The medical issue of substance use disorders & the social injustices experienced by PWUD/PWID are correlated but separate.

**BACKGROUND**
There is simultaneously an overcriminalization and a lack of medical and social support for people who use and inject drugs in Connecticut.

There is no formal education about harm reduction in our curricula as either a legitimate long-term recovery strategy or a bridge to future abstinence from using or injecting drugs. This leads to stigmatization of PWUD/PWID in medical spaces, among other harms.

**METHODS**
1. Identified harms of stigma against PWUD/PWID as a social justice issue
2. Examined structural and interpersonal biases against PWUD/PWID
3. Contacted representatives from local HRCs to speak at a meeting
4. Learned about harm reduction strategies to share with community members
5. Organized a list of actionable items for next year’s interest group.

**RESULTS**
- Met monthly from Nov 2020 – Mar 2021
- 10 – 20 minute Social Justice Snapshots
- LaToya Tyson from ACT
- Awareness of internalized bias
- Harm Reduction Toolkit (see QR code)
- 2021 – 2022 Action List (see QR code)