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The best way to help people dealing with substance use is to give them treatment options and harm reduction supplies such as sharps containers, narcan, and clean needles to avoid disease transmission.

It doesn't help anyone to punish people simply for growing a certain type of plant. Especially when that plant is not dangerous to people.

The only reason marijuana is even criminalized or regulated like this is because of the war on drugs which was started purely out of a desire to control and punish BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) and imprison people over victimless crimes. If you have any desire to learn more about the harmful affects of the war on drugs, policing, and the prison industrial complex I'd recommend starting by watching the documentary "13th" which can be found on Netflix.

There are far more affective ways to spend money in order to help the public than using it to fund police violence and oppression of marginalized communities.

I genuinely hope you choose to help people rather than continue to fund systems of oppression.

-Toren McKnight