# **Overdose Safety Planning**

Step-by-Step



### Ask for permission

"We're checking in with everyone about substance use because we're concerned about the toxic drug supply and helping people stay safe. Is it ok if you and I check in about this?"



### Review risks and existing strengths

"Are you or anyone close to you concerned about your substance use?"

"Can I ask about where you have been using?"

"How have you been keeping safe?"

"Have you ever had an overdose?"

"Have you ever taken/ or are you currently on any medications for substance use?"



# Offer information/support as needed

"Would you be interested in hearing about other ways to stay safe when using substances?"

"How can we support you right now?"



# Thank the person & invite questions

"Thanks for taking the time to see me and being open. I know sometimes it can feel vulnerable or be a difficult topic."

"Please feel free to come back again if you have questions or want to talk more."



# Document & follow up as needed

Refer to program requirements/program workflows.

Document Naloxone training/dispensing and any other pertinent information.

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