



# California Prevention Training Center

## Syringe Services Program (SSP) Workshop

### “Exploring What’s Working & Where Change Needs to Happen”

March 18 – 19, 2021

#### AGENDA

#### By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

1. Enhance best practices for health jurisdictions in the west geographic region of the United States in harm reduction & SSPs during COVID-19
2. Incorporate effective & genuine involvement of priority populations in program development & delivery
3. Discuss delivery of HIV and SSP services in nontraditional venue spaces, including telehealth.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021

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<b>10:00 AM - 10:15 AM</b>	<b>Welcome and Overview of SSP Institute, Day 1</b> <i>Duran Rutledge, CAPTC</i>
<b>10:15 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Provider Panel Discussion 1</b> Panel of state and local syringe service providers will be led through a conversation highlighting the current state of SSP services. They will share what’s working and where change needs to happen. They will also discuss how COVID-19 has impacted their delivery of SSP activities. Attendees will have the opportunity for questions and answers.  <b>Moderator:</b> Emma Roberts, National Harm Reduction Coalition  <b>Panelists:</b> Loris Mattox, <i>Capacity Building Specialist, California Dept of Public Health, Office of AIDS</i> Stephanie Cole, <i>Prevention &amp; Harm Reduction Programs Director for Open Aid Alliance - Montana</i> Heather E. Bush, <i>HIV Team Lead, HIV &amp; STD Program Utah Department of Health</i>
<b>11:00 AM – 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Break 15-minute</b>
<b>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout Session 1: Public Health Vending Machines - From Conceptualization to Implementation</b> Session Summary: This presentation will discuss conceptualization steps such as community engagement and planning as well as implementation steps and lessons learned to help organizations that are planning to utilize vending machines for harm reduction, public health, and syringe services.  <b>Facilitators:</b> Chelsi Cheatom, <i>Program Manager, Trac-B Exchange</i> Jessica A. Johnson, <i>MPH, CHES, CPS, Sr, Health Educator Southern Nevada Health District</i>

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<p><b>Aunsha Hall-Everett</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout Session 2: Backwoods Harm Reduction</b>          Session Summary: Offering syringe services in rural and frontier areas often comes with unique challenges. The nature of rural living includes geographic barriers, extended travel, political opposition, and increased stigma and fear of being recognized while accessing services. This presentation will delve into what challenges Plumas County’s syringe services program has faced, and some of the solutions they’ve developed to handle them.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b>          James Wilson, <i>Plumas County Public Health Agency</i></p>
<p><b>Shavar Johnson</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout Session 3: Meeting People Where They Are: The Intersection of Cultural Humility and Harm Reduction</b>          Session Summary: As more community organizations and health departments initiate syringe services programs, there is an increasing need for program staff to assess how their personal and organizational relationships with community influence and inform their work. Through a series of guided conversations, participants will be encouraged to explore the principles of cultural humility, reflect on issues of implicit bias, and discuss strategies for how to effectively build meaningful and respectful relationships with SSP participants.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b>          Carsen Beckwith, <i>AIDS United</i></p>
<p><b>12:00 PM – 12:15 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Large Group Session Debrief 1</b></p>
<p><b>12:15 PM – 12:30 PM</b></p>	<p>Next Steps &amp; End of Day 1</p>



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<b>10:00 AM - 10:15 AM</b>	<b>Welcome Back/Review</b> <i>Duran Rutledge, CAPTC</i>
<b>10:15 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Service Participants Panel Discussion 2</b> Panel of SSP service participants (current and former) will be led through a conversation highlighting what makes an effective syringe services program, what’s working and where change needs to happen. The panel will also share how if any COVID-19 has impacted access to SSP resources. Attendees will have the opportunity for questions and answers.  <b>Moderator:</b> Tanagra Melgarejo, <i>National Harm Reduction Coalition</i>  <b>Panelists:</b> Sam Junge Angie Pittaluga Tommy Rayes
<b>11:00 AM – 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Break 15-minute</b>
<b>11:15 AM – 12: 00 PM</b>	<b>Breakout Session 4: Radical Syringe Access: Harm Reduction without Barriers</b> Session Summary: Harm Reduction programs must negotiate a variety of institutional and practical imperatives as they design and deliver services. Community-based programs like the Portland People's Outreach Project (PPOP) are uniquely positioned to advance innovative public health interventions while - and by - uncompromisingly prioritizing participants' needs. This discussion will provide an overview of the principles and practices that can help traditional Syringe Service Programs (SSP's) advance a radical version of Harm Reduction that is committed to eliminating barriers to access and to centering the voices and needs of People Who Use Drugs (PWUD).  <b>Facilitators:</b> Elona Dellabough-Gormley, <i>Outreach Coordinator, Portland People's Outreach Project</i> ; Sam Junge, <i>Harm Reduction Coordinator, Portland People's Outreach Project</i>
<b>Shavar Johnson</b>	
<b>Deborah Wyatt-O’Neal</b>	<b>Breakout Session 5: Unconditional Positive Regard the Intersectionality of Harm Reduction and Spirituality</b> Session Summary: Can harm reduction happen within the faith-based community? That’s a question that will be explored during this informative session on the intersectionality of the faith-based community and syringe services. This session will highlight the successful work which Glide Foundation has provided through its HIV/Hep C and Harm Reduction Services Program. Attendees will learn about the <i>Spiritual Concept of Unconditional Positive Regard</i> and how helping is not trying to fix an individual but walking beside them in equal power in their harm reduction journey.

**Facilitator:**

Jason Norelli, *Harm Reduction Navigation Manager, Glide Foundation*

**Breakout Session 6: Mobile Harm Reduction, Street Medicine as a Medical Home**

Session Summary: This session will discuss impactful engagement of people who actively use drugs, chaotic use vs abstinence and working in the spectrum of harm reduction. Using strength-based approaches and motivational interviewing with participants to encourage behavior that results in healthier outcomes. Making collaborations that create networks to address impacts of the pandemic, housing crisis, fentanyl laced drug supply, and mental health. Stepping up telehealth for access to Medication Assistance Treatment (MAT).

**Patrick Piper**

**Facilitator:**

Braunz E. Courtney, *Executive Director, HIV Education & Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC)*

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**Large Group Session Debrief 2**

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**Closing Reflections**