health outcomes, reduce stigma and discrimination, and improve access to harm reduction and treatment services. Health professionals can play a critical role in advocating for decriminalization and supporting policies and practices that promote health and well-being for people who use drugs.

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