### Expansion of Cincinnati Area Syringe Services Program

LC 2 - Harm Reduction

## What is Harm Reduction?

A public health strategy that focuses on

## minimizing the negative consequences of drug use,

without requiring cessation of drug use as a precondition for support or care.

#### **Examples include:**

syringe exchanges, naloxone distribution, methadone clinics, fentanyl test strips, and supervised consumption sites

# Syringe Services Programs (SSPs)



Reduce incidence of HIV and HCV



Access to Clean Syringes



Distribute Naloxone



**Education on Overdose Prevention** 



**Wound Care** 



**Connect With Other Resources** 

SSPs Prevent the Spread of HIV and HCV

42%



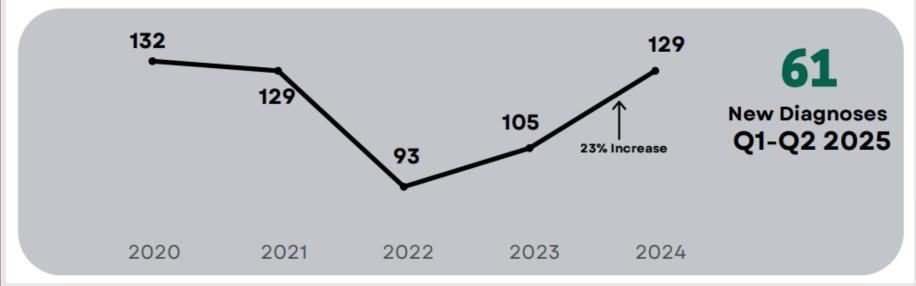
Risk of HIV Transmission Compared to Not Attending an SSP

Risk of HCV Transmission Compared to Not Attending an SSP

24%

#### Infectious disease data

#### **Hamilton County HIV Counts**

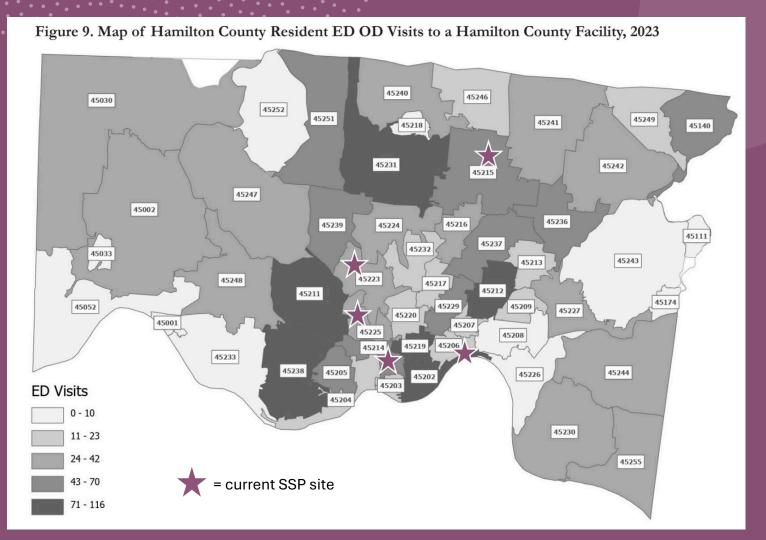


#### **Hamilton County Chronic Hepatitis C Counts**

Year	Number of Cases
2021	912
2022	738
2023	675
2024	679
2025 (Through 9/30/2025)	466

#### Syringe Exchange Locations in the Cincinnati Area

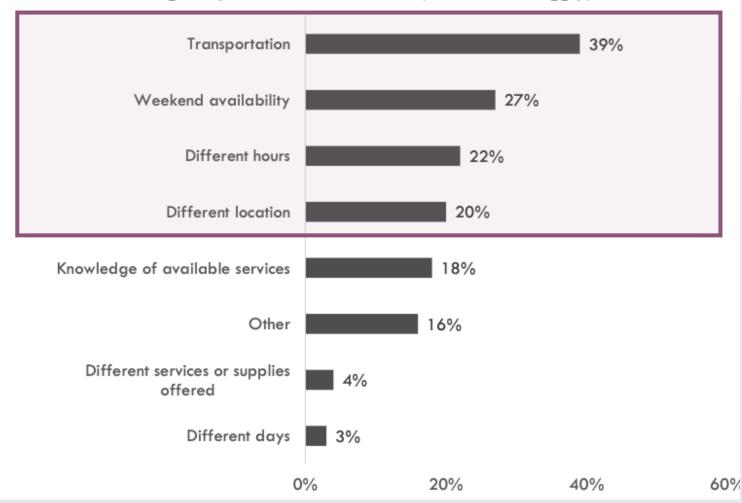




According to
Cincinnatians who use
SSPs, the top 4 ways to
improve access depend
on the service's location
and timing

#### Figure 17. Ways To Improve Access to Services

What would improve your access to services? (select all that apply)



### The following 6 zip codes <u>do not have an SSP</u> but have the <u>highest rates of ED visits due to overdose</u>:

45202, 45211, 45212, 45219, 45231, 45238

includes Westwood, Cheviot, Price Hill, Covedale, Norwood, North College Hill, and Downtown

## The best way to improve access to SSPs would be to add <u>additional times</u> and <u>locations</u> for these services.

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