

Harm Reduction's Role in EtE

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SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Indiana's Harm Reduction Landscape

- ❖ Current SEP law set to expire in July 2022
- ❖ Home rule requires local approval and renewal every 1 to 2 years
- ❖ Nine-ish programs throughout the state
- ❖ Conflicting public health and criminal justice initiatives



Safe Syringe Access and Support

- ❖ Approved through June 2022
- ❖ Primarily mobile outreach
- ❖ Storefront location temporarily suspended
- ❖ Needs-based distribution -> one to one plus
- ❖ Peer Recovery Coach and Public Health Nurse staffed
- ❖ Anonymous syringe exchange, naloxone distribution, and wound assessment
- ❖ Free POC HIV/HCV testing and immunizations
 - ❖ HAV, HBV, HPV, Tdap, seasonal influenza



Reducing Barriers to Services

- ❖ One Stop Shop is always preferable
- ❖ Mobile outreach
- ❖ Monthly/bi-monthly “pop ups”
- ❖ Bus passes for syringe services



Expanding Syringe Services

- ❖ Requires local authorization
 - ❖ Grassroots organizations
 - ❖ ASOs
 - ❖ FQHCs
- ❖ Medicaid Reimbursement
 - ❖ Increases funding for very tightly funded programs
 - ❖ Program is no longer anonymous; requires lengthier visit
 - ❖ May be a red flag to Medicaid that client participates in an SSP
- ❖ Secondary syringe/naloxone distribution
 - ❖ Grant reporting requirements

Incorporating PrEP

- ❖ Storefront: One Stop Shop
- ❖ PrEP partners
- ❖ Mobile services
 - ❖ Syringe versus non-syringe hours



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