

Syringe Service Programs: Protecting Individual & Public Health

Harm Reduction in an Opioid Era

Promoting the Health & Dignity of Affected Individuals & Communities

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SSP Evidence and Endorsements

- Promote Public Health and Safety by Taking Syringes off the Streets
- Protect LEO & other Personnel from Needle Stick Injuries
- Do Not Increase Crime or Drug Use
- Cost Effective
- Decrease in new HIV seroconversions
- Increase in the numbers of PWID referred to and retained in substance abuse treatment; and
- Opportunities for multiple prevention services and referral and entry into medical care.

Characteristics of Effective SSPs

- Ensure low threshold access to services
 - *Maximize access by number of locations and available hours*
 - *Ensure anonymity of participants*
 - *Minimize the administrative burden of participation*
- Promote secondary syringe distribution
 - *Train and support peer educators*
 - *Do not impose limits on number of syringes*
- Maximize responsiveness to characteristics of the local IDU population
 - *Adapt planning activities and service modalities to subgroup needs*
- Provide or coordinate the provision of other health and social services
- Include diverse community stakeholders in creating a social and legal environment supportive of SEPs

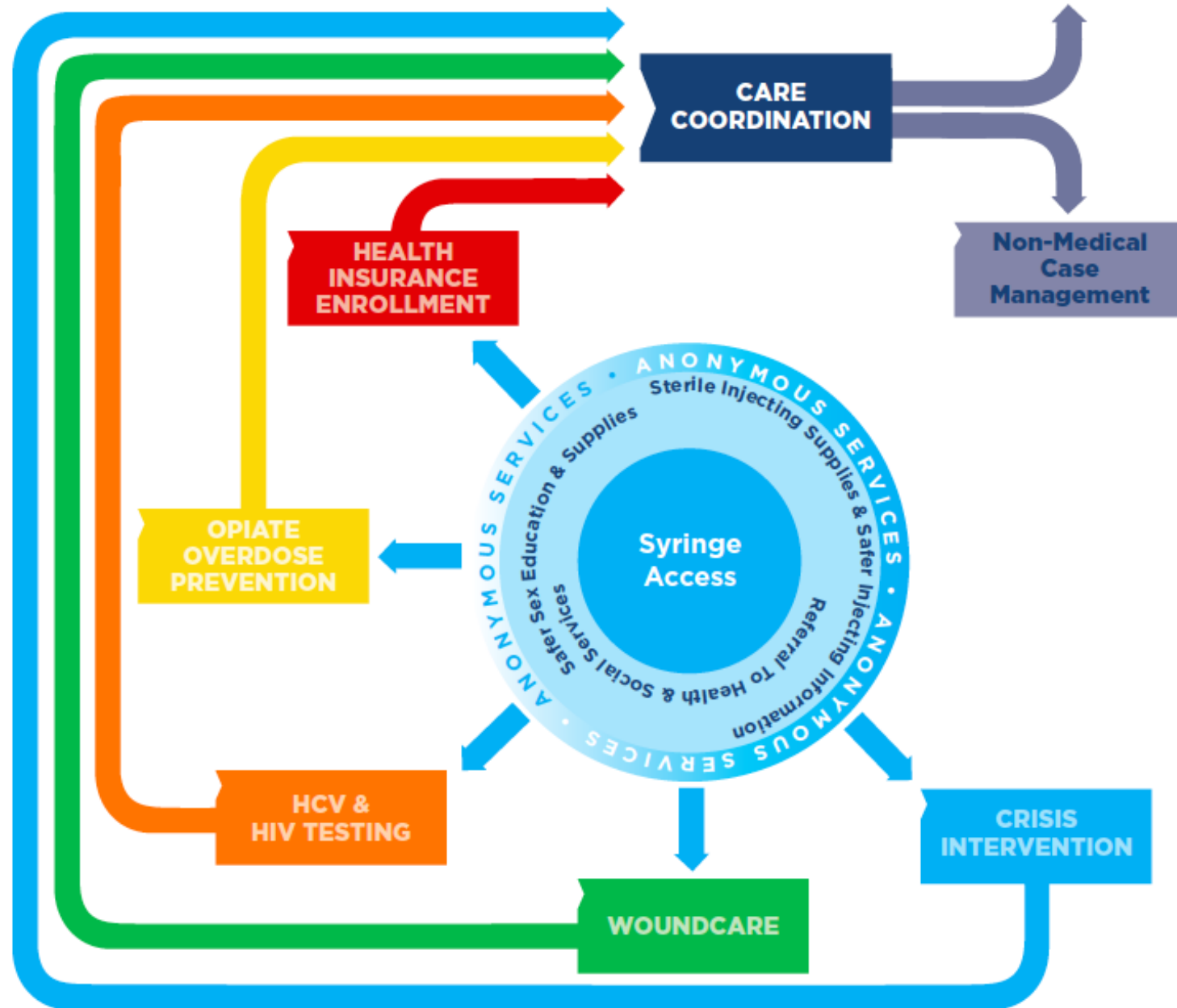
Practices to Avoid

- **Supplying single-use syringes**
- **Limiting frequency of visits and number of syringes**
- **Requiring one-for-one exchange**
- **Imposing geographic limits**
- **Restricting syringe volume with unnecessary maximums**
- **Requiring identifying documents**
- **Requiring unnecessary data collection**

Models of Delivery

- Bricks & Mortar
- Temporary Structure
- Mobile
- Home Delivery
- Street Outreach
- SSP





ENABLING

**CRISIS
INTERVENTION**

**Mental
Health
First Aid**

**Depression
Screening**

**Pain
Assessment**

SBIRT

**WOUND
CARE**

**Skin & Soft
Tissue
Care**

Vein Care

**Safer
Injecting
Strategies**

**HCV & HIV
TESTING**

**Health
Counseling**

**Referral To
Treatment**

**Prevention
Education**

**OPIATE
OVERDOSE
PREVENTION**

**Naloxone
Distribution**

**Overdose
Education**

**HEALTH
INSURANCE
ENROLLMENT**

**Help
Enroll
&
Renew In
Insurance
Plans**

**CARE
COORDINATION**

**Assess
Assets
&
Barriers
To Patient
Care**

**Individual
Care Plan**

**Transport/
Accompany
Patient To
Appointments**

**MEDICAL CASE
MANAGEMENT**

**Find
Appropriate
Providers**

**Retention In
Care**

**Treatment
Adherence**

**NON-MEDICAL
CASE
MANAGEMENT**

Housing

Social Supports

Family Services

NH Harm Reduction Coalition

- Our **mission** is to develop, support, and promote policies, practices, and programs that reduce the harmful consequences of substance use and misuse in New Hampshire.
 - **Training & Education**
 - **Consulting and Technical Assistance**
 - **Policy Advocacy**
 - **Program Monitoring and Evaluation**
 - **Location of Funding Resources**
 - **Direct Services (Hand Up Health Services)**



NHHRC Meeting
Wed Feb 21 @ 6:30pm
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