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 June**

- **Gender Distribution:**
  - 87% Male
  - 13% Female

The majority of NEP participants in July were male.

- **Hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV Screenings**
  - HIV Screenings - 12
  - HCV Screenings - 57

*HIV and HCV screenings DO NOT reflect NEP participants. HIV and HCV screenings are part of community outreach to help identify and educate the community on the risk of HIV and HCV.*

- **NEP Enrollment and Visits**
  - 720 retractable syringes were provided to NEP participants and 440 used syringes were collected.
  - 15 participants visited the Needle Exchange 18 times. Harrison NEP has a total of 43 enrolled program participants.

**Program Information from September 2016 - July 2017**

**Total Needles Collected**

- Used Needles Collected (35.43%)
- Retractable Needles Provided (64.57%)

**Medical Insurance**

- 70% of NEP Participants have Medicaid
- 11% of NEP Participants have Medicare
- 8% of NEP Participants have VA
- 8% of NEP Participants have NO insurance
- 3% 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**

- 20 - 24 years old (11.63%)
- 25 - 34 years old (32.56%)
- 35 - 44 years old (25.58%)
- 45 - 54 years old (20.93%)
- 55 - 64 years old (9.30%)
- 65 years or older (0%)