

Allen County SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM



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Task Force



Update for the Allen County Syringe Services Program (SSP) - as of 12/31/2019

Data Representing 11/2016 through 12/2019

The Clients:

Total Visits:	5,270
Total Unique Clients:	1,349
Male Clients:	776
Female Clients:	573

The Services:

Wound Care:	217
Off-site Medical Referrals:	27
Referrals for Addictions Counseling (on-site):	171
HIV tests conducted (on-site):	236
Hepatitis C tests conducted (on-site):	236
Hepatitis A Vaccines given (on-site):	237
Health Navigator Visits (insurance):	112
Naloxone ("Narcan") Kits Distributed	1,465

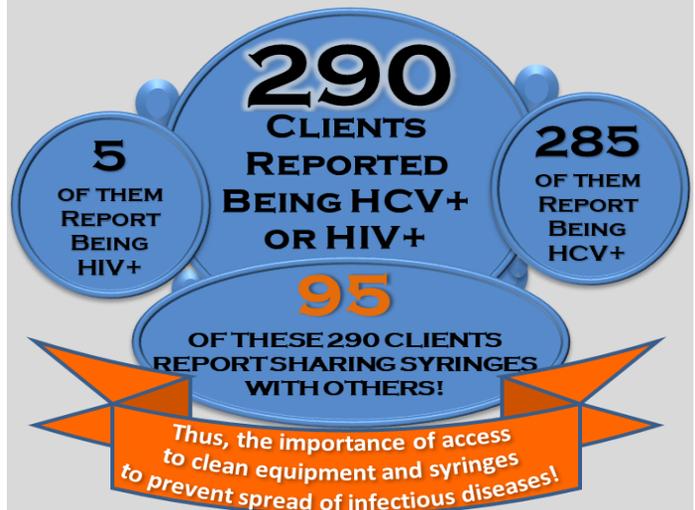
The Exchange:

Total Needles Collected/Returned:	266,162
Total Needles Distributed:	310,569
Total Needles Distributed (Among Return Clients)	270,079
Exchange Rate (Among Returning Clients):	approx. 99%

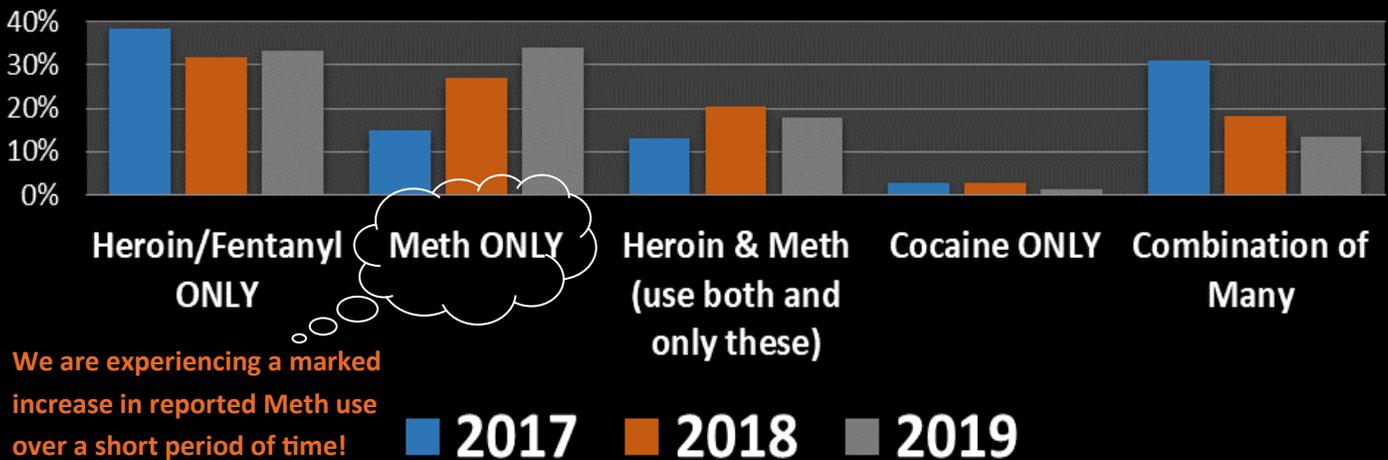
Each new client is provided with 30 needles during their 1st visit. They don't have to bring needles to exchange at that time. Thus, the difference in exchange rate among all.

Reducing Needle Reuse & Sharing = Disease Spread Reduction

273 of the 600+ returning clients initially reported high needle re-usage rates upon their 1st visit (*some were 200+*), but they have since dropped to just 1-2 reported uses per needle now, and have remained steady during their time as a client!
A HUGE PROGRAM SUCCESS! 👍

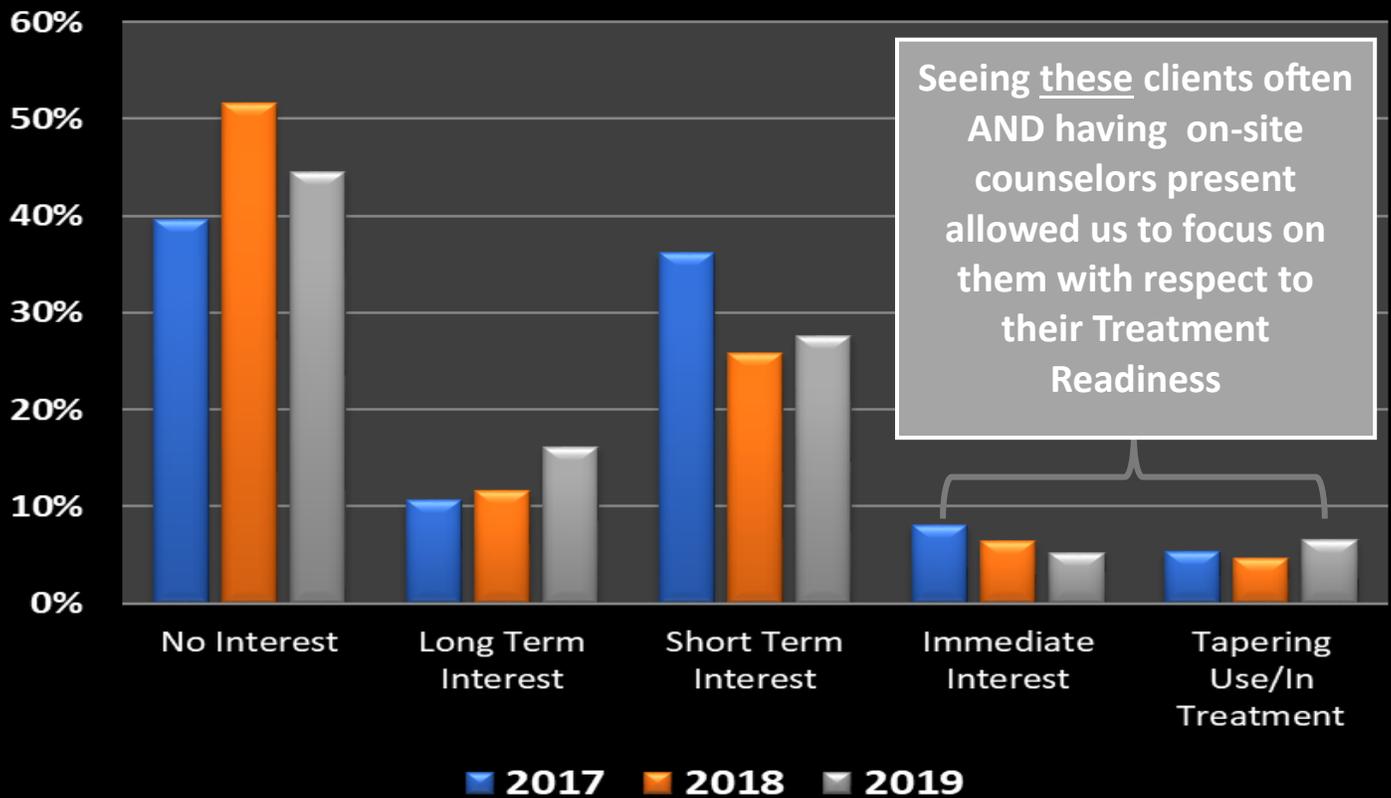


Reported Drug(s) of Choice by Year



NOTES: (1) On all graphs, it's possible the total amount may differ from the true total # of known clients. This is because not all clients provide answers to all questions asked.
(2) All figures represent data collected from 2016 to present unless otherwise noted.

Reported Treatment Readiness of Clients



Syringe Services Programs exist to curb needle re-use and needle sharing — to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as Hepatitis C and HIV. These programs serve a valuable purpose in the disease prevention arena in areas where IV Drug use is prevalent. Allen County’s program has taken it a step further and created a one-stop shop for other “wrap-around” services that can work toward true behavior changes. These programs are proven to work, but they take time. Thank you for your support of this program!

Reported Housing Status of Clients

