



SAFE POINT

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Starting Our Program

- Started January 27, 2016
 - Knowledge base
 - Locations
 - Services
 - Cultural competency
 - Staffing
 - Policies & procedures
 - Supplies



Services

- Clean syringes & other necessary supplies
- Hepatitis C testing-certain times & locations
 - When available, provided by Columbus Public Health (CPH)
 - Referrals to other testing times
- HIV testing-certain times & locations
 - When available, provided by CPH & ARC Ohio staff
 - Referrals to other testing times & locations



More Services

- Medical care-at our medical center & other health center sites
 - Wound care
 - Primary care
- Access to naloxone-at our medical center & pharmacy locations (not free)
 - Education provided by ARC Ohio pharmacist
- Alcohol and other drug (AOD) assessment services-certain times & locations
 - Currently provided by CPH & soon Compdrug
 - Referrals always available



And even more services

- Access to mental health treatment
 - Provided by ARC Ohio staff
- Access to healthcare coverage linkage & financial counselor
 - Provided by ARC Ohio staff
- Condoms & other safer sex supplies
 - Provided by ARC Ohio staff



Are we ready?

- Judgements
 - What type of participant would surprise staff?
- Police
 - How supportive or understanding would they be?
- Staffing
 - Were they hired, trained, ready?
 - Job shadowing
- Supplies
 - Did we order the right items in the right sizes, types?



Then what?

- Volunteer engagement & management
- Staff & volunteers who may be in recovery
 - How do we support them?
- Outreach
- Marketing
 - Soft start



Demand

- Day 1=0 participants
- Day 2=1 participant
- Day 3=3 (3 new) participants
- Day 4=9 (6 new) participants
- Day 5=14 (10 new) participants
- Day 6=13 (11 new) participants
- Day 7=34 (22 new) participants-so busy, we had to cut off services early



Total Demand
74 visits
&
53 unduplicated
participants



What we hear

- Wariness & skepticism
- Calling all their friends
- Afraid we might run out, didn't tell friends
- So much appreciation
- Folks traveling from longer distances
- Sense of community
- Willingness to teach us to serve them better



Outputs

- 7 Safe Point times
- 4,664 syringes provided
- 13 HCV tests &/or HIV tests
- 15 with HCV-self report
- 3 with HIV-self report
- 12 referrals to AOD
- 2 referrals to medical care
- 14 Naloxone distributions through pharmacy



Expansion

- Partnering with a health clinic on the west side to implement a new site
- Adding morning and afternoon hours to two weekdays at current location
- Talking with another health clinic requesting hours at one of their locations
- Exploring other locations & partners
- Exploring mobile unit



More information

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