County of Santa Cruz
SSP Program Update

SSP Advisory Commission
November 02, 2021
Rahshan Williams, SSP Program Coordinator
Current Activities – Rahshan Williams

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

• September 2021 SSP report and comparison to September 2020
• Progress on Syringe Litter Reporting Directive
• HIV/HCV testing
• Watsonville Exchange update
• SSP supplies
• CHRI Grant PIT Surveys
1. Data reports reflect program usage by participants and persons who conduct secondary exchange
2. Data reports reflect demographics of persons using our exchanges including but not limited to:
   • Area of residence
   • Ethnicity
   • Age group
   • Housing status
   • Injectable Drugs used
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Comparison of participant usage September 2020 and September 2021

• This September we had approximately 75% of the number of unique visitors to our exchanges compared to September of 2020

• This September we had approximately 2/3rds of the number of overall visits to our exchanges compared to September 2021
Syringes Dispensed and Collected by the Santa Cruz County SSP

- The Santa Cruz County SSP only distributes syringes through our Exchanges
- Syringe Collection is conducted via Exchanges and Kiosks
- We are continuing to work with the City of Santa Cruz and the City of Watsonville to place additional Kiosks
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Comparison of syringes dispensed and collected September 2020 and September 2021

• This September the SSP collected approximately 16% more syringes than September of 2020

• This September we collected just over 50% of the syringes through our exchanges compared to September of 2020

• This September we collected more than 80% more syringes in our Kiosks compared to September 2020
Syringe Litter Reporting and Reduction efforts
Board of Supervisors Directive

- Direct the Health Services Agency, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Information Services Department to collaborate on:
  a) implementing the My Santa Cruz County App as a tool to address public syringe litter reporting in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County;
  b) leveraging existing solid waste disposal resources and improving overall litter efforts of the County of Santa Cruz and Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville; and
  c) jointly reporting back on progress by December 7, 2021.
ISD team

- Aimen Al-Refai and the ISD team have been extremely helpful in working towards implementation of the MySCCounty App for persons to report syringe litter.
Working with Litter Abatement organizations

Beau Hawksford and the DPW team helping to define specific data points

Matching data fields for HSA to be able to combine data for reporting

- Syringe litter data collection to match across agencies and organizations
  1) Sharps Container
  2) Loose syringe with needle attached
  3) Loose syringe without needle attached
Work with the City of Watsonville to improve Community Syringe Disposal

Outreach efforts

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<td>1413 Freedom Blvd, Watsonville, CA 95076</td>
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Para más información por favor visita: www.santacruzhealth.org/ssp
831-454-2437

Flyers developed to distribute

Ayúdenos a mantener jeringas fuera de lugares públicos
Deseche correctamente las jeringas usadas
NO ARROJE jeringas a la basura
NO ARROJE jeringas en el reciclaje
NO ARROJE jeringas al inodoro
Mantenga las jeringas fuera del alcance de los Niños

Please Help us Keep Syringes out of Public Places
Dispose of your used syringes properly

DO NOT throw loose sharps in the trash
DO NOT put sharps in the recycling
DO NOT flush sharps down the toilet
KEEP SHARPS OUT of the reach of children
Syringe litter abatement Training

In October we conducted a training with the Community Action Board
Next steps
We are deferring the joint report back until Feb 15, 2022

Continue to work with DPW, ISD and HSA IT

- Develop plans for response to reports of syringe litter (MySCCounty App)
- Explore options for assigning responsibility for syringe clean-up
- Designate location for syringe litter report storage
- Ensure access to data to combine reports

Continue to work with Community Agencies

- Ensure consistency in data fields for syringe litter reporting
- Ensure timely collection and reporting of data
- Maintain communication for access to resources (Sharps Containers outreach supplies)
HIV/HCV testing

- HIV/HCV testing is available beginning this Friday, November 5th
- We will begin offering testing on Fridays at the Emeline Exchange
- We continue work to offer the service at our Watsonville Exchange on Wednesdays
Watsonville Exchange Changes

Starting November 17th our Watsonville Exchange Wednesday hours will be 1:30-3:30pm

Mondays       3:30— 4:30pm
Tuesdays      10:30— 11:30am
Wednesdays    1:30— 3:30pm
Thursdays     3:30— 4:30pm
Supplies for outreach and participants

- We continue to be responsive to participant request for supplies
- Supply kits
- Some Supply kits offered only through the exchange
- Developing supply kits exclusively for outreach
- We have access to expanded supplies through our award through the state exchange Clearinghouse
Participant Surveys

• We are currently performing 2 participant surveys

1) Top 3 preferences for Watsonville Exchange Hours

1) CHRI (California Harm Reduction Initiative) point in time survey
Watsonville exchange hours preference

- Continuing to gather data through the end of November
- Asking participants who use our Watsonville exchange
- Asking participants at our Emeline exchange if the use or are familiar with our Watsonville exchange
- Will use the information to help guide our future adjustments to hours for our Watsonville exchange
CHRI Point in time Survey

- The CHRI point in time survey is conducted by all CHRI grantee programs
- There are 37 grant recipient programs who will conduct the survey
- A total of 15 surveys conducted by each program will render 555 responses
24 CHRI Point in time survey questions

- Demographics
- Exchange access
- Experience with overdose
- Drug use
- Access to drugs in your local market
- Access to treatment for Methamphetamine use
- Suggestions for support services
- Access to supplies
Value of Surveys

- Emphasize education offered
- Research local resources
- Share information with local partners
- Provide better services to our participants based on response
Thank you very much