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

- 75% of SEP participants are male and 25% are female.
- 100% of SEP participants were Caucasian.
- 1990 - 1999 (17.57%)
- 1980 - 1989 (36.49%)
- 1970 - 1979 (25.68%)
- 1960 - 1969 (17.57%)
- 1950 - 1959 (2.70%)

SEP Visits

SEP had a total of 40 visits and 5 new program enrollments.

Syringes Distributed and Collected

- Syringes Collected (38.46%)
- Syringes Distributed (61.54%)

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.

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

- 29%
- 11%

Housing

99% of SEP participants in March reported living in the 41031 zip code.

- 40% reported being homeless
- 40% reported renting their home
- 40% reported owning their home

Employment

- 5% of participants who visited SEP in March reported being a veteran
- 35% reported some form of employment

Harrison County SEP is open every Thursday from 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM. Located at the Harrison County Health Center, 364 Oddville Ave., Cynthiana, KY.