

**Title:** Data to Drive Positive Impact: Adapting the Dave Purchase Memorial Survey to Expand Monitoring and Evaluation of Syringe Services Programs

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Despite the rapid growth of syringe services programs (SSPs) across the United States (US) and their effectiveness in reducing transmission of HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV), there are limited national data to measure the implementation and impact of SSPs. The Dave Purchase Memorial Survey will be conducted from May-August 2022 by the University of Washington (UW) in collaboration with the North American Syringe Exchange Network (NASEN) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This is a national survey of SSPs in the US to collect information about program characteristics, services provided, and program needs. All SSPs in the NASEN directory will be invited to participate in this confidential survey. SSPs that complete the survey will receive a \$125 honorarium. Survey data will be disseminated in a CDC surveillance report and will include crucial public health information around SSP syringe access coverage, HIV/HCV testing services, substance use treatment service, syringe distribution model (e.g., needs-based), and patient navigation services. This panel will include a series of presentations about the purpose, history, implementation, and data from the 2022 survey. First, the CDC will describe their vision for an expanded monitoring and evaluation system for SSPs, including an overview of data collection activities and data use and dissemination plans. Next, Don Des Jarlais will discuss the history of the Dave Purchase Memorial Survey and its most significant impacts. NASEN will then describe their SSP directory and how it has been used for this survey. Finally, UW will have two presentations, which will describe the implementation of the 2022 Dave Purchase Memorial Survey and present key findings from that survey related to SSP operations and services. The panel will conclude with a discussion of how these findings will guide public health collaborations and benefit SSPs and people who use drugs.

**Moderator:** Paul LaKosky, PhD, North American Syringe Exchange Network

**Speakers:**

1. CDC Presenter (to be named), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: *The Road to Expanding CDC's Programs Examining Risk and Prevention among Persons Who Use Drugs*
2. Don Des Jarlais, PhD, New York University: *History and Future of the Dave Purchase Memorial Survey*
3. Stephanie Prohaska, North American Syringe Exchange Network: *Maintaining and Expanding the NASEN SSP Directory*
4. Tianna Kong, MPH, University of Washington: *Implementation of the 2022 Dave Purchase Memorial Survey*
5. Sara Glick, PhD, University of Washington: *National Estimates of Key Indicators of SSP Operations and Services*