Values to inform our harm reduction practice

He uara hei ārahi i ā mātou mahi whakaiti pāmamae

Manaaki

Harm reduction puts people first. Everyone has mana and everyone is entitled to be treated with respect and dignity. We meet people where they are at, without coercion, judgement, or discrimination.

Tika

We are pragmatic and do the right thing for the right reason. We look for evidence from the people we are supporting that our work is having the intended impact.

Pono

We behave with honesty and integrity. This includes knowing ourselves so we can be present with people without judgement.

Aroha

We have an absolute focus on the person, their whānau, and their hapori, respecting their mana, autonomy, and human rights.

Mana takitahi

We understand and support positive changes that the people we're working with want to make. We work with them to minimise health, social, and legal impacts without requiring them to commit to stopping or reducing use.

Ka noho matatapu

We know our role and relationship with the people we support. We are clear with boundaries (including confidentiality) and when we may or may not need to take further action.

Kotahitanga

We are connected with others who use harm reduction approaches and stand up against coercion, judgement, and discrimination of people who use substances.

Wawata

We value whānau, hapū, and iwi aspirations for pae ora (healthy futures), their strengths, and ways of working. We understand the impacts of colonisation and protect space for whānau, hapū, and iwi to set and reach their own aspirations.

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