



CT Syringe Services Program (SSP)

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What are Syringe Services Programs?

Persons who inject drugs (PWIDs) make up 7% 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 close to 350 syringe services programs in 44 states/U.S. territories ([NASEN](#), 2021).

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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