

# DO YOU HAVE LIVED/LIVING EXPERIENCE WITH OPIOIDS?

In 2017, the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN) established the **Ontario Opioid Drug Observatory** to generate research to inform and evaluate Ontario's response to the overdose crisis.

A core component of this observatory is including individuals with lived experience with opioids to integrate their perspectives and expertise into this research and policy evaluation.

We are looking for **people who are currently or have previously used opioids from the illicit/unregulated market** who are willing to share their expertise to guide this program of research.



## WHO WE ARE

The ODPRN is a team of drug policy researchers who work with a variety of stakeholders across Ontario.



## RESEARCH

The Observatory focuses on understanding the overdose crisis by studying the effectiveness and accessibility of different treatment and harm reduction strategies.



## PARTICIPANTS

Ontario residents 18 years or older with lived/living experience using opioids.

## INVOLVEMENT



We meet four times a year to discuss emerging issues in the overdose landscape and gain insight into ongoing research. There are also opportunities to participate in specific research projects that are of interest to you.

**Participants will be compensated for their time.**



## YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL HELP TO:

1. Identify **emerging issues related to the overdose crisis** that require attention and evidence.
2. Evaluate **existing and future opioid-related programs** and their impact on people who use drugs.
3. Identify **populations at highest risk** of opioid-related harm, and barriers to high quality healthcare.
4. **Inform future policies** likely to impact the overdose crisis in Ontario.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please email [dana.shearer@unityhealth.to](mailto:dana.shearer@unityhealth.to)

