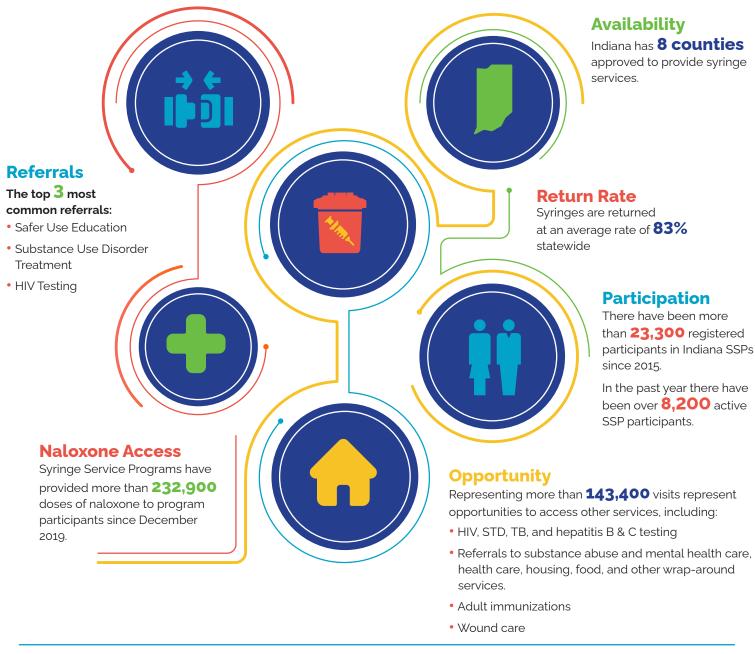
## **Indiana Department of Health**

## Syringe Service Program DID YOU KNOW?



## **Syringe Service Programs:**

- Do not encourage starting or continuing with injection drug use, and in fact, are effective at reducing injection drug use and assisting people in their recovery.<sup>1</sup>
- Have been studied for 40 years and have been proven effective.<sup>2</sup>
- Are public health programs open to anyone in need of new injecting equipment including those with diabetes and other conditions requiring syringes.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hagan H, et al. Reduced injection frequency and increased entry and retention in drug treatment associated with needle-exchange participation in Seattle drug injectors. J Subst Abuse Treat 2000; 19(3):247-52.)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Several studies have found that providing sterilized equipment to injection drug users substantially reduces risk of HIV infection, increases the probability that they will initiate drug treatment, and does not increase drug use." (National HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy for the United States, 2010)