NC Department of Health and Human Services

NC Opioid and Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee (OPDAAC)

October 8, 2020
Welcome to OPDAAC!

• We will start promptly at 10:00AM!

• For questions during the meeting:
  − Please put your questions in the chat box, which will be monitored for the duration of the meeting.
  − If you would like to ask a questions to a specific presenter, please be sure to include their name in your question.

• The meeting recording, agenda and PowerPoint slides will be added to our NC DHHS Opioids/OPDAAC page
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Overview of Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) in NC

Alyssa Kitlas
NC Counties Served or Reached by Registered Syringe Services Programs, 2019-2020

SSPs are operated and supported by:
- Community-based organizations
- Local health departments
- Faith-based organizations
- Health systems
- SUD treatment providers
- AIDS service organizations
- First responders
- Directly impacted people

For a full list of registered SSPs visit https://tinyurl.com/NCSSIList
Syringe Services Programs are critical touch points within their communities.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Services Provided at SSPs

Core Services

- Educational Materials
- Syringe & Supply Access
- Secure Disposal
- Naloxone Kits and Referrals
- Referrals to Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment (as needed)

Additional Support

- Safer Use Education
- Support Groups and Advocacy
- Referrals to Medical and Social Services
- Overdose Prevention Education
- Legal Services
- Post-Overdose Response
- Wound Care
- MAT Access
- Case Management
- Hepatitis C Treatment
- Food
- HCV and HIV Testing and Linkage to Care
- PrEP
- Training and Professional Development
- Expanded Sexual Health
SSP Participants

Since 2018-2019:

Total program contacts increased by nearly 50%.

The number of unique individuals served increased by 55%.
Supply Distribution

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<th>Syringes distributed</th>
<th>Naloxone kits distributed</th>
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<td><strong>2016-2017</strong></td>
<td>1,154,420</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>1,587,112 (+37%)</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>3,295,085 (+108%)</td>
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<td>2019-2020</td>
<td>5,286,872 (+80%)</td>
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<td><strong>2016-2017</strong></td>
<td>5,682</td>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>19,217 (+238%)</td>
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<td>35,205 (+83%)</td>
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During 2019-2020, **5.3 million** sterile syringes and over **53,000** naloxone kits were distributed by SSPs.

Over **8,600** overdose reversals were reported back to SSPs in 2019-2020.
61% of all registered SSPs offer HIV and HCV testing to their program participants. This is an increase of 120% since the 2016-2017 reporting year.
Summary

• **SSPs** are an evidence-based strategy to reduce overdose deaths, prevent blood-borne pathogens including HIV and hepatitis C (HCV), and connect people who use drugs to treatment and care.

• Programs continue to develop and grow in North Carolina since legalization in 2016.

• Access to sterile injection supplies and naloxone through SSPs has increased significantly over the past four years.

• SSPs are critical touchpoints for people who use drugs in NC and important partners in our work.

SSPs save lives and keep communities healthy!
Announcing!

• First ever IFNC Academy on Harm Reduction
  • Open to anyone interested in doing a deeper dive on harm reduction in practice
  • 6-months of cohort meetings and broader training opportunities, all for free!
  • Link to apply is in the chat
Thank you!

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Innovations in NC SSPs

Colin Miller
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- Michelle Mathis, Olive Branch Ministry
- Lauren Kestner, Queen City Needle Exchange
- Jesse Bennett, North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition

*Please submit your questions in the chat box.*
Advocacy by and on Behalf of People Who Use Drugs

Anna Stein
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- Louise Vincent, NC Survivors Union
- Terl Gleason, Advocacy House

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Wrap up and THANK YOU!

Alan Dellapenna, Branch Head, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Division of Public Health

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Next Virtual OPDAAC Meeting: Friday, December 11, 2020

*Theme: Justice-involved Populations*