



## WHAT'S THE POINT?

# THE BENEFITS OF SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAMS



SSP 101

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A syringe services program (SSP) is a community-based public health program that provides services to prevent unsafe drug use, HIV and viral hepatitis. SSPs save health care costs by preventing new infections.

People who use drugs and utilize a SSP are five times more likely to enter a drug treatment program than non-clients. SSPs benefit public health, public safety and communities. They do not increase drug use or crime.

## WHO BENEFITS?



### 50%

Reduction in HIV incidence.

### 66%

Reduction of accidental needle sticks in law enforcement professionals.

### 50%

Reduction in hepatitis C incidence.

## WHAT DO SSPS OFFER?



### HIV/HCV Services

Onsite HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) testing and linkage to treatment, case management.



### Substance Use Treatment Services

Onsite peer recovery support services, case management and linkage to substance use disorder treatment.



### Wound Care

Basic treatment reducing ER visits and hospitalizations.



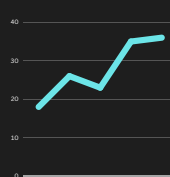
### Overdose Prevention

Access to naloxone, life saving overdose prevention and reversal training.

### Did you know?



Hospitalization resulted in \$2.03 billion in health costs  
**The cost of one syringe is 6 cents.**



SSPs increase the likelihood of proper disposal of syringes and other hazardous materials.