

Middlesex London Drug and Alcohol Strategy: <https://www.mldncdas.com/>

Recommendation 5:

Increase response to public space challenges related to drugs and alcohol.

Actions

5.1 Increase collaboration between services, organizations, business groups, and community members with a mechanism for ongoing feedback to work together towards the goal of achieving public spaces that are non-stigmatizing and safe for all.

5.2 Services, businesses, institutions, and community members work together to foster mutual public respect and understanding in public spaces.

5.3 Improve communication between stakeholders to utilize models of service delivery which recognize and address the impact in surrounding community spaces and plan accordingly to address issues.

Recommendation 8:

Ensure supportive built environments and social environments in our communities.

Actions

8.1 Work with municipal decision-makers to include evidence-based substance prevention considerations in municipal planning and policies (e.g., Municipal Alcohol Policies, bylaws related to cannabis legalization).

8.2 Advocate for provincial policy that reduces substance-related harms (e.g., cannabis and alcohol pricing and taxation, drug impaired driving laws).

8.3 Offer the necessary supports needed for accessing services and programs (e.g., transportation to and from programs, child minding services, free services).

8.4 Encourage workplaces to develop and implement policies that support work-life balance and flexible working hours for parents.

Recommendation 16:

Develop a comprehensive community needle syringe recovery strategy.

Actions

16.1 Expand the availability of portable needle disposal kits and needle disposal bins throughout Middlesex-London.

16.2 Empower and educate the public regarding safe handling of sharps.

16.3 Explore and advocate for models of comprehensive needle recovery that support the effective and safe management of discarded sharps for citizens and property owners within London and Middlesex which does not rely on a fee for service. 16.4 Advocate for increased funding for a syringe recovery strategy.

Recommendation 23:

Enhance the community's understanding of the "right" responder to contact in situations where addiction crisis is apparent and increase community knowledge about reporting incidences.

Actions

23.1 Support the development of an information campaign (e.g., when to go to a walk-in crisis centre; when to go to the emergency department; when to call 911).

23.2 Influence coordination and collaboration among first responders to work in a manner to ensure the right resource and care is mobilized.

23.3 Foster service provider, business and workplace awareness of crisis response resources and choices to make other than 911.

23.4 Facilitate knowledge transfer to community members about crisis response resources in London.