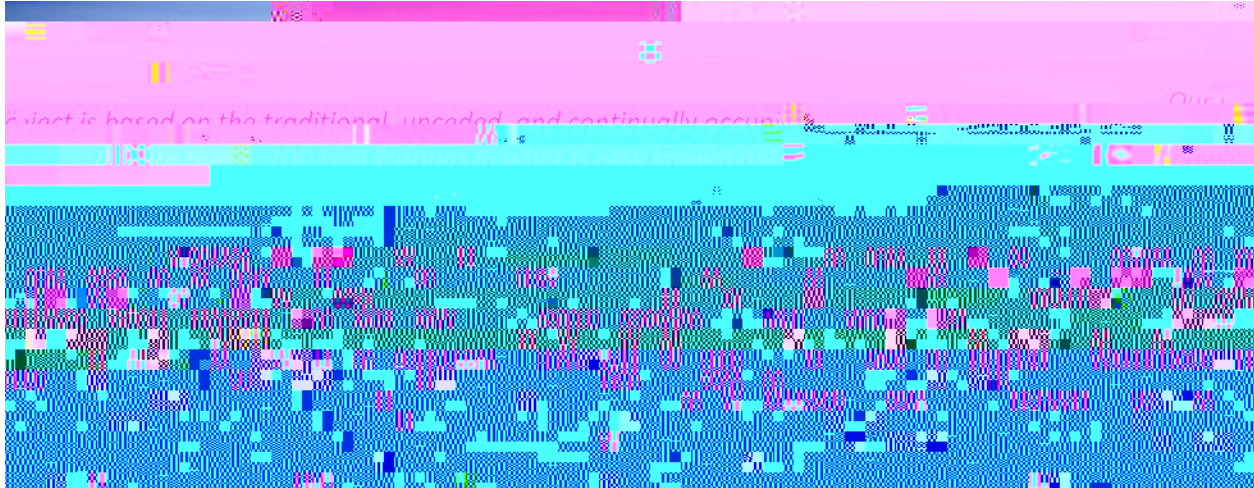


# Equity-Oriented Monitoring of Substance Use and Health [Overview]





## About Co/Lab

The Collaborative Community Laboratory on Substance Use and Harm Reduction (Co/Lab) is a collaborative network for research and knowledge exchange to promote health and health equity for people with lived and living experience of substance use (including alcohol, other licit, and illicit substances). Co/Lab activities are guided by collaborations with people with lived and living experience of substance use, families, health care providers, researchers, and policy makers, and are focused on generating practical evidence that can be used to enhance substance use services and supporting policies.

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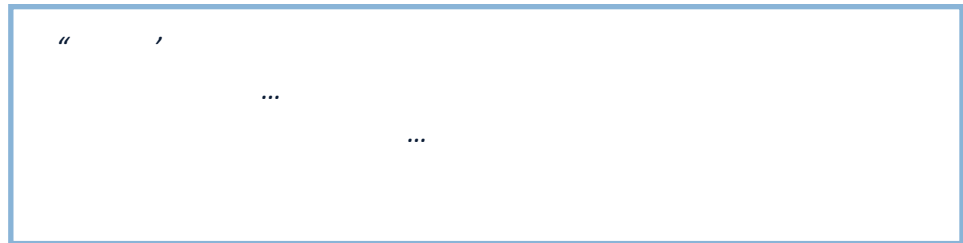
This component comprises two central sociopolitical processes that act to promote health equity and improve population health, or increase inequities and worsen population health. These processes affect all domains in the framework, from the broader sociopolitical context to substance use and health.

#### Social and Political Processes that Increase Health Inequities

Social and political processes that increase health inequities and worsen population health including stigmatization, colonization, criminalization, racism, gender discrimination, sexism, homophobia and transphobia, and ableism.

#### Social and Political Processes that Promote Health Equity

Social and political processes that promote health equity and improve population health, such as representation and inclusion of people with lived and living experience of substance use and other community partners.





This component considers health outcomes that may be impacted by substance use. Health and wellness is influenced by sociopolitical processes, structural determinants, and intermediary factors, and health and wellness in turn influences these. While health outcomes occur for individuals they have collective impacts on the health of families, communities, and populations.

#### Health and Wellness

This domain includes a range of self reported health outcomes related to substance use, including self perceived health, potential benefits of substance use, as well as measures of harms. Subdomains are: 1) quality of life; 2) benefits; 3) morbidity; and 4) mortality.

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# Using the Framework



