



Moms Stop The Harm

MOMS STOP THE HARM (MSTH) IS A NETWORK OF CANADIAN FAMILIES IMPACTED BY SUBSTANCE-USE RELATED HARMS AND DEATHS.

WE ADVOCATE TO END SUBSTANCE USE RELATED STIGMA, HARMS AND DEATH.

WE HAVE OVER 1700 MEMBER FAMILIES CANADA WIDE, MOST IN BC, AB AND ON.



**Substance
use and
overdose
can affect
anyone**

Alex



To end stigma we have to decriminalize people who use drugs.



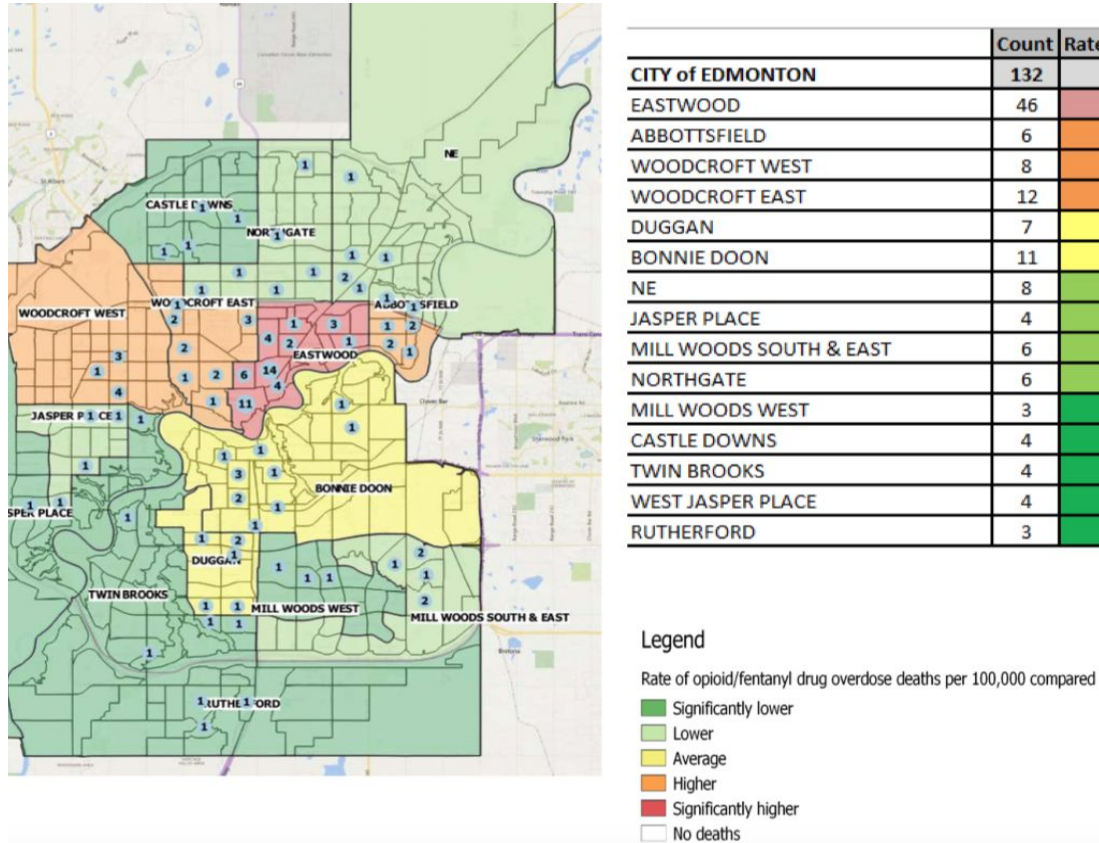
Because of stigma people use and die alone

Structural stigma is created by laws and policies.

Criminalization of a substance use is the ultimate stigma.

How can a person seek help if the health problem they struggle with is criminalized.

More people are dying at home and alone because of the pandemic. We have dual public health emergencies



A staggering 1,128 Albertans died from opioid-related overdoses in 2020. 372 of those deaths occurred in Edmonton. Almost every community in our city saw an overdose death in 2020.

Map Source: Alberta Covid-19 Opioid Response Surveillance Report Q2 2020

Moms Stop the Harm is calling for Safer Supply



Safe supply or we [the people we love] die.

When a person lives with substance use disorder (SUD) they will use, regardless of the toxicity.

Safer supply means prescription grade alternatives to toxic street drugs provided by a health professional.

Keeps people alive and healthy

Reduces criminal activity

Connects people to health services

- More information: British Columbia Centre for Substance Use. (2020, March) RISK MITIGATION. IN THE CONTEXT OF DUAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES <https://www.bccsu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Risk-Mitigation-in-the-Context-of-Dual-Public-Health-Emergencies-v1.6.pdf>

Municipalities endorsing resolutions

Newfoundland: Daniel's Harbour

Quebec: Colombier, Saint-Valérien, Saint-Joseph-de-Coleraine, Sainte-Émélie-de-l'Énergie.
Montreal's city council passed a motion calling on the federal government to decriminalize the simple possession of illicit drugs nationally.

Ontario: Halton Hills, Cobourg, Thessalon, Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, Brantford, Mallorytown, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Selwyn, Laird, North Grenville St. Catharines,

Saskatchewan: Creighton, Saskatoon

British Columbia: Squamish, Kamloops, Salmo, Victoria Lake Country, White Rock, Saanich, Central Saanich, Powell River, New Westminster, Pemberton, Smithers, Delta, Burnaby, Fruitvale, Ashcroft, Oliver, North Vancouver, Prince George

Vancouver, BC. Councillors in Vancouver have voted unanimously to ask the federal government to decriminalize possession of small amounts of illicit drugs.



It is up to you
to help us save
the lives of the
people we love!
