

## Tools and Resources for Health Departments and Syringe Services Programs

Adapted from the *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Implementation Guidance to Support Certain Components of Syringe Services Programs, 2016.*

These resources may be helpful to health departments and other local partners engaged in planning, designing, and implementing syringe services programs (SSPs) in their jurisdictions. The resources include national and international guidelines, sources for technical assistance and program supplies, and strategies for working with law enforcement and for building strong community relationships.

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NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. (2009) <b><i>Recommended Best Practices for Effective Syringe Exchange Programs in the United States: Results of a Consensus Meeting.</i></b>	Summarizes the consensus among SSP experts of the underlying principles and programmatic elements that enable or constrain SSP effectiveness.	<a href="#">Recommended Best Practices for Effective Syringe Exchange Programs in the U.S</a>
Harm Reduction Coalition. (2010) <b><i>Guide to Developing and Managing Syringe Access Programs.</i></b>	A step-by-step manual for developing and running an SSP; covers practical considerations including funding, operations, training, materials and resources. Appendices include templates for data collection and policies and procedures, among other useful tools.	<a href="#">Syringe Access Manual</a>
Ontario Needle Exchange Coordinating Committee. (2006) <b><i>Ontario Needle Exchange Programs: Best Practice Recommendations</i></b>	This best practices manual for SSPs includes both quick summaries and in-depth, evidence-based explanations for each suggested best practice. Valuable for developing program policies and procedures.	<a href="#">Ontario Needle Exchange Programs: Best Practices Recommendations</a>
Harm Reduction Coalition. (2012) <b><i>Guide to Developing and Managing Overdose Prevention and Take-Home Naloxone Projects.</i></b>	A practical guide to establishing an opiate overdose prevention and response program for people who inject drugs, their friends and families. Includes templates, resources, and helpful appendices.	<a href="#">Guide to Developing and Managing Overdose Prevention and Take-Home Naloxone Projects</a>

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National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors and the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services. (2012) <b><i>Syringe Services Program Development and Implementation Guidelines for State and Local Health Departments.</i></b>	Provides guidelines to assist state and local health departments that wish to support SSPs for people who inject drugs (PWID). The guidelines provide information on the background of SSPs, structural elements to be considered before implementing SSPs, operating principles, SSP delivery models, and suggestions for monitoring SSPs and capacity building needs. The document also lists additional resources and tools.	<a href="#">Syringe Services Program Development and Implementation Guidelines for State and Local Health Departments</a>
WHO/UNAIDS. (2007) <b><i>Guide to Starting and Managing Needle and Syringe Programmes.</i></b>	Provides guidance for developing and implementing effective SSPs. Includes practical information on planning the program, modes of delivery, staffing, and supplies, and management guidance on the spectrum of services, managing staff and external relationships. The guide also provides additional resources, publications, and tools.	<a href="#">Guide to Starting and Managing Needle and Syringe Programmes</a>
WHO. (2004) <b><i>Effectiveness of Sterile Needle and Syringe Programming in Reducing HIV/AIDS among Injecting Drug Users.</i></b>	Provides a comprehensive review and summary of available evidence for effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of SSPs.	<a href="#">Effectiveness of Sterile Needle and Syringe Programming in Reducing HIV/AIDS among Injection Drug Users</a>
UNAIDS. (2007) <b><i>A Framework for Monitoring and Evaluating HIV Prevention Programmes for Most-At-Risk Populations.</i></b>	Provides guidance in monitoring and evaluating HIV prevention programs for most-at-risk populations, including PWID. It includes methods and tools that can be applied at the local and national level.	<a href="#">A Framework for Monitoring and Evaluating HIV Prevention Programmes for Most-At-Risk Populations</a>
Harm Reduction Coalition. (2012) <b><i>Peer-Delivered Syringe Exchange Toolkit: Models, Considerations and Best Practices.</i></b>	Documents practices at a variety of different SSPs that offer peer-delivered syringe exchange services, often called satellite syringe exchange. Provides models and suggested practices and includes sample forms, policies and procedures, training and education materials and outreach materials.	<a href="#">Peer-Delivered Syringe Exchange Toolkit: Models: Considerations and Best Practices</a>