Public Health

County of Santa Cruz Syringe Services Program (SSP) Advisory Commission Program Updates

July 12, 2022
Current Activities

Goals: Prevent disease, link to treatment and services, improve public safety

1) Kiosks
2) Safer Smoking and Harm Reduction
3) Syringe tagging
Sharps Kiosks

*7 Kiosks deployed in the County

- *San Lorenzo/Benchlands Kiosk out of order
  - Sharps Solutions service issue due to misuse

- Reaching out to jurisdictions to gauge interest and potential locations for additional Kiosks

- Working on analysis of individual Kiosk usage month over month
Offering Smoking as a Harm Reduction tool

Safer Smoking Kits for Methamphetamine use

• Started distributing in October of 2020
• Currently only distribute through the exchange (not outreach)
Offering Smoking as a Harm Reduction tool

Pipes for Heroin use:
- Available through California SSP Clearinghouse
- Participant interest
- Need to develop brochure, education for staff and distribution policy
Syringe Tagging/Marking

Research conducted by the SSP in 2016 to assess the feasibility

- Contacted CDPH for information update 6/15/22
- Syringes are not available through the Clearinghouse
- There is a manufacturer in Europe who may be able to fulfil orders
- Would want to consider how partnering organizations would collect data
Questions?

Thank You