

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;
- Education on safe disposal of injection equipment;
- 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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<https://www.nj.gov/health/hivstdtb/sap.shtml>





NJ AIDS/ HIV/ STD Hotline: 1-800-624-2377

Camden Area Health Education Center (Mobile Site)

Camden Syringe Access Program- Lifeworks
2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue (by Produce Mkt.)
Camden, NJ 08102
856-963-2432 Ext. 219

Hours of operation:

Monday: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Thursday: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

www.camden-ahec.org

Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, Trenton

849 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618
609-396-8322

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

www.hyacinth.org

South Jersey AIDS Alliance, Atlantic City**

Oasis Drop-In Center
32 S. Tennessee Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-572-1929

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

www.southjerseyaidsalliance.org

Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, Paterson (Mobile Site)

Montgomery Street
(between Straight St. & River St.)
Walgreen's on East 18th St. (near Ellison St. & Madison Av.), Paterson, NJ
732-447-3176

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

www.hyacinth.org

Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, Jersey City**

48 Fairview Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07304
201-360-3910

Hours of operation:

Monday, Tuesday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Thursday: 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

www.hyacinth.org

North Jersey Community Research Initiative, Newark**

393 Central Avenue
Newark, NJ 07103
973-483-3444 Ext. 222

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

www.nicri.org

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Prevention Resource Network, Asbury Park

816 Sunset Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ 07712
732-502-5100

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

www.prvnaci.org

**** SAP site with a Drop-In center**