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County of Santa Cruz Syringe Services Program (SSP) Advisory Commission Program Updates

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Current Activities

Goals: Prevent disease, link to treatment and services, improve public safety

- 1) Kiosks
- 2) Safer Smoking and Harm Reduction
- 3) Syringe tagging

Sharps Kiosks

***7 Kiosks deployed in the County**

- ***San Lorenzo/Benchlands Kiosk out of order
–Sharps Solutions service issue due to misuse**
- **Reaching out to jurisdictions to gauge interest and potential locations for additional Kiosks**
- **Working on analysis of individual Kiosk usage month over month**

Offering Smoking as a Harm Reduction tool

Safer Smoking Kits for Methamphetamine use

- Started distributing in October of 2020
- Currently only distribute through the exchange (not outreach)



Offering Smoking as a Harm Reduction tool

Pipes for Heroin use:

- Available through California SSP Clearinghouse
- Participant interest
- Need to develop brochure, education for staff and distribution policy



Syringe Tagging/Marking

Research conducted by the SSP in 2016 to assess the feasibility

- Contacted CDPH for information update 6/15/22
- Syringes are not available through the Clearinghouse
- There is a manufacturer in Europe who may be able to fulfil orders
- Would want to consider how partnering organizations would collect data



Questions?

Thank You

