



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](#)), over 60% of new hepatitis C (HCV) infections ([CDC HCV Website](#)), and emerging HCV epidemic in young people ([Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Young Persons Who Inject Drugs Report, 2013](#)). 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, thereby significantly 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.

Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) are an effective public health approach to reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases in communities across the U.S. Services include the provision of clean syringes, collects used syringes, [Harm Reduction Education](#), HIV and Hepatitis C testing/screening, [Overdose Prevention \(OD\) Education](#), and referrals to drug treatment, STD screening, and other ancillary services. There are currently 194 syringe services programs in 33 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Indian Nations (NASEN, 2014).

The list below contains information on CT SSPs. As programs continue to expand across CT, this resource will be updated with the additional information.

Facts about SSPs & Public Health

- SSPs have shown to reduce the transmission of viruses without increasing drug use by providing access to clean syringes.
- Data supports that SSPs promote public health and safety by taking syringes off the streets.
- SSPs help protect law enforcement personnel from needle stick injuries, which can result in the transmission of diseases such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C ([amfAR Fact Sheet, 2011](#)).

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