



Northwest Ohio Syringe Services (NOSS)

- WHO:** We are a collaborative team of healthcare providers from the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department in conjunction with the UPMC Ryan White Program and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.
- WHAT:** NOSS promotes public health and safety via non-judgmental syringe exchange, harm reduction education, and medical and behavioral healthcare referral.
- WHERE & WHEN:** **St. Paul's United Methodist Church-** 1201 Madison Ave. Toledo, OH 43604
TUESDAYS 1PM-4PM
Talbot Center- 732 Main St. Toledo, OH 43605
THURSDAYS 1PM-4PM
- HOW:** Participants will be assigned an ID card upon their first visit and will be expected to present this card upon each return visit to gather data and track individual progress.
- WHY:** **To reduce the number of new HIV, Hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted infections**
- Provide multiple locations for the proper disposal of used IV drug using works
 - Perform rapid HIV and Hepatitis C testing to persons who inject drugs
 - Link persons who are positive for HIV and Hepatitis C to medical care and case management services
 - Connect persons of high risk for contracting HIV to PrEP services
 - Dispense condoms, other safe sex supplies, and STI educational materials
 - Refer for other STI testing and follow up care
- To protect the general health of persons who inject drugs**
- Discuss safer injection practices during each syringe exchange
 - Examine injection sites and refer for additional medical care
 - Provide health insurance application
 - Refer to general medical/dental and family planning services
 - Offer training on how to respond to an overdose with Naloxone
 - Dispense Naloxone
- To reduce barriers to accessing mental health and substance abuse treatment services**
- Refer to social services to help participants meet their basic needs
 - Offer sober support meeting schedules
 - Build healthy, working relationships with treatment providers and NOSS participants
 - Empower persons who inject drugs to make behavioral change
 - Provide informed choice for treatment referral