



# CT Syringe Services Program (SSP)

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## What are Syringe Services Programs?

Persons who inject drugs (PWIDs) make up 8% of new HIV infections in the United States ([CDC Fact Sheet](#)), the majority of new HCV infections are due to injection drug use ([CDC SSPs Fact Sheet](#)). Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) serve as a safe, effective HIV prevention method for people who inject drugs (PWID) to exchange used syringes for sterile needles, lowering the risk of HIV transmission.

Since the 1980s, SSPs in conjunction with other HIV prevention strategies have resulted in reductions of up to 80% in HIV incidence among PWID.

SSPs are also referred to as syringe exchange programs (SEPs) and needle exchange programs (NEPs). Although the services they provide may vary, SSPs are community-based programs that provide access to sterile needles and syringes, facilitate safe disposal of used syringes, and provide and link to other important services and programs such as: Referral to substance use disorder treatment programs; Screening, care, and treatment for viral hepatitis and HIV; Education about overdose prevention and safer injection practices; Vaccinations, including those for hepatitis A and hepatitis B; Screening for sexually transmitted diseases; Abscess and wound care; Naloxone distribution and education; Referral to social, mental health, and other medical services ([CDC SSPs](#)).

There are currently 542 syringe services programs in 47 states/U.S. territories ([NASEN](#), 2023).

The list below contains information on CT SSPs.

As programs continue to expand across CT, this resource will be updated with the additional information.

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SSP	Address	Telephone	Program Contact	Program Email
Advancing CT Together (ACT)	110 Bartholomew Ave, Suite 3050 Hartford, CT 06106	860-247-2437	John Merz	jmerz@act-ct.org
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APEX	16 Hospital Ave Danbury, CT 06810	203-778.2437	Ciara Beattie	cbeattie@apexcc.org
Family Centers (Stamford CARES)	888 Washington Blvd, 8th Floor Stamford, CT 06901	203-977-5296	Gigi Chaux	YChaux@stamfordct.gov
GBAPP/ Recovery Network of Programs	1470 Barnum Ave, Suite 301 Bridgeport, CT 06610	203-366-8255	Bobby Allen	ballen@gbapp.org
CT Harm Reduction Alliance	1229 Albany Ave, Hartford, CT 06112	860-250-4146	Mark Jenkins	markj@ct-hra.org
Liberation Programs, Inc.	399 Mill Hill Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06610	203-953-3347	Liz Evans	liz.evans@liberationprograms.org
Litchfield County Opiate Task Force	833 Main St, Torrington, CT 06790	860-480-1365	Cameron Breen	cameron.breen@mccallbhn.org



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Sex Workers and Allies Network (SWAN)	269 Peck St. New Haven, CT. 06513	860-250-4146	Mark Jenkins	markj@ct-hra.org
UNCAS Health District	401 West Thames St, Suite 106 Norwich, CT 06360	860-823-1189 x123	Susan Dubb, RN	sdubb@uncashd.org
Waterbury Health Department	1 Jefferson Sq, 2rd Floor, Suite 17 Waterbury, CT 06706	203-574-6883	Samuel Bowens	sbowens@waterburyct.org
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