

Syringe Programs in Ohio

- Syringe programs (sometimes called syringe access programs or needle exchange programs) provide people who inject drugs with access to sterile needles, and a safe ways to dispose of used needles.
- Syringe programs usually offer Sexually Transmitted Infection testing and access to other medical treatment, including mental health services and referrals to drug treatment. Education about safe injection practices and overdose prevention are provided to protect user health and reduce health care costs.

Syringe programs **can help prevent the spread of HIV and other infectious diseases in Ohio**. In one study of the effectiveness of 15 syringe programs, the Center for Disease Control found that HIV prevalence fell from 50% to 17%.

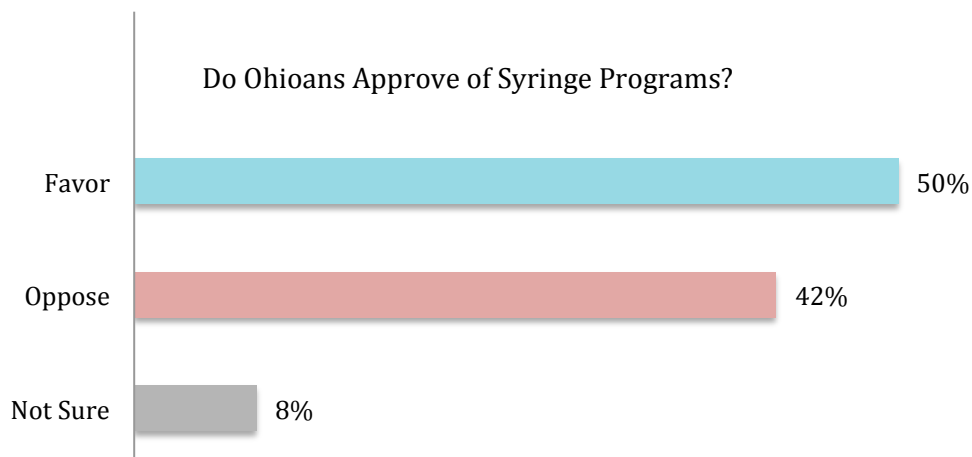
Syringe programs also **save Ohioans money** by preventing new infections of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C and other infectious diseases, which can be costly to treat.



Syringe programs can **reduce drug use**. According to the Center for Disease Control, drug users are **5 times more likely** to enter drug addiction treatment if they use syringe programs.

Syringe Programs have Public Support in Ohio.

According to the Ohio Health Issues Poll in 2017, Ohioans favor “needle exchange programs” by a margin of 50% to 42%, with others not sure. Respondents were more likely to support syringe programs if they were familiar with them, and 62% of respondents between the ages of 18 and 29 were in favor of them.



Sixteen Ohio Counties now have syringe programs and other counties are starting programs. See the map of these locations and contact information on the next page.

Ohio Syringe Programs



Lucas County	Northwest Ohio Syringe Services	419-213-2655
Cuyahoga County	Circle Health Services	216-721-4010
Summit County	Summit County Pubic Health	330-375-2984
Stark County	SWAP	330-489-3322
Jefferson County	Family Recovery Center	740-283-4946
Marion County	Crawford-Marion ADAMH	740-387-8531
Franklin County	Safe Point (Equitas Health)	614-460-1406
Montgomery County	CarePoint	937-225-5700
Greene County	Safe Trade	937-374-5621
Athens County	Athens City County Health Department	740-592-4431
Gallia County	Gallia County Health Department	740-441-2018
Scioto County	Portsmouth Health Department	740-353-0552
Brown County	Prevention Point	937-378-6892
Darke County	Xchange	937-548-3806
Hamilton County	The Exchange	513-316-7725
(also serving Butler and Clermont Counties)		