

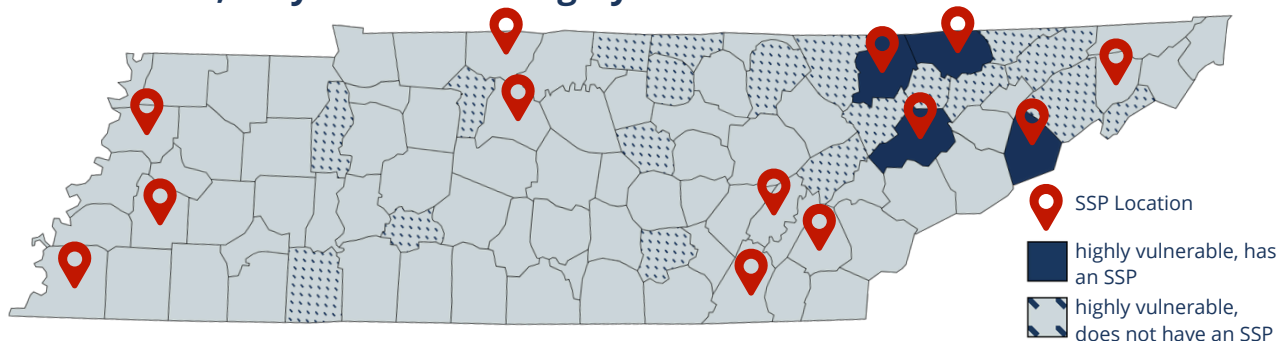
What are Syringe Services Programs (SSPs)?

SSPs REMAIN SCARCE ACROSS TN

SSPs are an evidence-based public health strategy and they are cost-effective too.

Data has consistently demonstrated that SSPs save lives, reduce the transmission of infectious diseases, provide health services, and link people who use drugs to recovery.

Many TN counties vulnerable to an HIV/hepatitis C outbreak associated with drug use do not have an SSP.²
As of 2024, only 4 of TN's 22 highly vulnerable counties have an SSP.



As drug use rises in TN, so does the potential for the transmission of bloodborne pathogens. SSPs are a proven intervention to prevent potential HIV and hepatitis C outbreaks among people who use drugs.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY SSPs¹

Sterile supplies and wound care to prevent infections



HIV and hepatitis C testing



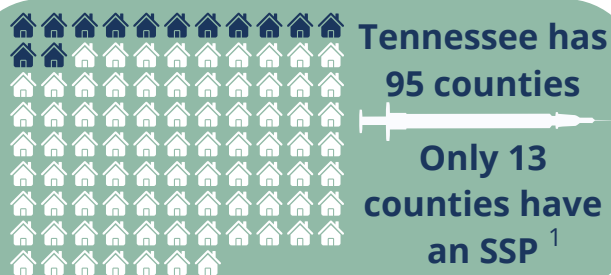
Naloxone to prevent fatal overdoses



Linkage to treatment and recovery services



Health education and counseling



RESOURCES TO GET STARTED

APPLY TO START AN SSP IN TN



RESOURCES TO DEVELOP AND FUND AN SSP IN TN



SCAN HERE

for a list of SSPs in TN.



tinyurl.com/TNSSPs

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Areas with SSPs have **86%** fewer syringes in places like sidewalks & parks⁵

SSPs are associated with a **50%** reduction in HIV transmission³

SSP clients are **3x** more likely to stop using drugs than those who do not use SSPs⁴



SYRINGE ACCESS SAVES MONEY

\$420,285

The estimated lifetime cost of treatment for HIV as of 2019⁷

\$84,000

The estimated cost of a 12-week hepatitis C treatment⁸

\$54,281

The median hospital charge for endocarditis hospitalization due to drug dependence⁹



The cost to distribute a syringe at a large rural SSP!⁶

\$661 The estimated cost per client per year for a large rural SSP¹⁰

QUESTIONS?

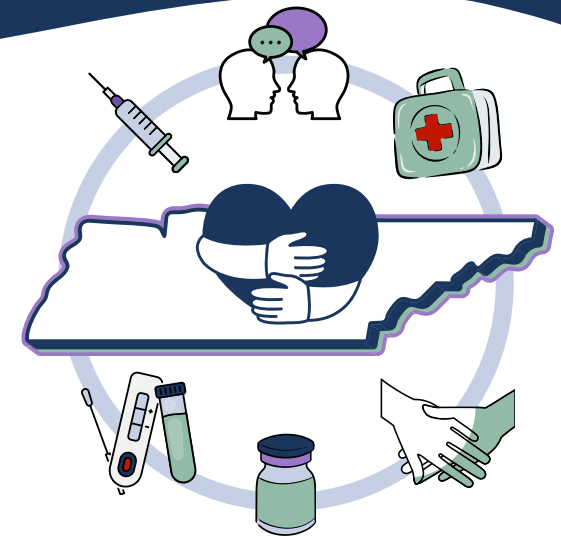


For more information on SSPs in TN, contact us: SSP.Health@tn.gov.

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