

Gateway to Hope
Syringe Service Program
August 11, 2017 – December 31, 2019



Gateway to Hope Syringe Service Program Harm Reduction since August 2017

- Evidence-based response to local public health emergency due to rising hepatitis C infections
- Goals:
 - Reduce new cases of hepatitis C in Tippecanoe County
 - Prevent an HIV outbreak in Tippecanoe County
 - Provide safe disposal of syringes
 - Serve as a path to treatment by linking participants to drug treatment, healthcare, and social services
- Current locations:
 - Tippecanoe County Health Department, 629 N. 6th Street (Fridays 1 – 3:30 pm)
 - IU Arnett Clinic, 2600 Greenbush (3rd Saturday of the month 9 am – noon) (MOBILE)
 - Moving to Lafayette Transitional Housing Center (LTHC), 815 N. 12th Street (Fridays 1 – 4 pm)
 - New TCHD Mobile Clinic, Tuesday afternoons at LTHC

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SYRINGE DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION

AUGUST 11, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2019

421 PARTICIPANTS

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED: 69,385 **TOTAL COLLECTED: 111,981**



12,388 (New participants @ 1st visit)

+

56,997 (Returning participants)



56,083 (1,999 @ 1st visit + 54,084 @ return visits)

+

55,898 (Community Drop Off)

56,083/69,385* = 80.8% (52% on 9/30/17, 57% on 11/30/17, 59.5% on 12/31/17, 71% on 3/31/18, 78.5% on 6/30/18, 79.8% on 9/30/18, 79.1% on 11/14/18, 78.8% on 12/31/18, 79.5% on 3/31/19, 79.9% on 6/30/19)

* includes syringes distributed to new participants and distributed at end of reporting period for ongoing harm reduction

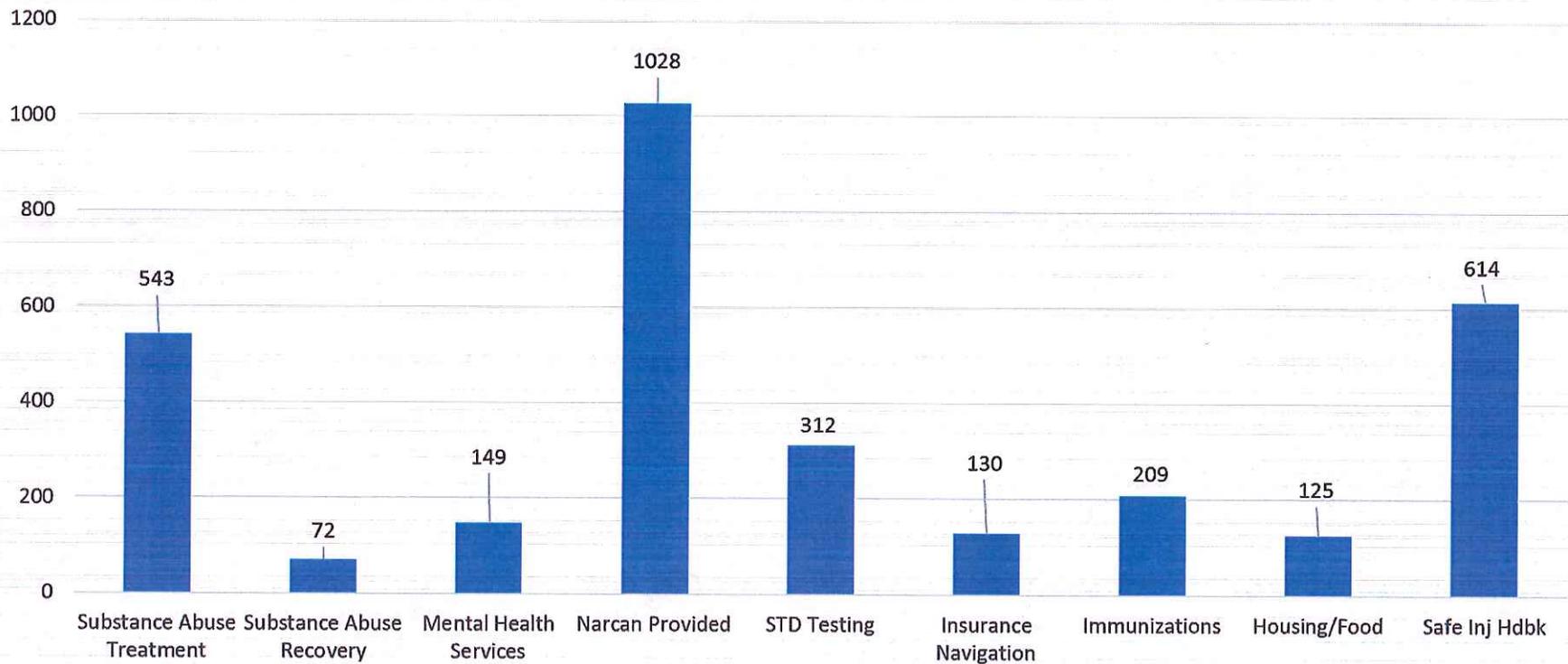
54,084/56,997 = 94.9% (85.3% on 11/30/17, 93.3% on 12/31/17, 101.5% on 3/31/18, 105.7% on 6/30/18, 101.7% on 9/30/18, 98.7% on 11/14/18, 95.6% on 12/31/18, 95.6% on 3/31/19, 94.8% on 6/30/19)

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- 78% of participants have been tested for Hepatitis C
- 82% of participants have been tested for HIV



Gateway to Hope August 11, 2017 – December 31, 2019 Linkages to Care

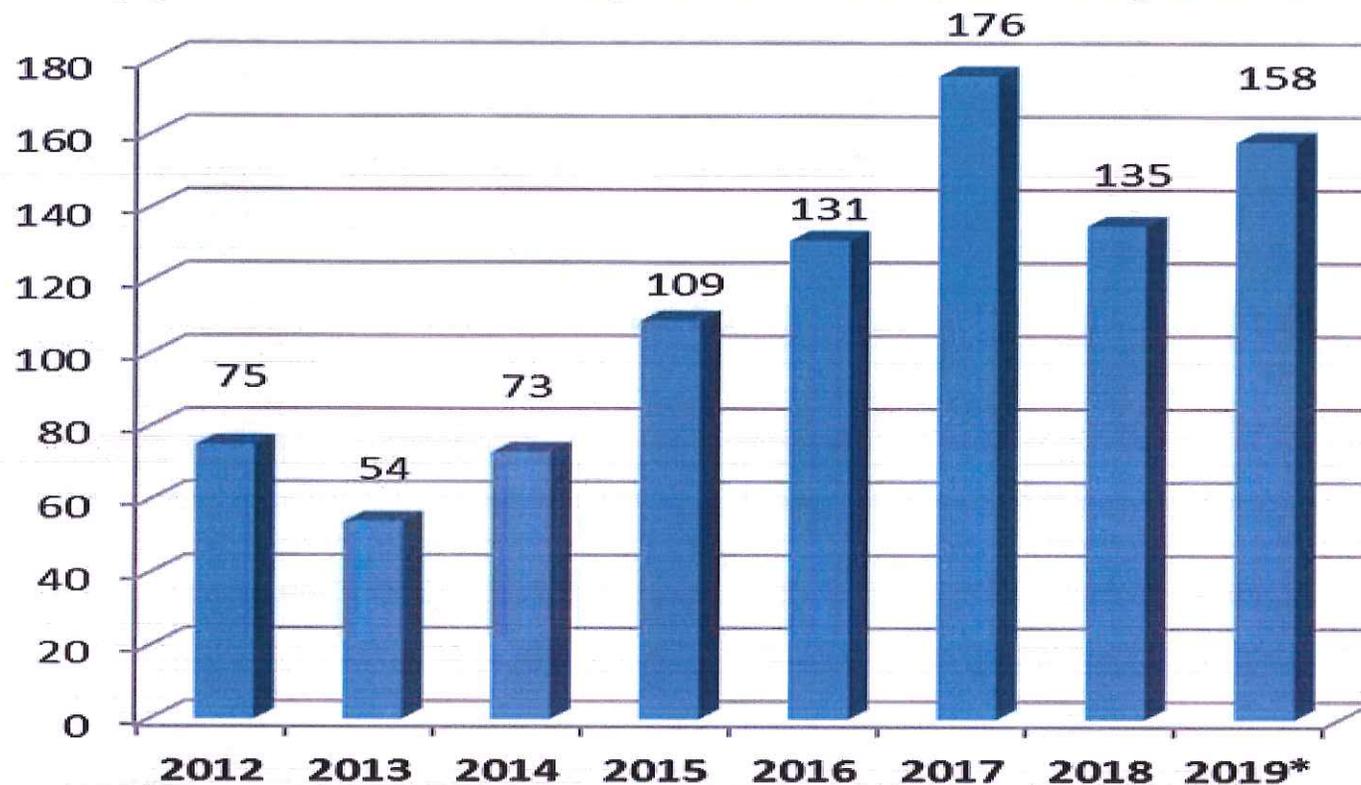


Gateway to Hope Community Clean-Up

- August 11, 2017 – December 31, 2019:
 - 13 syringes found
 - 91 bags of trash collected

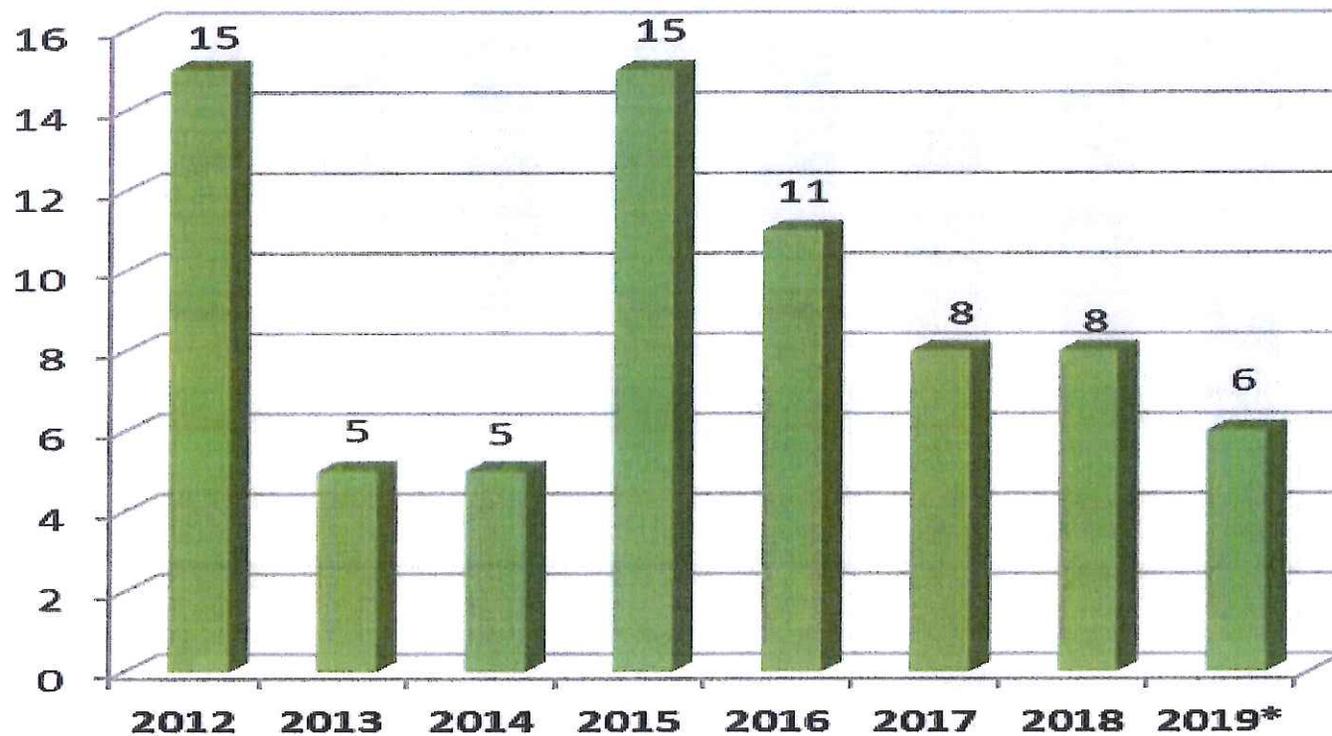


Tippecanoe County New Chronic Hepatitis C Cases



* Preliminary data for January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019
Source: Indiana State Department of Health

Tippecanoe County New HIV Cases

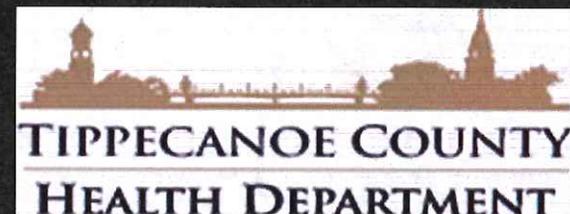
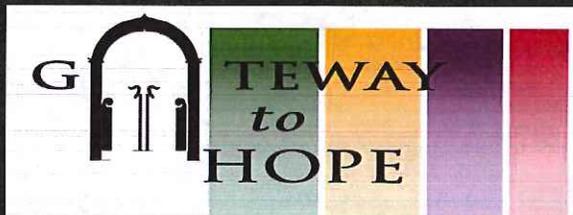


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Dynamics of the HIV outbreak and response in Scott County, IN, USA, 2011–15: a modelling study

Gonsalves GS, Crawford FW. *The Lancet HIV*. October 1, 2018.

- Local public health leaders recommended a syringe exchange and other programs to prevent HIV transmission *several years before the Scott County outbreak*, but their recommendations were rejected
- HIV infections in Scott County could have been reduced from 215 to ...
 - *fewer than 56* if officials had acted in 2013
 - *fewer than 10* if officials had responded to HCV outbreak in 2010-2011

New TCHD Mobile Clinic



What the experts are saying . . .

“The science shows that syringe service programs work. They save lives and money. Study after study shows they don’t lead to increased drug use or crime.”

-- *Dr. Thomas Frieden, CDC Director, 2016*

“[Syringe service programs] are proven to save lives, both by preventing the spread of diseases like HIV and hepatitis C and by connecting people to treatment that can put them on a path to recovery.”

-- *Dr. Jerome Adams, U.S. Surgeon General, 2017*