

# SSANA

SYRINGE SERVICE  
ALLIANCE  
OF THE NASHUA AREA

The community initiative for harm reduction

## What is a Syringe Services Program (SSP)?

A community-based public health program that provides comprehensive harm reduction services such as:

- Sterile needles, syringes, and injection equipment
- Safe disposal containers for needles and syringes
- HIV and hepatitis testing and linkage to treatment
- Overdose prevention education and how to use Naloxone, a medication used to reverse overdose
- Referral to substance use disorder treatment, including medication-assisted treatment
- Referral to medical, mental health, and social services
- Tools to prevent HIV, STDs, and hepatitis including counseling, condoms, and vaccinations

Senate Bill 234-FN passed in June of 2017 officially legalizing Syringe Service Programs in NH. Read SB 234-FN here: <http://bit.ly/2iLVick>

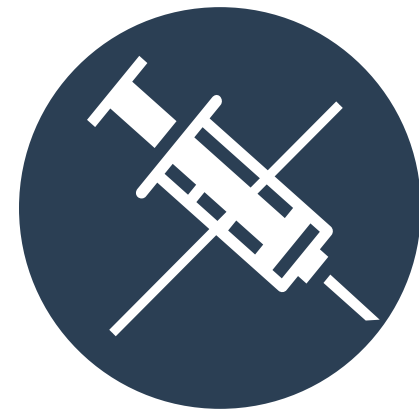
# Syringe Service Alliance of the Nashua Area (SSANA)

## What is SSANA?

SSANA is a syringe services program (SSP) that services the Greater Nashua Region. It is a community initiative for harm reduction.

## How Do SSPs Benefit

### Communities and Public Safety?



Reduce new HIV and viral hepatitis infections by decreasing sharing of syringes and other injection equipment



Reduce drug use and increase entry into Substance Use Disorder treatment



Reduce needlestick injuries among first responders and the public



Prevention saves health care dollars by preventing infections



Reduce overdose deaths by teaching people who inject drugs (PWID) how to prevent and respond to drug overdose

5x

More likely for a PWID to enter into treatment when using an SSP

1 in 3

Number of officers who may be stuck with a needle during their career

3,600

Less HIV diagnoses among PWID in 2015

\$400k

Estimated lifetime cost of treating one person living with HIV

## SSPs DO NOT INCREASE DRUG USE OR CRIME

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