

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN IMPLEMENTING HARM REDUCTION

- ▶ **Distinguishing a libertarian perspective from a public health perspective.**
- ▶ **Formulating policies to reduce the health and social harm associated with the non-medical use of drugs (civil and criminal laws seen as important tools).**
- ▶ **Recognizing the possible adverse health and social consequences of relying on criminal laws and stigmatizing drug users.**
- ▶ **Emphasizing the importance of research findings and evaluation in setting policy.**