

SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM (SSP)

Tennessee Department of Health

[Syringe Services Program\(SSPs\) \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/health/syringe-services-program)

Street Works

[Syringe Service Program | \(streetworks.org\)](https://www.streetworks.org/syringe-service-program)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

[Syringe Services Programs Factsheet \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/syringe-services-programs-factsheet)

Nationally, syringe services programs (SSPs) are community-based prevention programs that provide a range of services including linkage to substance use disorder treatment; access to and disposal of sterile syringes and injection equipment; and vaccination, testing, and linkage to care and treatment for infectious diseases.

SSPs Facts

Per the CDC, there is an abundance of research that demonstrates SSPs are safe, effective, and cost-saving, do not increase illegal drug use or crime, and play an important role in reducing the transmission of viral hepatitis, HIV, and other infections.

- Helps prevent transmission of blood-borne infections
- Helps stop substance use
- Helps support public safety