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Our Discussion Today



An explicit health lens across the spectrum of use (and nonuse), including the distribution of services and resources.





Speaking of health as a way to dismantle stigma and remove barriers to care

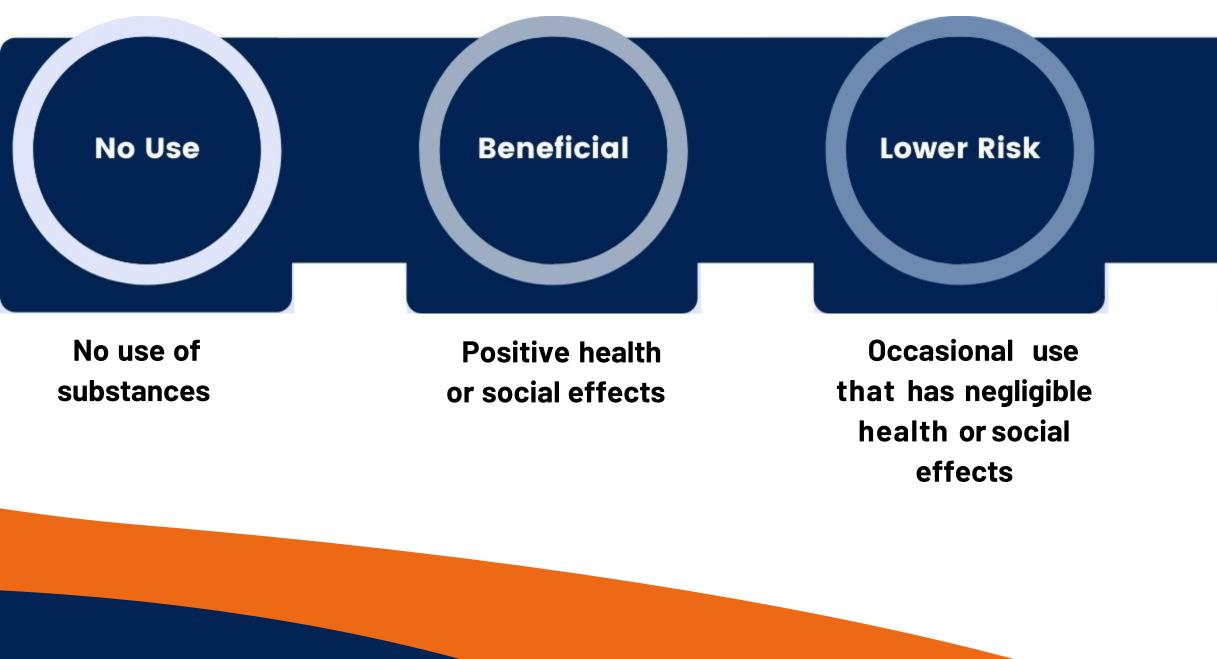




Removing the presumption of illness as the starting point.



Substance Use Health Occurs Across a Spectrum Explicit link to substance use across the spectrum



Problems Occurring

Substance Use Disorder

Use that has negative consequences for individuals, families, and/or communities

Diagnosable chronic medical condition based on 11 criteria listed in the DSM-5

There is a Gap Creating Inequity

No practice. No research. No services.



"**U**S"



"them"

"Healthy"

Illness-only discourse = 2. More costs and harms **3. More stigma**



1. Uninformed decision-making



A Solution: Substance Use Health

A Call to Action





CAPSA's vision is to create equity for Substance Use Health resources and funding to advance equitable care across the spectrum.

Physical Health and Mental Health do not presume illness and have multiple supports for life-long wellness.





Physical Health & Mental Health



Substance Use Health





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