

## HIV ALLIANCE SYRINGE EXCHANGE-2013 SUMMARY

- Needle exchange started in 1999
- Research based effective prevention intervention
- HIV testing added 2001
- Wound care added 2007
- HCV testing added 2008
- HCV care coordination added 2011
- Historic high of 670,000 syringes exchanged, last year 329,000 due to reduction in funding
- Started as 1:1 exchange, rationing to 100 syringes per person for the last 1.5 years and now down to 60 per person
- 2011 intended to add a site in Springfield, City Mayor supported, but could not be expanded due to reduction in funding.

| Supply             | Prevention Purpose                             | Current Conditions   |
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| Syringes           | Blood borne pathogens                          | Reduced to 100 per person in 2010, now down to 60 per person |
| Sharps containers  | Needle sticks                                  | Reduced to one per client                                    |
| Tourniquets        | Vein damage                                    | Will not be reordered  |
| Sterile water      | Bacterial infections                           | None offered for last year                                   |
| Alcohol wipes      | Bacterial infections                           | Will continue  |
| Cookers and cotton | Blood borne pathogens and bacterial infections | Will not be reordered  |

