



New Jersey Syringe Access Program (SAP)

New Jersey Department of Health
Division of HIV, STD and TB Services

Syringe Access Programs (SAPs) are community-based programs that provide access to sterile syringes, needles and other injection equipment and facilitate safe disposal of used needles and syringes. Clients can bring in used syringes and leave with new sterile syringes. SAPs provide a comprehensive approach to harm reduction by integrating behavioral interventions and access to services to prevent and reduce the transmission of HIV and other blood-borne diseases. Some SAPs are housed in drop-in centers. Drop-in centers may provide participants with access to food, telephone, laundry services, restrooms, showers, and computer services.

Each SAP site is co-located with an Access to Reproductive Care and HIV (ARCH) Nurse who provides services to prevent vertical HIV and Hepatitis C transmission through the early identification of high-risk women (i.e., females of reproductive age who injects drugs). The New Jersey SAPs have served to bridge major health gaps in services for people who inject drugs (PWID) by providing services such as health screenings, pregnancy testing and linkage to prenatal care, nutritional counseling, reproductive counseling for women of child bearing age, vaccinations, condom distribution, safe sex education, safe injection practices, wound care, drug overdose prevention and reversal.

The ARCH nurses co-located at SAP sites offer the following:

- HIV and viral hepatitis testing and counseling with linkage to medical care;
- Condoms;
- Referral and linkage to medical care, mental health and social services, including drug treatment;
- Overdose prevention education and access to Naloxone;
- Safe disposal of injection equipment education;
- Safe injection practices and wound care.

The New Jersey Department of Health SAPs are based on the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)¹ and are established under the “Blood Borne Disease Harm Reduction Act” (P.L. 2006, c.99). The State of New Jersey Syringe Access Programs are currently operated in seven municipalities which have established local ordinances to allow SAP operation: Atlantic City, Camden, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, Asbury Park and Trenton.

¹ *Integrated Prevention Services for HIV Infection, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Tuberculosis for Persons Who Use Drugs Illicitly: Summary Guidance from CDC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. MMWR 2012; 61(RR05);1-40.*

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Syringe Access Programs (SAPs) in New Jersey Directory

<p>Camden Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Camden Syringe Access Program- Lifeworks 514 Cooper Street Camden, NJ 08102 <u>Ph:</u> 856-963-2432 Ext. 228 <u>Hours of operation:</u> Tuesday: 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM Thursday: 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Hyacinth AIDS Foundation- Jersey City 48 Fairview Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07304 <u>Ph:</u> 201-360-3910 <u>Hours of operation:</u> Monday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday: 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday: 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM</p>
<p>Hyacinth AIDS Foundation -Trenton 849 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08618 <u>Ph:</u> 609-396-8322 <u>Hours of operation:</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Thursday: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM</p>	<p>North Jersey Community Research Initiative (NJCRI) 393 Central Avenue Newark, NJ 07103 <u>Ph:</u> 973-483-3444 Ext. 222 <u>Hours of operation:</u> Monday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM Tuesday: 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM Wednesday: 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM Thursday: 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM Friday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM</p>
<p>South Jersey AIDS Alliance, Atlantic City 32 S. Tennessee Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401 <u>Ph:</u> 609-572-1929 <u>Hours of operation:</u> Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Visiting Nurse Association of New Jersey, Prevention Resource Network, Asbury Park 805 4th Avenue Asbury Park, NJ 07712 <u>Ph:</u> 732-445-5516 <u>Hours of operation:</u> Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM</p>
<p>Hyacinth AIDS Foundation -Paterson (Mobile Site) Montgomery Street (between Straight St. & River St.) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM</p> <p>Walgreen's on East 18th St. (near Ellison St. & Madison Av.), Paterson, NJ Monday- Friday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM</p>	