

What is a Syringe Service Program?

Syringe service programs (SSPs) are community-based prevention programs that can provide a range of services including access to sterile syringes and injection equipment, medical testing, linkage to infectious disease care, and substance use treatment.

SSPs are safe, effective, cost-saving tools that can prevent HIV and high-risk injection behaviors among people who use and inject drugs and facilitate safe disposal of used syringes. SSPs are not associated with increased drug use, crime, or syringe litter in communities.

At Northwest Ohio Syringe Services (NOSS), harm reduction professionals work directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission. NOSS participants are able to work towards improvement of their physical, mental, and social health and well-being.



HOURS & LOCATIONS

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
1201 Madison Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604
Tuesdays: 1pm-3:45pm

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department
635 N Erie Street, Toledo, OH 43604
Thursdays: Call ahead appt. only 8am-12pm

Talbot Clinical Services, LLC.
732 Main Street, Toledo, OH 43605
Thursdays: 1pm-3:45pm



Follow the mobile unit with
NOSS Text Alerts
Scan to sign up!
-Clinic reminders
-Additional NOSS hours and locations
-Special testing events
-Overdose spikes
-Additional Resources

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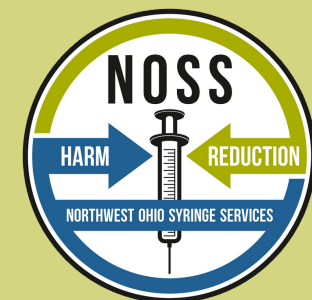
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NORTHWEST OHIO SYRINGE SERVICES

PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY THROUGH FREE, NON-JUDGEMENTAL, AND ANONYMOUS SYRINGE SERVICES.



FAQS ABOUT SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS:

Do SSPs help people stop using drugs?

Yes. New users of SSPs are five times more likely to enter drug treatment compared to those who don't use the programs. People who inject drugs and who have used an SSP regularly are three times as likely to report a reduction in injection frequency.

Do SSPs reduce infection?

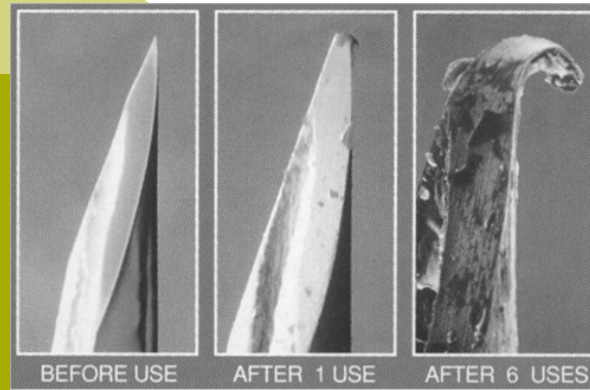
Yes. Reusing and sharing syringes can lead to transmission of HIV, hepatitis, and other infections and complications. Access to new, sterile syringes and other equipment help people prevent transmitting blood borne and other infections when they inject drugs. It also reduces instances of infections and abscesses and provides opportunity for catching medical concerns early.

Do SSPs increase syringe litter?

No. Studies show SSPs protect the public and first responders by providing safe syringe disposal, reducing the presence of needles in the community.

Overall, SSPs play a key role in preventing overdose deaths by training people who use drugs how to prevent, recognize and reverse opioid overdoses. SSPs help people overcome substance use disorders. People who use and SSP that use and inject drugs are more likely to enter treatment for substance use disorder or to reduce or stop injecting.

For more information visit:
cdc.gov/ssp



HARM REDUCTION TIPS

- 🚫 **Never share or reuse a syringe.** Prevent the spread of bloodborne pathogens and infection by always using a sterile syringe.
- 🚫 **Don't use alone.** Plan to use with someone you trust. If you don't have someone to use with you can call the Never Use Alone line - 800-484-3731.
- 🚫 **Eat and drink water.** Remember to stay hydrated and eat adequately before and during substance use.
- 🚫 **Recognize the signs of an overdose before you start using.**
Symptoms include:
 - Headaches
 - Difficulty Breathing
 - Delirium
 - Agitation or Anxiety
- 🚫 **Test your drugs.** Many substances can be contaminated and have unintentional and deadly effects. Test substances with fentanyl test strips before using.
- 🚫 **Pick up a naloxone kit and learn how to use it.** Naloxone is a safe antidote that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Naloxone is available at no cost at NOSS and at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

Lucas County residents are also eligible for free mail order naloxone and can order a kit by visiting:

lucascountyhealth.com/narcan-training

ABOUT NOSS

Bloodborne Pathogens Prevention Program

NOSS is a bloodborne pathogens prevention program, as required by the Ohio Revised CODE #3707.57 and is supported by the Ryan White Program of the University of Toledo Medical Center and by the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. At NOSS, participants can receive HIV and Hepatitis C tests at no cost.

Syringe Service Program

Our goal is to help people who use and inject drugs stay healthy. We provide syringes and other sterile injection equipment in a non-judgemental, anonymous, and supportive setting.



Our Services:

- Syringe Access
- Naloxone Nasal Spray
- Fentanyl Test Strips
- Biohazard Containers
- Safer Sex Supplies
- Other Safe Use Supplies
- Safer Injection Education
- Injection Site Review
- Rapid HIV/Hep C Testing
- Pregnancy Testing
- Syphilis Testing
- Treatment Referral