

SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - BEST PRACTICES

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2015 Prescription Drug Abuse Symposium

Overview

- ◎ History of SEPs in Indiana
- ◎ HIV Outbreak and Response
- ◎ Development of a SEP
 - Community Partnerships
 - Considerations for Law Enforcement

History of Syringe Exchange in Indiana

- ◎ 2009– Ban lifted on the use of federal funds for SEP.
- ◎ 2010 – CDC, HHS, SAMHSA, issued a letter stating they were in the process of developing technical guidelines for SEPs.
- ◎ Early 2011 – ISDH formed committee to assess the feasibility of SEP in Indiana.

History (cont.)

- ◉ July 2011 – SEP Feasibility Committee determined that SEPs were not possible based on current state law.
- ◉ December 2011 – Congress reinstated the ban on the use of federal funds for SEPs.
- ◉ March 26, 2015 - Governor declares a public health emergency.
- ◉ March 30, 2015 – Community Outreach Center (COC) is established.
- ◉ April 4, 2015 - Scott County Health Department Needle Exchange opens.

HIV Outbreak Overview

- ◎ To date since January:
 - 181 cases of HIV
 - 92% coinfecting with HCV
 - Primarily associated with IDU

Development of a SEP



Questions?

Contact Information