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 February

- 64% Male
- 36% Female
- Almost two-thirds of NEP participants in February were male.

480 retractable syringes were provided to NEP participants and 121 used syringes were collected.

HCV and HIV Screenings

- HIV - 0
- HCV - 11
- 36% were positive for HCV antibodies

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

Program Information from Sep. 2016 - Feb. 2017

- Total Needles Collected
  - Used Needles Collected (21.09%)
  - Retractable Needles Provided (78.91%)

- 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.

NEP Enrollment

Harrison County NEP has a total of 20 enrolled program participants. During February NEP enrollment increased 45%.

Participant Age Range

- 20 - 24 years old (5%)
- 25 - 34 years old (20%)
- 35 - 44 years old (40%)
- 45 - 54 years old (15%)
- 55 - 64 years old (20%)
- 65 years or older (0%)