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Harm Reduction Policy and Advocacy: Practical Strategies for Community Change

Monday, August 3rd, 2026

10am-11:30am

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Harm reduction work often develops in response to urgent community need, long before systems or policies fully support it. Yet policies, funding decisions, public perception, and relationships with policymakers can shape what services are possible and sustainable in communities across Ohio.

As drug trends evolve and systems change, many are asking how to effectively communicate community needs, advocate for practical solutions, and use local data and stories to support their work. Join us for a technical assistance session focused on harm reduction policy and advocacy, featuring speakers actively engaged in advocacy efforts across Ohio who will share strategies, lessons learned, and real-world experiences navigating policy and funding conversations.

Topics will include:

- Federal, state, and local policy considerations impacting harm reduction work
- Types of advocacy individuals and groups can engage in
- Using storytelling and local data to support advocacy efforts
- Practical considerations when providing testimony or engaging in public dialogue

Featured speakers:

- Dylan Armstrong, Policy Fellow, The Center for Community Solutions
- AmandaLynn Reese, Chief Program Officer, Harm Reduction Ohio
- Tom Fallon, Executive Director, Ohio Deflection Association

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For any questions, please reach out to Imari McGowan: imcgowan@neomed.edu