County of Santa Cruz
SSP Program Update

SSP Advisory Commission
February 08, 2022
Rahshon Williams, SSP Program Coordinator
Current Activities – Rahshan Williams

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

**Staffing**
- CHRI Health Program Specialist

**Distribution and Collection**
- Encounters without syringe distribution

**Safe Disposal**
- Sharps Lock Boxes for City of Santa Cruz
- Kiosk repair

**Enhanced Referrals**
- Housing Referrals
Alejandra Tepozteco
Staffing of our Watsonville Exchange and Community Outreach

Fluent Spanish and English
Certified HIV/HCV test Counselor
Experience volunteering in the S.C. Exchange

Collaborating with C.A.B.
City of Watsonville Litter Abatement organizations
Improving SSP outreach with HPHP
Syringe Distribution
One for one exchange and referrals for Syringe Access

15% of our encounters in December 2021 did not include syringe distribution
Reasons for 0 Syringe distribution

- Persons only wanting supplies
- Persons using exchange for syringe disposal only
- Persons who do not have syringes to exchange
Tracking education or referrals for syringe access

Letting participants know our policy

Refer to clinic

Refer to pharmacy

Refer to HRC of SCC
Easier Access For Syringe Disposal

- Distributed Syringe Lock boxes for 1220 River St. Encampment
- Working to Repair Kiosk on Levee at Felker St.
Improving Referrals
Referrals and Education for persons experiencing homelessness

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City of Santa Cruz Managed Encampments