

# Syringe Exchange Programs and the North Carolina Safer Syringe Initiative

## Preliminary 2016-17 Annual Reporting Figures

(20 out of 21 programs responding)

<b>21</b>	Active syringe exchange programs in North Carolina at the time of annual reporting
<b>26</b>	Syringe exchange programs signed up with DPH since July 11, 2016
<b>52</b>	North Carolina counties with residents served by syringe exchange programs. Programs also report participants from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other states.
<b>3,983</b>	Individual participants in syringe exchange programs
<b>14,997</b>	Total syringe exchange contacts with program participants
<b>1,157,380</b>	Sterile syringes distributed by syringe exchange programs
<b>490,489</b>	Syringes returned to syringe exchange programs for safe disposal (42% return)
<b>3,766</b>	Referrals to substance use disorder and mental health treatment (combined)
<b>5,682</b>	Naloxone kits distributed through syringe exchange programs
<b>1,311</b>	Referrals made for receiving naloxone kits. Syringe exchange programs are required to provide naloxone kits and/or provide referrals to other sources for naloxone kits.
<b>2,187</b>	Overdose reversals reported to syringe exchange programs by program participants
<b>738</b>	Hepatitis C tests administered by syringe exchange programs
<b>138</b>	Positive hepatitis C results; participants referred to local health departments and healthcare systems for confirmation testing and/or treatment.
<b>2,647</b>	HIV tests administered by syringe exchange programs
<b>6</b>	Positive HIV results; participants referred to local health departments and healthcare systems for confirmation testing and/or treatment.

