Harrison County Needle Exchange
April 2017 Community Report

The Harrison County Needle Exchange Program (NEP) opened on September 1, 2016. Wedco District Health Department would like to thank our community partners for their support of this program. The primary goal of NEP is to help keep our community safe and healthy by working to prevent the spread of HIV and Hepatitis.

Program Information for April

- 60% Male
- 40% Female

The majority of our participants were male in April.

600 retractable syringes were provided to NEP participants and 415 used syringes were collected.

HCV and HIV Screenings

- HIV - 1
- HCV - 21

42% were positive for HCV antibodies

* HIV and HCV screenings DO NOT reflect NEP participants. HIV and HCV screening is a part of community outreach.

NEP Enrollment

Harrison County NEP has a total of 29 enrolled program participants.

Program Information from September 2016 - April 2017

Total Needles Collected

- 1013 Used Needles Collected (31.05%)
- 2250 Retractable Needles Provided (68.95%)

Medical Insurance

- 65% of NEP Participants have Medicaid
- 15% of NEP Participants have Medicare
- 5% of NEP Participants have VA
- 10% of NEP Participants have NO insurance
- 5% of NEP participants have private insurance

10 program participants have been given counseling vouchers for themselves or a family member and referred to other services.

Participant Age Range

- 0 years old (10.71%)
- 5 years old (35.71%)
- 35 - 44 years old (28.57%)
- 45 - 54 years old (10.71%)
- 55 - 64 years old (14.29%)
- 65 years or older (0%)