

# Beyond Hepatitis C

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# CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

**NONE TO DECLARE**



KEEP YOUR COINS,

I WANT  
CHANGE

# MISSING THE MARK

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HIV  
HepC  
Homelessness  
Mental illness  
Sex work  
Overdose



# STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE

“Structural violence is one way of describing social arrangements that put individuals and populations in harm’s way.... The arrangements are structural because they are embedded in the political and economic organization of our social world; they are violent because they cause injury to people.”

*PIH co-founder Paul Farmer  
Pathologies of Power*

DECRIMINALIZATION  
OF DRUG USERS

THE WAR ON DRUGS



IS A WAR ON US

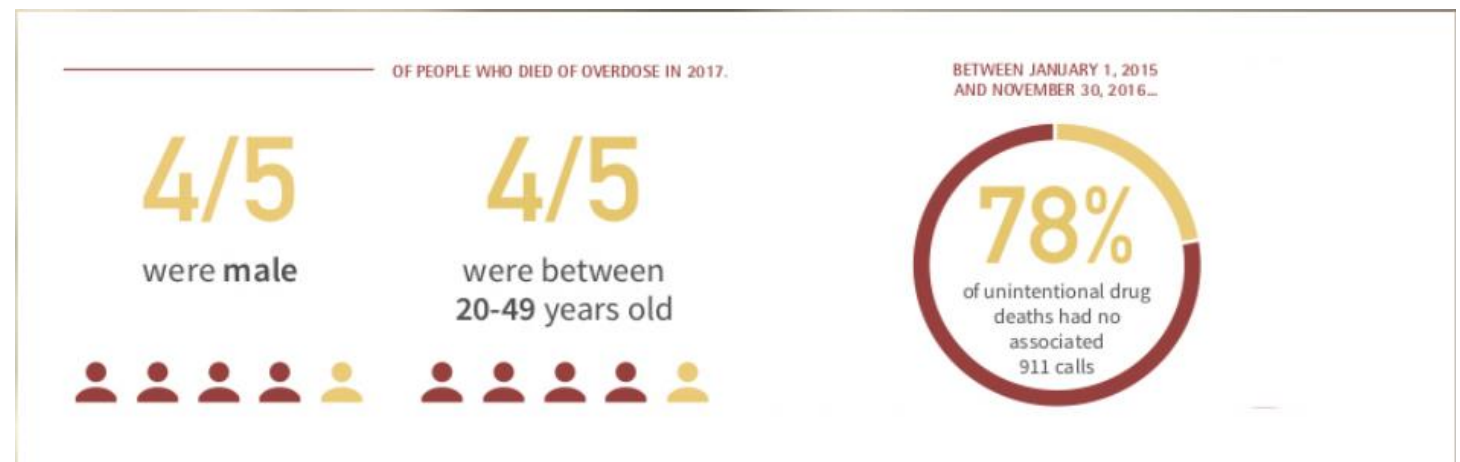
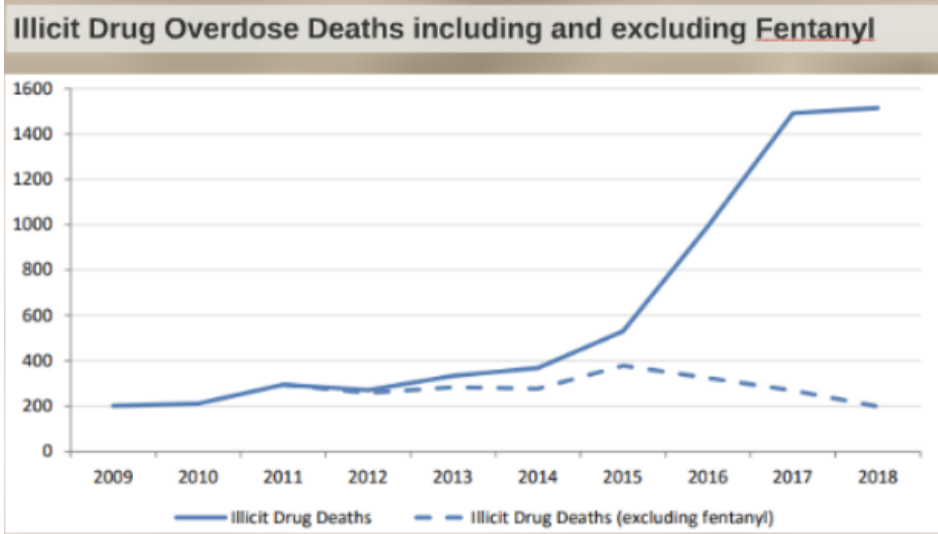
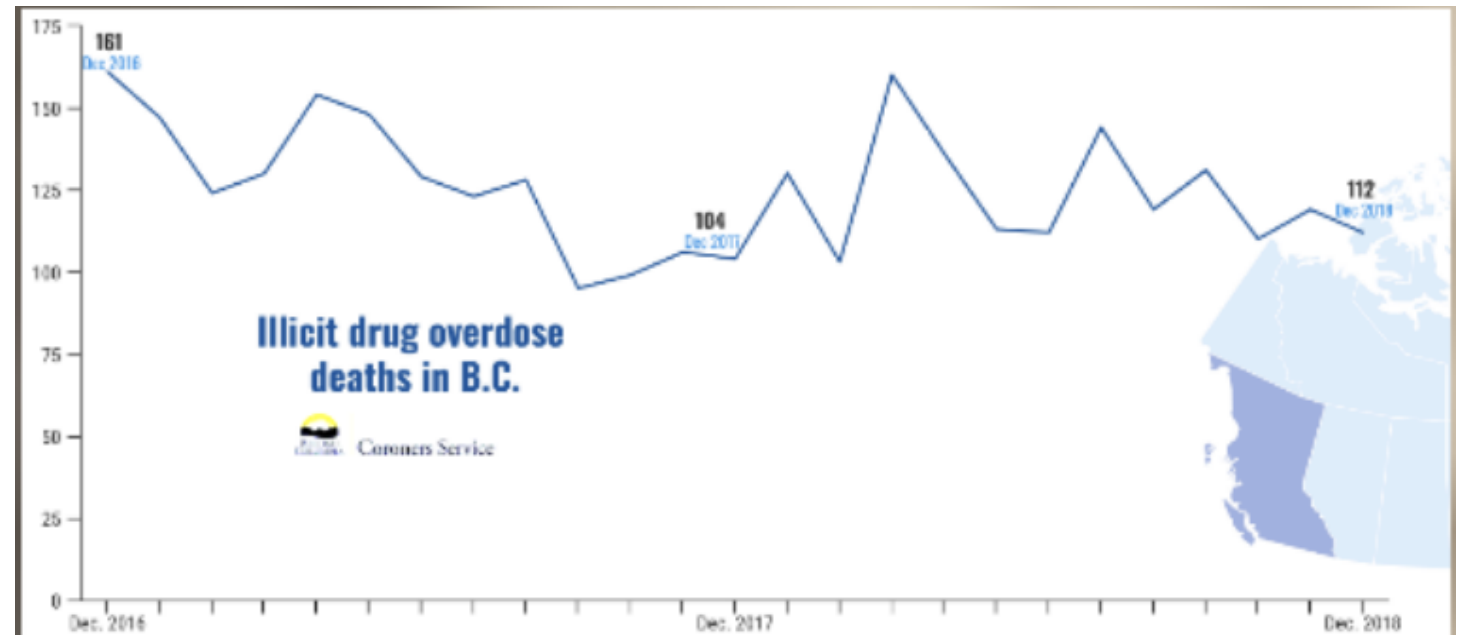
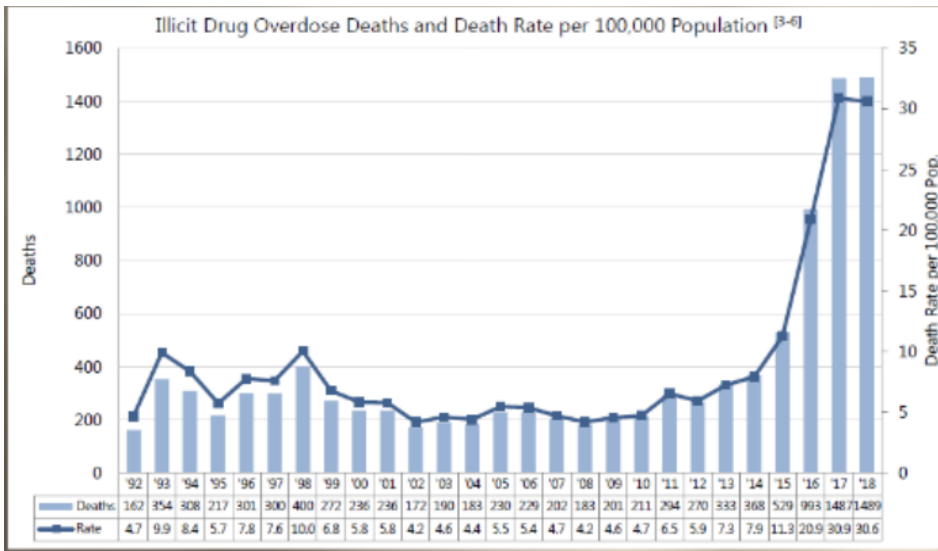
# POLICY DRIVEN ENVIRONMENTS



# MURDERED AND MISSING WOMEN







# OVERDOSE DEATHS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

# SUPERVISED INJECTION SITES





FEB  
20

## Injustice is Fatal March to Vancouver Federal Courthouse

Public · Hosted by National Day of Action On Drug  
Decriminalization and 2 others



Canadian  
Association of  
People who Use  
Drugs

What are we fighting for?

# #SAFESUPPLY

On International Overdose  
Awareness Day August  
31st, 2018

MOST OF VANCOUVER'S DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS LAST YEAR WERE CAUSED BY LETHAL AMOUNTS OF FENTANYL OR ITS ANALOGUES BEING SOLD AS HEROIN.

THE WELL IS POISONED. THE DRUG MARKET IS TOXIC, CONTAMINATED WITH DRUGS ONE THOUSAND TIMES THE POTENCY OF HEROIN. IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS AND BRITISH COLUMBIA IS STILL IN A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. THOUSANDS HAVE ALREADY LOST THEIR LIVES FOR NO REASON.

Over 350 people will die of overdose in Vancouver before we commemorate another International Overdose Awareness Day next year. IT'S A TOUGH PILL FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO SWALLOW, BUT WITHOUT ENSURING PEOPLE AT RISK OF OVERDOSE HAVE SAFE SUPPLIES OF OPIOID AND STIMULANT DRUGS VANCOUVER WILL EXPERIENCE THOUSANDS OF PREVENTABLE DEATHS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

WHY?

The root of this crisis stems from the prohibition of illegal drugs and the criminalization of the people using them. LAWS ARE PREVENTING people from getting safe, predictable doses of opioid drugs.

IT'S NOT LONELINESS, IT'S NOT TRAUMA AND IT'S NOT MENTAL ILLNESS THAT PEOPLE ARE OVERDOSING ON IN VANCOUVER. WHAT'S KILLING PEOPLE IS A CONTAMINATED STREET DRUG SUPPLY AND AN APATHETIC PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND TIMID LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY THAT IS NOT BOLD ENOUGH.

IT'S HAPPENING because the drug market is contaminated and people have no alternative to using the street drugs THAT ARE TOXIC.

WHILE BRITISH COLUMBIA'S GOVERNMENT EXAMINES THE ROOTS OF ADDICTION FOR ANSWERS TO THIS CRISIS, DISMANTLING THE STRUCTURES OF DRUG PROHIBITION WILL BE THE SOLUTION.

PEOPLE NEVER HAVE TO WORRY THAT THE NEXT SIP OF BEER THEY DRINK WILL KILL THEM. WHY CAN'T WE ALL HAVE THAT SAFETY?

SAFE SUPPLY IS NEEDED LIKE NO TOMORROW, BECAUSE FOR AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, THERE WON'T BE A TOMORROW AT ALL. THAT'S ON AVERAGE HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE OF OVERDOSE EACH DAY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

BC'S GOVERNMENT CALLS THIS A PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIC. IT'S TIME THEY ACTUALLY STARTED TREATING IT AS ONE.

THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO START A NEW ERA IN HOW SOCIETY VIEWS DRUG USE THEN AT INSITE.

VANCOUVER USHERED IN A ERA OF HARM REDUCTION WHEN INSITE OPENED TWENTY YEARS AGO AND BECAME THE FIRST LEGAL PLACE IN NORTH AMERICA TO SAFELY USE DRUGS.

IN 2018, INSITE SHOULD BECOME THE FIRST PLACE IN NORTH AMERICA THAT PROVIDES A SAFE SUPPLY OF OPIOID DRUGS TO ANYBODY AT RISK OF OVERDOSE. REMEMBER, We are fighting to eliminate overdose deaths and end to the criminalization of people who use drugs.



# SAFE SUPPLY

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## ONE DOCTOR'S ANSWER TO DRUG DEATHS: OPIOID VENDING MACHINES

Across North America, tainted opioids are killing people who use drugs. Vancouver's Mark Tyndall says we should start dispensing safer pills using high-tech machines.

IT'S A WINTER afternoon in Vancouver, and Mark Tyndall is taking me on a tour of all the places people can go if they want to use drugs and be pretty sure they won't die.

BLUE TARPS AND shabby tents with people sleeping in them line our route in the Downtown Eastside, where the wail of an ambulance siren is always around the corner. We see handwritten signs taped up in the back alleys, warning "Danger: Green Heroin. Use ¼ usual dose."

This is Canada's skid row, a place where almost everyone can tell you about the friends and neighbors they've lost to an overdose. This city has seen a sixfold increase in overdose deaths over the last decade, with more

WIRED



(b) Infrared ray image

# Dispensing Machine

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Advocacy Ladder