



*Dan Williams said Justin Trudeau is lying to Canadians about addiction. Courtesy Dan Williams/Twitter*

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Alberta Mental Health and Addiction Minister Dan Williams said Canadians have been lied to about addiction.

In Canada, Williams said people “have been lied to about the idea that somehow if we continue down this path of continuing to facilitate addiction — public addiction on our streets and private addiction in our homes and in our families — that somehow it’s going to miraculously get better.”

“And the governments, the academics, and the media have been pushing this lie that if you decriminalize drugs, somehow it’s going to lead to better outcomes for those in addiction,” said Williams in a video.

“We’ve been fed this lie that somehow that if you put drug consumption sites on every street corner, it’s going to give people an offramp out of addiction.”

Remarkably, Williams said the Canadian government “has found a way to take the dumpster fire of their policy setting and add jet fuel to it.” He added Canadians have been fed this lie if they are given 100 million safe supply pills every year in cities, it will make the addiction crisis better instead of worse.

He said the most pernicious lie these organizations have been telling is Canadians have to choose between being compassionate to addicts or having safe communities. However, he pointed out there is an alternative.

Williams concluded by saying the Alberta government is charting a different path by promoting recovery. He added it wants people to get help, hope, and healthy through recovery.

“And I’m asking you to come with me as we look at how the dumpster fire [Justin] Trudeau and others have created can only make the situation worse in our communities and why as far as I can see, the only policy alternative that’s viable is the Alberta Recovery Model being built right here in Alberta that I think every single Canadian needs to know about,” he said.

Williams said on November 11 institutional failures can explain the opioid crisis in North America.

If people look at Canada and the United States, he said they are “uniquely positioned as the epicentre of the worldwide opioid addiction crisis.”

“It really is here, and it’s because of the failure of institutions and you can tell this story all the way through starting with 1995 when the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) in the United States approved in I think an insane decision oxycodone with Big Pharma,” he said.