

Memorandum



Date: September 8, 2023

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor *Daniella Levine Cava*

Subject: Miami-Dade County Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program Annual Report

On behalf of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and pursuant to resolution R-610-21, this memorandum serves to transmit the annual report of the Miami-Dade County Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program. The report includes all of the required data and reporting information in compliance with Florida Statute 381.0038(4)(b)(7).

The Florida Department of Health will receive a copy of this report.

Should you have any questions about the information in this report, contact Dr. Hansel Tookes at hetookes@med.miami.edu.

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Dear Mayor and Board of County Commissioners,

It is with great pleasure that I send you this annual report to update you on our progress at the IDEA Syringe Services Program (SSP) in Miami (through June 30, 2023).

There are now 2,227 people enrolled at the IDEA SSP. We have conducted 33,950 client syringe exchange visits in which we collected 1,650,226 used syringes and distributed 1,638,216 new sterile syringes (that is, we have taken in 12,010 more syringes than we have given out). We have performed a total of 2,839 anonymous HIV rapid tests and have an HIV positivity rate of 8.31% of those who agree to test with our program. We have performed a total of 2,537 anonymous Hepatitis C virus (HCV) rapid tests, with 46.16% testing HCV positive of those who agree to test with our program. Linkage to care for our participants living with HIV and HCV is a top priority. Our collaboration with South Florida AIDS Network, Jackson Health System, and the Florida Department of Health on linkage to care for HIV positive participants has been very successful.

Our efforts to distribute naloxone has continued to have dramatic impact on overdose mortality in Miami and beyond. We have distributed 5,811 boxes of Narcan, and have 3,303 reported overdose reversals. Additionally, 618 individual participants have been linked to treatment for substance use disorder (detox, residential, outpatient, or medication-assisted treatment).

The following table illustrates the basic demographics of program participants to date.

All my best,

Hansel Tookes, MD, MPH
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Medical Director, IDEA Miami SSP

Enrollment Demographics (through June 30, 2023)	Total
Hispanic	829 (37.3%)
Non-Hispanic or Latino	1391 (62.7%)
Non-Hispanic White	1083 (48.8%)
Non-Hispanic Black	243 (10.9%)
Asian	7 (0.3%)
Native American	20 (0.9%)
Pacific Islander	0 (0%)
Multiracial - Not Hispanic	34 (1.5%)
Male	1589 (71.7%)
Female	606 (27.3%)
Transgender- Female to Male	9 (0.4%)
Transgender- Male to Female	12 (0.5%)
Mean Age	38.4
18-24	112 (5.7%)
25-29	326 (16.5%)
30-39	784 (39.7%)
40-49	429 (21.7%)
50-59	209 (10.6%)
60+	114 (5.8%)

Aggregate SSP Data (July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023)		Total
Number of new participants enrolled		203
Number of unique participants served		864
Number of used syringes/needles received		403,301
Number of clean/unused syringes/needles distributed		392,241
Number of linkages to drug counseling or treatment		145
Number of participants referred for drug counseling or treatment		145
Number of participants tested for HIV		593
Number of participants tested for hepatitis C (HCV)		577
Number of naloxone kits distributed		769
Participant Demographics (Participants Enrolled July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023)		
Hispanic		77 (38.1%)
Non-Hispanic or Latino		125 (61.9%)
Non-Hispanic White		84 (41.6%)
Non-Hispanic Black		38 (18.8%)
Asian		0 (0%)
Native American		2 (1%)
Pacific Islander		0 (0%)
Multiracial - Not Hispanic		1 (0.5%)
Male		144 (71.3%)
Female		55 (27.2%)
Transgender- Female to Male		1 (0.5%)
Transgender- Male to Female		2 (1%)
Age Ranges (Participants Enrolled July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023)		
Mean Age		39.6
18-24		11 (6.1%)
25-29		20 (11.2%)

Aggregate SSP Data (July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023)**Total**

30-39	69 (38.5%)
40-49	50 (27.9%)
50-59	18 (10.1%)
60+	11 (6.1%)