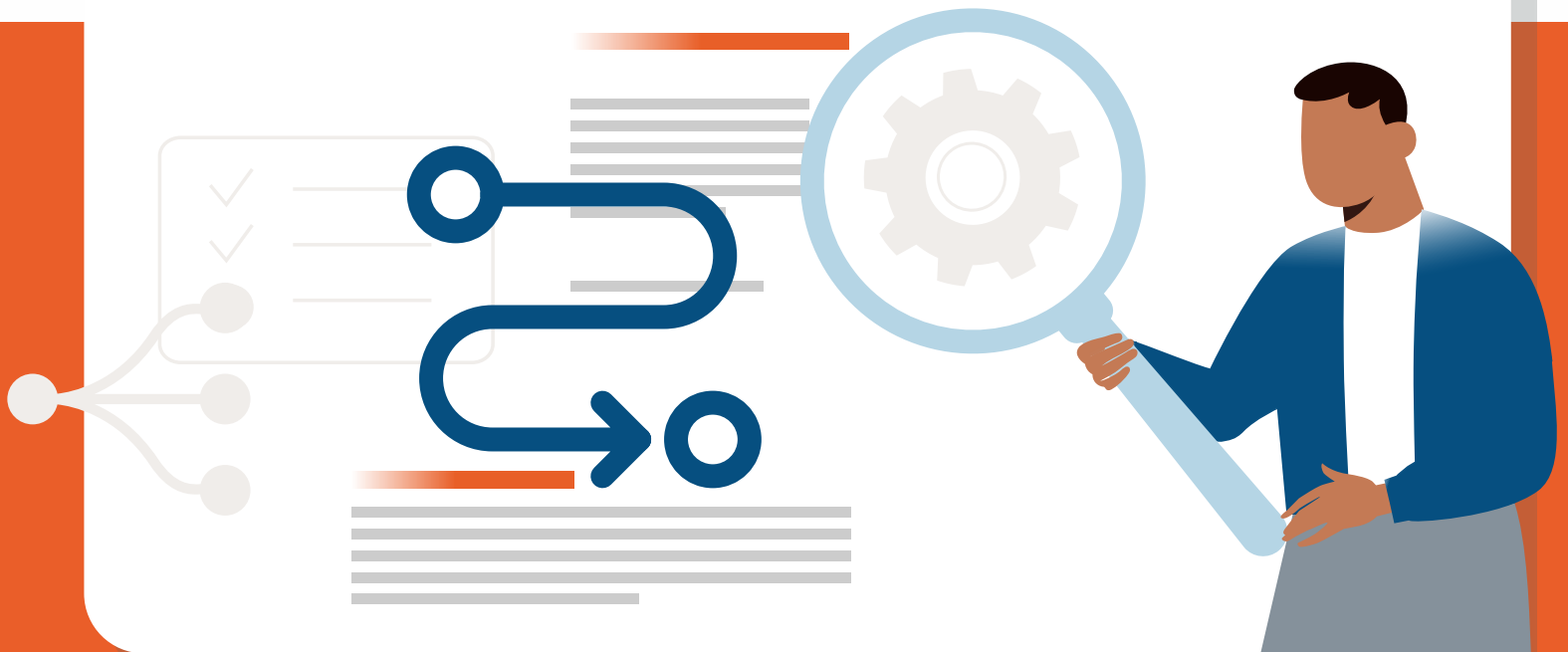


# ANNOTATED RESOURCE LIST:



*Ensuring the Inclusion of People With Lived and Living Experience in Health Departments' Overdose Prevention and Surveillance Efforts*



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## Glossary of Abbreviations

**BJA:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**CAC:** Community Advisory Committee

**CBPR:** community-based participatory research

**CDC:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**COSSUP:** Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program

**NHBS:** National HIV Behavioral Surveillance

**OD<sub>2</sub>A:** Overdose Data to Action

**OFR:** overdose fatality review

**OUD:** opioid use disorder

**PEEP:** Peer Engagement and Evaluation Project

**PWID:** people/persons who inject drugs

**PWLE:** people with lived experience

**PWLLE:** people with lived and living experience

**PWUD:** people who use drugs

**SAMHSA:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**SOR:** State Opioid Response

**SSP:** syringe services program



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<b>Overview and background information</b>	<a href="#">Drug War History</a>	Drug Policy Alliance	This resource is an interactive timeline highlighting key moments in the history of the war on drugs.
	<a href="#">Addiction Language Guide</a>	Shatterproof	This guide provides information on stigmatizing language, recommendations and rationale for language, and implementation resources.
	<a href="#">Prescription for Hope: Overcoming Nevada's Opioid Epidemic</a>	Public Broadcasting Service	This documentary brings awareness to the ongoing opioid epidemic while presenting solutions for recovery.
<b>Harm reduction</b>	<a href="#">Harm Reduction Framework</a>	SAMHSA	This framework is a result of the Harm Reduction Summit and includes SAMHSA's definition of harm reduction pillars, principles and core practices.
	<a href="#">Harm Reduction Supplies and the California Harm Reduction Supply Clearinghouse</a>	California Department of Public Health	This fact sheet includes information about clearinghouse supplies provided to SSPs in California, as well as the state law that allows for the possession of harm reduction supplies.
<b>PWLLE and peers</b>	<a href="#">SAMHSA Policy on the Inclusion of People With Lived Experience</a>	SAMHSA	This federal policy, effective May 2023, recognizes the benefits of meaningfully including PWLLE and recommends areas for inclusion, such as grants and contracts, data and evaluation, evidence-based practice development and policy formulation.

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<b>PWLLE and peers</b>	<a href="#">Establishing Peer Support Services for Overdose Response: A Toolkit for Health Departments</a>	National Council for Mental Wellbeing	This toolkit is for local and state health departments and community partners who are exploring opportunities to implement or enhance peer support services within overdose response and linkage-to-care initiatives. It provides information, resources, tools, steps to take and real-world examples informed by the latest research, subject matter experts and experiences from diverse settings across the country.
	<a href="#">Peer Support Toolkit</a>	City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services	This interactive PDF presents four modules on integrating peers into the workforce, including preparing the organizational culture, recruiting and hiring peer staff, service delivery, and supervision and retention.
<b>Employing PWLLE and recovery-oriented workplace practices</b>	<a href="#">Engaging People With Lived Experience Toolkit</a>	Community Commons	This toolkit contains strategies, tips and resources to help integrate PWLLE for lasting community transformation. It contains sections on recruitment, engagement, co-design and growth.
	<a href="#">Recovery-ready Workplace Toolkit</a>	Federal Recovery-ready Workplace Interagency Workgroup	This toolkit provides public and private sector employers with guidance and resources (e.g., assessment/implementation checklists) to support recovery-ready workplaces.
	<a href="#">Recovery-ready Workplace Resource Hub</a>	Federal Recovery-ready Workplace Interagency Workgroup	This resource hub provides employers with tools and resources to support implementation of recovery-ready workplace practices and policies.

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Employing PWLLE and recovery-oriented workplace practices	<a href="#">Toolkit for Employing Individuals With Lived Experience Within the Public Mental Health Workforce</a>	Working Well Together	While this toolkit created by a collaborative of California-based mental health organizations specifically focuses on PWLLE with mental health diagnoses, it features many widely relevant printable tools, including job description checklists, job classification tools and sample job announcements.
	<a href="#">Employing People With Lived Experience of Multiple and Complex Needs (MCN): A Toolkit for Employers</a>	Fulfilling Lives South East Partnership	This toolkit, specifically developed for employers, addresses the hiring of people who have experienced homelessness, substance use, mental health challenges, domestic violence and/or exposure to the criminal justice system.
	<a href="#">Harm Reduction at Work: A Guide for Organizations Employing People Who Use Drugs</a>	Open Society Foundations	While targeting the private nonprofit sector, this guide includes important strategies for employing PWUD.
	<a href="#">Successful Approaches to Employing Individuals With Lived Experience in the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Fields: Summary of Survey and Interviews</a>	Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health	Using results from an online survey of criminal justice and behavioral health organizations, this summary extracts key barriers and effective strategies used to support employees with lived experience, including stigma training, mentoring and education.
	<a href="#">Recruiting Individuals With Lived Experience</a>	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation	This guide for health and human services staff highlights questions to consider before recruiting PWLLE and content to include in outreach and recruitment materials.

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Drug Checking	<a href="#">Enhancing Harm Reduction Services in Health Departments: Fentanyl Test Strips and Other Drug Checking Equipment</a>	National Council for Mental Wellbeing	This educational brief provides information on how health departments can implement or enhance harm reduction services to increase access to fentanyl test strips and drug checking services. It contains information on the role of health departments and considerations when partnering with harm reduction organizations to provide drug checking services, including the importance of centering the voices of PWLLE.
	<a href="#">Creating Safer Spaces With Harm Reduction in Drug Checking Settings</a>	The Drug Resource and Education Project	This manual provides information, examples and practical guidance on how to create safer spaces for PWUD in drug checking settings.
	<a href="#">Drug Checking Implementation Guide: Lessons Learned from a British Columbia Drug Checking Project</a>	British Columbia Centre on Substance Use	This guide provides an overview and lessons learned from a British Columbia drug checking project, including detailed information on drug checking service models, service delivery, monitoring and reporting, evaluation, financial considerations and helpful resources.
	<a href="#">Drug Checking For The People: Resources</a>	Remedy Alliance / For The People	This webpage contains resources, tools and templates for starting drug checking services. The tools include an example drug checking technician job description, a list of materials, a pre-implementation tool for programs, a sample program budget and considerations for new technologies.

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Engaging PWLLE in research and PWLLE-led research	<a href="#">Establishing a Community-based Participatory Research Partnership Among People Who Use Drugs in Ottawa: The PROUD Cohort Study</a>	Harm Reduction Journal	This article discusses the PROUD study, which meaningfully engaged PWLLE in a CAC and as peer researchers, using CBPR methods. The study shares important insights about including PWLLE in research efforts on PWUD.
	<a href="#">Research Led by PWUD: Centering the Expertise of Lived Experience</a>	Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy	This resource includes commentary from PWLLE on centering the lived expertise of PWUD in research, with key recommendations for how to meaningfully engage PWUD in research and support their career aspirations.
	<a href="#">Participant, Peer and PEEP: Considerations and Strategies for Involving People Who Have Used Illicit Substances as Assistants and Advisors in Research</a>	BMC Public Health	This article includes lessons learned from PEEP and applying the Peer Engagement Process Evaluation Framework, offering key insights into and a unique approach for engaging PWLLE in CBPR.
	<a href="#">National HIV Behavioral Surveillance</a>	CDC	This webpage contains information on the NHBS and provides additional information and resources pertaining to populations and project areas, methods and questionnaires, a bibliography and lab collaborations.
	<a href="#">NHBS-PWID 2022 Formative Assessment Manual</a>	CDC	This manual provides information for health departments looking to engage in qualitative research in collaboration with PWLLE and includes beneficial tools in its appendices, including model formative assessment topics and interview questions.



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Research methods and tools	<a href="#">NHBS Formative Assessment Approach and Methods</a>	CDC	This resource provides guidance on formative assessment activities and includes information on methodological details for primary data collection and specific methods for garnering community support.
	<a href="#">Overdose Fatality Review: A Practitioner's Guide to Implementation</a>	COSSUP	This hands-on guide was created by the Bureau of Justice Assistance's COSSUP to help communities develop and implement OFRs, and it targets a broad audience, including public health, public safety, criminal justice, drug treatment and social services. It includes action-oriented modules on OFR member recruitment, meetings, data and recommendations and includes templates and sample documents.
	<a href="#">Overdose Fatality Review Implementation Guide</a>	Minnesota Department of Health	This guide was based on the COSSUP resource and tailored to Minnesota's needs. It includes an overview of OFRs and information on facilitating and managing OFR teams in Minnesota.
	<a href="#">Strengthening Partnerships With State Public Health and Increasing Stakeholders' Knowledge by Identifying Underreporting of Somali Overdose Deaths Through Overdose Fatality Reviews</a>	Minnesota Department of Health	This resource contains a description of a culturally specific OFR for the Somali community in Minnesota, as well as background information on racial disparities, OFR-specific legislation, an overview of cases and recommendations.
	<a href="#">Overdose Fatality Review Resource Library</a>	Institute for Intergovernmental Research	This webpage houses an OFR resource library, including webinar recordings, sample meeting guidelines, OFR startup resources and the 2024 OFR National Forum notes.

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Research methods and tools	<a href="#">Drug Overdose Deaths in Dane County: Annual Report 2022</a>	Public Health Madison & Dane County	This report includes annual data on drug overdose deaths in Madison and Dane County. Throughout the report are heartfelt notes that center lived experience.
	<a href="#">Community Outbreak of HIV Infection Linked to Injection Drug Use of Oxymorphone — Indiana, 2015</a>	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report	This report provides an overview of the 2015 HIV infection outbreak in Indiana.
Community partnerships	<a href="#">Recommendations for Strengthening Partnerships Between Health Departments and Community-based Organizations</a>	CDC Foundation	This report provides recommendations for strengthening partnerships between governmental public health and communities and includes information on core values for partnerships, assessing partnership preparedness, public health system dimensions for action, the spectrum of community engagement and additional resources.
	<a href="#">The Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership</a>	Facilitating Power	This tool charts a pathway for strengthening community engagement and includes developmental stages for increasing community ownership that discuss impact, goals, community messaging, activities and resource allocation within each stage.
	<a href="#">Lessons Learned: Harm Reduction-Public Safety Partnerships</a>	National Council for Mental Wellbeing	This brief includes lessons learned from real-world pilots of harm reduction-public safety partnerships with case studies and resources to learn more.

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Funding mechanisms and grants	<a href="#">Grants Life Cycle</a>	CDC	This webpage includes a general summary of the grants life cycle in public health and the specific roles of applicants and funders at each stage.
	<a href="#">Overdose Data to Action</a>	CDC	This webpage from the CDC describes the OD2A cooperative agreement that provides funding to 90 health departments aimed at reducing drug overdoses and related harms. It includes links to information about funded health departments, success stories, prevention and surveillance strategies, resources and more.
	<a href="#">State Opioid Response Grants</a>	SAMHSA	This announcement describes SAMHSA's 2024 SOR funding opportunity, which provides states and territories with funding to address escalating opioid use, OUD and opioid overdoses through increased access to medications for the treatment of OUD, among other strategies.
	<a href="#">State Opioid Settlement Spending Decisions</a>	National Academy for State Health Policy	This resource includes a map and list of state-by-state spending decisions on opioid settlement funds.
	<a href="#">Tribal Opioid Settlements</a>	Tribal Opioid Settlements	This resource details the successfully negotiated settlements of several companies involved in manufacturing and selling opioids in the U.S., and the distribution of funds to tribes and tribal communities.