Harm Reduction Program
2017 Program Overview

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.

Syringe services include:

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

As of 11/2016

78.5% increase in successful opioid overdose reversals from 2012 to 2016.

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

~8 Million Syringes Exchanged in 2016

~50,000 Interactions in 2016

Searchable HIV, STD, Hepatitis and Harm Reduction resources: www.nmhivguide.org
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 acu-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