Status Neutral Interventions in Substance Use

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Substance Use is Complex, Complexifying
Complexity Theory

Everything is connected to everything else

• The Clock and the Cat. Mark Foden. https://markfoden.com/clockcat
• **Context** is Crucial
• The **Interaction** between agents more important than Nature of agent
• Rules: Collaboration vs Competition
• SOS: Situation, Other, Self
• **Collaboration** is the key
  • Need Companions and networks
• **Experimenting** is the process
• **Emergence** is what we are looking for
• Computer modelling, nature and human beings- **creativity**
• Silos is about power
• Stop organizational change and look at what we are doing
Injecting

HIV+

Injecting
HIV -

Smoking

Vulnerable Young People

Young people
Numbers South Africa: 60 Million People

**Total Use (opioids):** 400,000

**Injecting Use:** 82,500

**Tshwane:** 3.2 million people

Total use (opioids): 41,018
Injecting use: 17,566

- For 5% of total SA population
- About 10% of users
- 21% of injectors
COSUP

• Community Oriented Substance Use Programme
• City of Tshwane funded
• University of Pretoria: COPC Research Unit
• Harm Reduction
• Since 2016
• 16 sites
• 5000 people
• 750 on OST: Methadone
Principle 2: Comprehensive Care
Tshwane COPUP Sites
COSUP Programme
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Thank You!

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