

## Improving Interactions Law Enforcement + People who Use Drugs

**Session 1 Purpose Statement:** Build relationships and learn from each other how to improve interactions between law enforcement and people who use drugs in our local context.

### Session 1 Goals:

1. Build relationships across law enforcement and people with lived and living experience: intentionally begin to build trust and find common ground,
2. Co-Develop a preliminary vision statement from the collective group,
3. Identify shared values across the co-design team, and
4. Create a desire to “come back” and see this through to the end.

**OVERALL Project Purpose:** To create solutions to improve interactions between Law Enforcement (LE: police, criminal legal system) and People with Living and Lived Experience of drug use (PWLE) that consider the challenges and opportunities of your unique community.

**Examples from previous communities** include, 1) developing and delivering an Officer Wellness Curriculum, 2) Videos that demonstrate success stories of PWLE + LE, 3) SPARK Letters - offering reentry support to those entering jails, 4) Forming an ongoing working group + collaborative - we are here to collectively pinpoint your local challenges + solution to test and go do it. But first build relationships.

### Project Overarching goals:

- Cultivate ongoing curiosity
- Build meaningful connections and relationships
- Learn about challenges others face in their position/role/lives
- Learn a new layer of the complexity of someone's humanity + lived experience that has been easy to overlook or ignore
- Increase capacity for hope
- Create relevant and meaningful solutions that address the local concerns, challenges, and opportunities

### Today's Agenda:

- Welcome framing and flow of our shared work
- Theory U - our process for change + how we co-design
- Introductions + milling/triads
- Co-develop Group Agreements for ongoing work
- Small Group Story Sharing Rounds
  - Why did you say YES to joining this project? Why Now?
  - Identify our shared values?
  - What is our vision for success for our community? Co-develop a Newspaper Headlines for 2025 when we reach success!
- Next Steps
  - 1:1 conversations with 3 other participants you don't know post session
- Closing Reflections 1 word check out

### **Top 3 Challenges and Opportunities**

\*LE=Law Enforcement, PWLE=People With Living/Lived Experience, SP=Service Provider

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