**Syringe Service Programs:**
- Have been studied for 40 years and have been proven effective.¹
- Do not encourage starting or continuing with injection drug use, and in fact, are effective at reducing injection drug use and assisting people in their recovery.²
- Are public health programs open to anyone in need of new injecting equipment including those with diabetes and other conditions requiring syringes.

**Availability**
Indiana has 8 counties and 1 city approved to provide syringe services.

**Referrals**
The top 3 most common referrals:
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- HIV testing
- Naloxone Access and Education

**Return Rate**
Average syringe return rate of 81% statewide

**Opportunity**
Representing more than 74,600 visits/opportunities to access other services, including:
- HIV, STD, TB, and hepatitis B & C testing
- Referrals to substance abuse and mental health care, health care, housing, food, and other wrap-around services.
- Adult immunizations
- Wound care

**Participation**
Over 16,000 people participate in SSPs in the state.

**Naloxone Access**
Syringe Service Programs have provided more than 83,200 doses of naloxone since December 2019.

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¹ Several studies have found that providing sterilized equipment to injection drug users substantially reduces risk of HIV infection, increases the probability that they will initiate drug treatment, and does not increase drug use. (National HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy for the United States, 2010)


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