CT Syringe Services Program (SSP)

What are Syringe Services Programs?

Persons who inject drugs (PWIDs) make up 8% of new HIV infections in the United States (CDC Fact Sheet), the majority of new HCV infections are due to injection drug use (CDC SSPs Fact Sheet). 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, 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.

SSPs are also referred to as syringe exchange programs (SEPs) and needle exchange programs (NEPs). Although the services they provide may vary, SSPs are community-based programs that provide access to sterile needles and syringes, facilitate safe disposal of used syringes, and provide and link to other important services and programs such as: Referral to substance use disorder treatment programs; Screening, care, and treatment for viral hepatitis and HIV; Education about overdose prevention and safer injection practices; Vaccinations, including those for hepatitis A and hepatitis B; Screening for sexually transmitted diseases; Abscess and wound care; Naloxone distribution and education; Referral to social, mental health, and other medical services (CDC SSPs).

There are currently 542 syringe services programs in 47 states/U.S. territories (NASEN,2023).

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

SSP	Address	Telephone	Program Contact	Program Email
Alliance for Living (AFL)	154 Broad St, New London, CT 06320	860-447-0884	Carol Jones	cjones@allianceforliving.org
APEX	30 West St, Danbury, CT 06810	203-778-2437	Ciara Beattie	cbeattie@apexcc.org
Family Centers (Stamford CARES)	888 Washington Blvd, 8th Floor Stamford, CT 06901	203-977-5296	Ruth Pennacchia	rpennacchia@stamfordct.gov
CT Harm Reduction Alliance	28 Grand St., Hartford, CT 06106	860-272-1075	Chris Ortiz	cortiz@ct-hra.org
Liberation Programs, Inc.	399 Mill Hill Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06610	203-953-3347	Liz Evans	liz.evans@liberationprograms.org
Litchfield County Opiate Task Force	833 Main St, Torrington, CT 06790	860-480-1365	Lauren Pristo	lauren.pristo@mccallbhn.org
Mid-Fairfield AIDS Project	618 West Ave, Norwalk, CT 06850	203-855-9535 x107	David Alvarez	dalvarez@mfap.com

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St. Vincent de Paul Place SSP	120 Cliff Street Norwich, CT 06360	860-889-7374	Jillian Corbin	jcsvdpp@gmail.com
Sex Workers and Allies Network (SWAN)	555 Columbus Ave., New Haven, CT 06519	203-935-5701	Chris Ortiz	cortiz@ct-hra.org
Staywell Health Center	80 Phoenix Ave, Waterbury, CT 06702	203-756-8021 x3104	Kasima Geter	kgeter@staywellhealth.org
The Village for Families & Children - Village Enhanced Recovery Vehicle (VERV)	1680 Albany Ave Hartford CT 06105	860-236-4511	Bill Lachut	bill.lachut@thevillage.org
UNCAS Health District	401 West Thames St, Suite 106 Norwich, CT 06360	860-639-5140	Emily Alves, RN	ealves@uncashd.org
Waterbury Health Department	1 Jefferson Sq, 2nd Floor, Suite 17 Waterbury, CT 06706	203-574-6883	Keith Taylor	ktaylor@waterburyct.org
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