

FLORIDA SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

IDEA: Infectious Disease Elimination Act

State Resources

Read the statute that permits county commissions to authorize syringe exchange programs: **Section 381.0038**, **Florida Statutes**

Find educational resources on laws and policies: IdeaExchangeFlorida.org

Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) is a program at the Florida Department of Health that provides emergency responders with emergency opioid antagonist medications: FloridaHealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/ems-system/heros

Federal Resources

Download fact sheets and read about safety, effectiveness, funding guidance and more: CDC.gov/ssp

Learn about the relationship between the opioid crisis and the HIV epidemic, funding guidance and more: **HIV.gov/federal-response/policies-issues/syringe-services-programs**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is working to end the opioid epidemic—learn how exchange programs fit into the picture: **HHS.gov/opioids/about-the-epidemic/hhs-response**

The Syringe Services Program (SSP) Development and Implementation Guidelines for State and Local Health Departments is a guide intended for health departments but includes information that can help any group or organization looking to create an exchange program in their county:

NASTAD.org/sites/default/files/resources/docs/055419_NASTAD-SSP-Guidelines-August-2012.pdf

Additional Resources

Learn about the principles of harm reduction and initiatives that support it: HarmReduction.org

Find resources and publications, and learn about training and technical assistance opportunities, funding and more: AIDSUnited.org/Syringe-Access-Fund/Syringe-Service-Resources

Find information about existing rural exchange programs and step-by-step guidance for start-up and operation: **RuralHealthInfo.org/toolkits/substance-abuse**

NASEN was formed in 1992 to support syringe exchange programs. This initiative encourages the expansion of a network of organizations and individuals that advocate for syringe exchange: **NASEN.org**

The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) is a statewide grassroots organization that promotes harm reduction interventions, public health strategies, drug policy transformation, and justice reform in North Carolina and throughout the American South: **NCHRC.org**

Estimated cost of comprehensive syringe service program in the United States is an article published on PLOS ONE that breaks down start-up and operation costs for syringe exchange programs: journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0216205

