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

**SEP Demographics**

56.25% of SEP participants are male and 43.75% are female.

93.75% of SEP participants were white, 6.75% were black.

**SEP Participant Age Range**

- 1990 - 1999 (18.42%)
- 1980 - 1989 (36.84%)
- 1970 - 1979 (25%)
- 1960 - 1969 (17.11%)
- 1950 - 1959 (2.63%)

**Housing**

100% of SEP participants in April reported living in the 41031 zip code.

40% reported being homeless, 40% reported renting their home and 40% reported owning their home.

**Employment**

6.75% of participants who visited SEP in April reported being a veteran and 18.75% reported some form of employment.

**Drug Use Information**

The top three most reported drugs of choice are heroin, cocaine and meth.

Over 70% of SEP participants report heroin or other opioid as their drug of choice.

**SEP Visits**

SEP had a total of 22 visits and 2 new program enrollments.

**Syringes Distributed and Collected**

- Syringes Collected: 654
- Syringes Distributed: 829

**HIV and Hepatitis C**

SEP offers HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) screenings to the community as part of outreach. Since September 2016 SEP has done over 100 screenings within the WEDCO district communities.

**% of Positive HCV Screenings**

- Harrison County: 29%
- WEDCO District: 11%