

Harm Reduction Program 2017 Program Overview

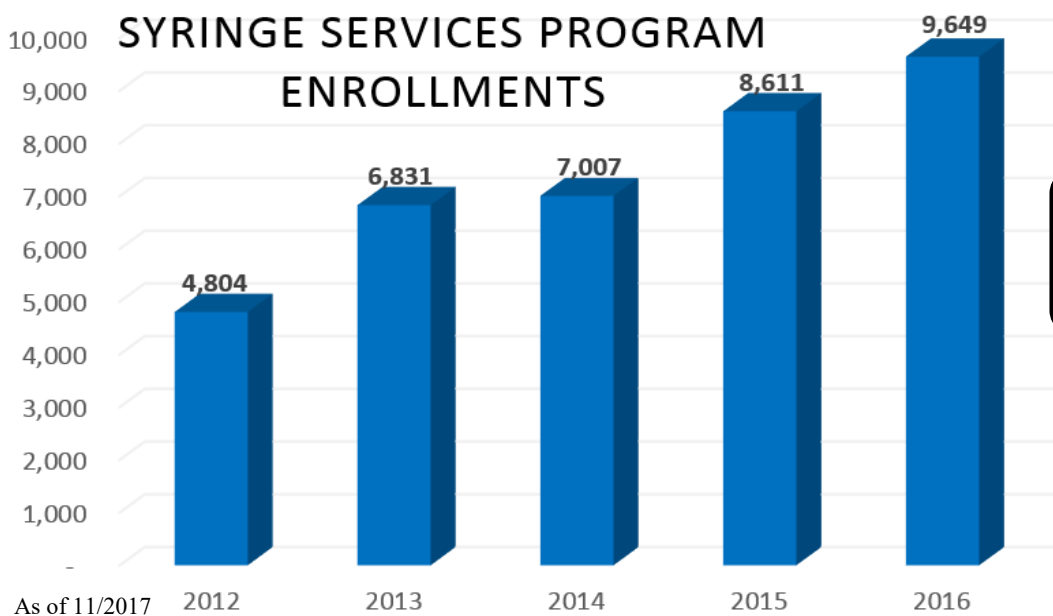
Syringe services include:

- Exchanging used syringes for new syringes
- Educating individuals on risk reduction, safer injection practices and overdose

New Mexico
accounts for 7 - 8% of all
syringe services in the
United States*




94 - 97 % of
syringes distributed
are recollected by
the program for
disposal.



~50,000 Interactions in 2016

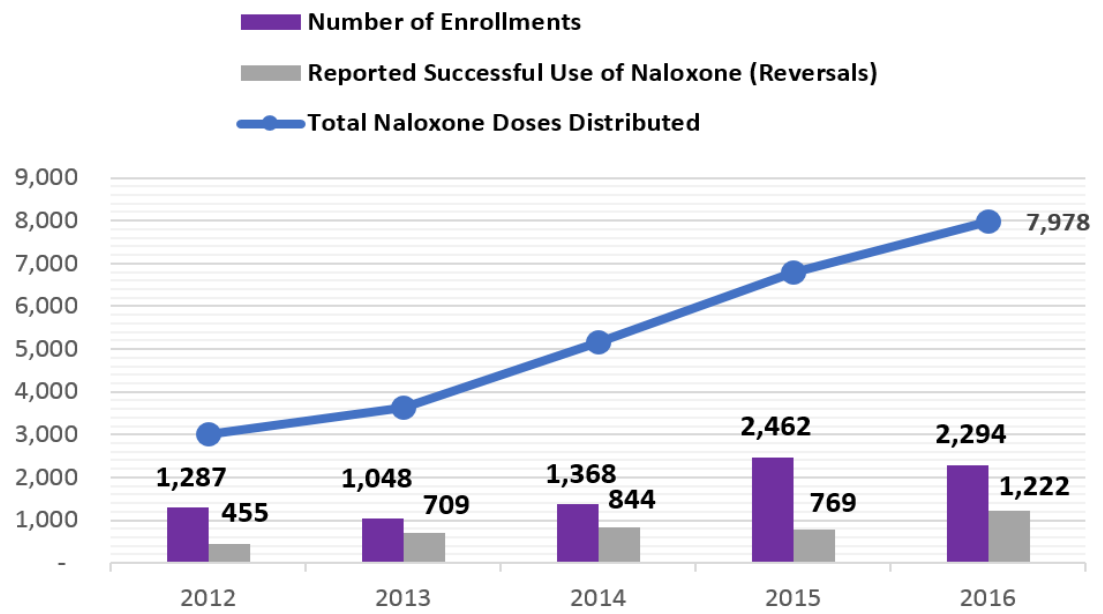
50% ↑ Enrollments Since 2012

~8 Million Syringes Exchanged in 2016



Naloxone
A prescription medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.

168.5% increase in successful opioid overdose reversals reported from 2012 to 2016.



Naloxone Distribution (data as of 1/2017)

*Based on survey data from: DesJarlais, D., 2014. <https://nasen.org/news/2014/aug/08/2012-beth-israel-survey-results/>

Program Goals

1. Decrease transmission of infectious disease by reducing equipment sharing among individuals who inject substances.
2. Reduce unintentional opioid overdose deaths.
3. Increase navigation to substance use treatment through activities such as acute-detox intervention.

Syringe Services Program (SSP)

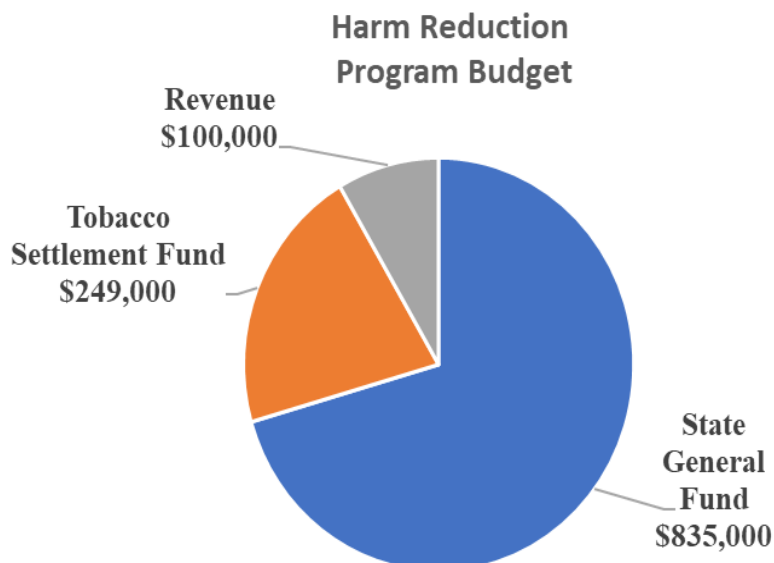
- Established in 1997 by the New Mexico Harm Reduction Act.
- Safely dispose of used syringes and other injection equipment to reduce accidental needle sticks through statewide exchange locations and public syringe collection boxes.

Overdose Prevention Program

- New Mexico became the first state to allow legal distribution of naloxone to individuals who inject substances in 2001.
- New legislation passed unanimously in 2016 allows expanded naloxone distribution and improved access for populations at risk and community members.

Cost Effectiveness

- A new sterile syringe costs \$0.086.
- A two-dose box of naloxone costs \$75.00.
- **A single visit to an emergency room for abscess care can cost over \$1,000.**



State General Funds:
\$835,000

Tobacco Settlement Fund:
\$249,000

Program Income/Revenue
- from Medicaid billing:
\$100,000