

Harm Reduction: More Than Meets the Eye

Good Neighbor Project Syringe Service
Program (SSP)

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SSPs are a harm reduction intervention authorized by ND Century Code 23.01.44.

Scientifically proven to reduce the transmission of HIV, hepatitis B & C, and other bloodborne pathogens in persons who inject drugs.

Protect the public and first responders by facilitating the safe disposal of used needles and syringes.

Addressing Drug Paraphernalia in NDCC

19-03.4-02. Drug paraphernalia - Guidelines. In determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia, a court or other authority shall consider, in addition to all other logically relevant factors:

16. Whether the object is a needle or syringe collected during the operation of a needle exchange program under chapter 23-01 to aid in the prevention of bloodborne diseases.

What we provide to our SSP clients...

**Maintain the
health of people
in active
substance use**

**Provide Peer
Support Services**

**Help program
participants get
connected to
optional services**

2024

Outcomes

- **851 total SSP encounters**
- **15,898 used syringes were collected through the SSP program**
- **Best estimate: 33% of participants have sought treatment**

Testimonials

Questions??
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