

County of Santa Cruz SSP Program Update

SSP Advisory Commission

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Coordinator**

Current Activities – Rahshan Williams

Goal: prevent disease, Cleaner and safer environment, Improved health for PWID

- October 2021 SSP report and comparison to September 2021
- Exchange Script and Data Collection
- Syringe Litter Reporting
- HIV/HCV testing
- Survey

The Santa Cruz County SSP Posts Data Reports Monthly @ [Syringe Services Program \(santacruzhealth.org\)](https://santacruzhealth.org)

1. Data reports reflect program usage by participants and persons who conduct secondary exchange
2. Data reports reflect demographics of persons using our exchanges including but not limited to:
 - Housing status
 - Injectable Drugs used
 - Ethnicity
 - Health Insurance status (insured/uninsured)

Data is taken from our posted report from this past September and October (2021)

We will look at

- Participant use of Santa Cruz Exchange and Watsonville Exchange

Comparison of participant usage October 2021 and September 2021

- **September:**

- **Santa Cruz**-21 days of service and 95 participant visits
- **Watsonville**-17 days of service and 15 participant visits

- **October:**

- **Santa Cruz**-20 days of service and 111 participant visits
- **Watsonville**-15 days of service and 8 participant visits

- **Decline in use of our Watsonville Exchange**

Review of Data Collection and Reporting

Exchange Script

Data Base Entry

Monthly Report (education offered)

Changes to Data Base

Changes to Monthly Report

Syringe Exchange Encounter Script

1. What is your Client Code?

_____ (The first two letters of your mother's first name, the day of the month you were born, and the last two digits of the year you were born and the gender you identify as (M/F). Example: Jane Doe (mother), born November 23, 1955 and identify as female: JA2355F)

2. How many people are you exchanging for?

3. How many syringes are you bringing in?

4. What is the total number of syringes you would like back today?

_____ (100 for primary and 100 for each for up to 2 secondary 300 max)

5. What size of Syringes?

25G <u>1"</u> _____	27G $\frac{1}{2}$ " _____	30G $\frac{5}{16}$ " _____
25G <u>1-$\frac{1}{4}$"</u> _____	27G $\frac{5}{8}$ " (BD) _____	30G $\frac{1}{2}$ " _____
Barrels _____	28G $\frac{1}{2}$ " _____	31G $\frac{5}{16}$ " _____
25G <u>$\frac{5}{8}$"</u> _____	29G $\frac{1}{2}$ " _____	Other _____

6. Would you like Narcan?

Nasal _____

Injectable _____

Reversals? _____ (performed *by participant* since last visit to exchange)

7. What size(s) of sharps container would you like? 2G ___ 1G ___ 2Quart ___ 1Quart ___

8. Would you like a Safer Smoking Kit? Y / N

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**For all new participants* and periodically to update information "May I ask you a few demographic questions so that we can keep our records current"*

9. Currently housed? Y/N

10. Currently insured? Y/N Insurer? _____

11. Current injectable drugs used? Heroin Meth Cocaine Fentanyl Other _____

12. City of Residence _____

13. Ethnicity _____

14. Primary language _____

Thank you for helping us keep each other safe by using social distancing!

SSP Database

Select Your default Site
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Reports

Combine

Add Staff



FIND a Person By Client Code



Print SSP Episodes

Client ID	Entry Date	Created By
3326	12/3/2021	goudrej

Client Information:

Client Code	Ethnicity	Age	Language_Primary:	City of Residence
		2002		
Insured?	Carrier:	Homeless		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Drugs Injected

Heroin Meth

Cocaine Crack

Other Other Drug:

Episodes

Site	CollectDate	Needles For	Others#	NeedlesIn	NeedlesOut	# Narcan Nasal:	# Narcan Reversed:	Created By:	Created Date:
	12/7/2021	Self <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0						
				Supplies Given? <input type="checkbox"/>		# Narcan Injectable:	SmokingKit Given <input type="checkbox"/>		
Education Offered DrugTreat <input type="checkbox"/> Pharm <input type="checkbox"/> HIVHEP Test <input type="checkbox"/> Harm Reduct <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Ref <input type="checkbox"/> Narcan Ref <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>						Comments: <input type="text"/>			

Education Offered ⁸

Drug Treatment	92	83%	8	100%	100	84%
Harm Reduction Education	104	94%	8	100%	112	94%
Referred to Pharmacy	3	3%	0	0%	3	3%
Medical Referral	2	2%	0	0%	2	2%
HIV / Hep C Testing	4	4%	0	0%	4	3%
Overdose Prevention	105	95%	7	88%	112	94%

NOTE: Percents may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Education
offered during
every
exchange
encounter

- Drug Treatment
- Harm Reduction
- HIV/Hepatitis C Testing
- Overdose Prevention
- Proper Syringe disposal

Education Offered Fields

Housing

Wound Care

Syringe Access

Education Offered 8,9

Housing	4	4%	0	0%	4	3%
Wound Care	8	8%	4	50%	12	9%
Syringe Access	<u>15</u>	15%	2	25%	17	14%

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9: Education on drug treatment, harm reduction, HIV/Hep C testing, overdose prevention, and proper syringe disposal is offered with each exchange encounter.



Syringe Litter Reporting and Reduction efforts

Improvements on My Santacruz County App Prior to launch

Continuing to work with partners to establish proper routing of reports of syringe litter

HIV/HCV testing

- We have offered HIV/HCV Testing through our Emeline Exchange on Fridays in the month of November
- We are developing a plan to incentivize testing using gift cards

Participant Surveys

- We asking participants to complete a quick survey to collect information on Syringe usage:
 - 1) Approximately how many times a day do you inject drugs?
 - 2) Approximately how many times do you use a syringe before switching to a new Sterile syringe?
 - 3) Do you ever share syringes with others (use the same syringe)? (Y/N)

If yes: Approximately how many times have you shared a syringe in the last 3 months?

Thank you very much