

Madison County Harm Reduction

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

DATA AT A GLANCE

179,844*

Syringes Received

(2020: 108,534)



196,045

Syringes Distributed

(2020: 129,061)

(92% RETURN RATE)

675

Unique Participants

(2020: 501)



2,939

Total Visits

(2020: 2177)

4,351

Narcan kits distributed

410

HIV tests

*New participants are not required to bring syringes for disposal on their first visit. 9,695 syringes were given to new participants in their Starter Pack.

SSP LOCATIONS

This year we added two additional sites for Syringe Services, allowing us to serve our participants in various locations throughout the county.



Health Now Clinic: Monday
& Wednesday, 10 - 5

Ethan Health: Thursday
10:30 - 12:30

MCHD Richmond: Tuesday
3- 7



MCHD Berea: Thursday
1 - 5



MOBILE OUTREACH



Our mobile unit (donated by KY River Foothills and wrapped through a HepConnect grant) has been a tremendous source of outreach and connection in the community. We visit Richmond, Waco, and Berea weekly to distribute Narcan and provide training. We collaborate with EMS through their ODMAP Software to identify overdose hotspots and plan the van routes accordingly.

1,705

**NARCAN KITS
DISTRIBUTED FROM THE
MOBILE UNIT**

The mobile unit also allows us to conduct safe and private HIV and Hep C testing in the community.

RECOVERY COACHING

Through the HEALing Communities Study at UK, we received placement of a Certified Recovery Coach from Voices of Hope in March, 2021. Our coach is available during all SSP hours to provide support, experience, and linkage to treatment.



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**SSP PARTICIPANTS ASKED
RECOVERY COACH FOR
ASSISTANCE WITH
RECOVERY**

28

**SSP PARTICIPANTS ENTERED
TREATMENT WITH LINKAGE
FROM RECOVERY COACH**

People do not usually arrive at SSP ready to think about or talk about treatment. No one is ever pressured to move toward recovery. However, after we build genuine connection with our participants, many of them come to us when they're ready to talk about next steps. It's a slow process and we are committed to the long journey with our participants.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Housing Authority of Richmond
Madison County Detention Center
SPARK Ministries
HEALing Communities Study
MORE (Madison Opiate Response & Empowerment)
ASAP (Agency for Substance Abuse Policy)
Richmond Police Department
Berea Police Department
Madison County Sheriff's Office
Kentucky State Police
White House Clinics
Family Health Care Clinic
Center for Behavioral Health
Ethan Health
Spero Health
Liberty Place
Madison Home / Room in the Inn

UK Target Four
Kentucky River Foothills
EMS
Voices of Hope
New Vista
Madison County Public Library
Health Now Clinic
Richmond Register
Union Church
Baptist Health Richmond
Goodwill
Dry Dock
Groups Recover Together
Behavioral Health Group
Recovery Wagon
Revival Tabernacle
Elizabeth Baptist
Kentucky Department for Public Health

ABOUT HARM REDUCTION IN MADISON COUNTY

The Madison County Health Department began operating a Syringe Exchange Program in **2017** to reduce the likelihood of an HIV or Hepatitis C outbreak in the community. Since then, our services have evolved into a comprehensive harm reduction program that offers HIV and Hep C testing, Narcan and overdose prevention education, vaccinations, linkage to Hep C and HIV treatment, linkage to substance use treatment services, mobile outreach, access to KyNect services, and on-site recovery coaching.

Participants do not give us their name or any other form of ID. They receive 35 sterile, retractable syringes on their first visit; on subsequent visits, they receive the number of syringes that they bring back for disposal. We provide a container for safe syringe storage, as well as alcohol prep pads, band aids, hand sanitizer, condoms, and education on safer injection practices. We want to help our participants stay as healthy as possible, no matter where they are in their substance use progression.



Our participants are homeless veterans and soccer moms, college students and grandparents. When they walk in our door, they receive much more than just sterile syringes. We want our participants to know that they matter to us and that they deserve the highest quality of care.

MEET *our team*

- Joyce Smith, Inventory Coordinator (part-time)
- Marty Hensley, Data / Richmond SSP (part-time)
- Laura Helvey, Outreach Specialist (part-time)
- Dave Eastham, Drug-Free Communities Coordinator (full-time)
- Juanih Campbell, Outreach Coordinator (full-time)
- Stacy Snyder, HANDS / SSP (part-time)
- Ash Banta, Recovery Coach (Voices of Hope)
- Laura Nagle, Risk Reduction Specialist (University of Kentucky)
- Ava Wright, Director

