



DIVISION: COMMUNITY HEALTH

# SYRINGE SERVICES

PROGRAM



## REDUCING HARM, PROMOTING HEALTH

Our program serves as a hub for a network of local organizations and agencies that provide health and syringe exchange services to people who use injection drugs. We also offer education and resources needed in the community to prevent drug overdoses and save lives. By treating clients with respect and working to reduce stigma, we strive to create an environment where health, healing, and recovery are supported.

*“I love to watch how people respond when treated with dignity and respect. I love to watch them open up and see new possibilities. I love the connection!”*

*Kaela Moontree, BA, Healthy Communities Specialist*

## WHAT WE DO

**Together with our syringe services partners, our program focused on these activities in 2022:**

- Supporting community providers that collect and dispose of used syringes and provide clean syringes, to reduce the risk of disease and injury.
  - Providing overdose education and naloxone to people who inject drugs and the community at large.
  - Providing referrals to substance use disorder treatment, Hepatitis C and HIV testing and treatment, physical and behavioral health care, and social services.
  - Facilitating the Peninsula Harm Reduction Network, which includes member organizations in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam counties.
- Current network members represent the substance use disorder treatment centers, mental health providers, the State Department of Health and two syringe exchange programs: Peninsula Community Health Services and People’s Harm Reduction Alliance.

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## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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### AT A GLANCE

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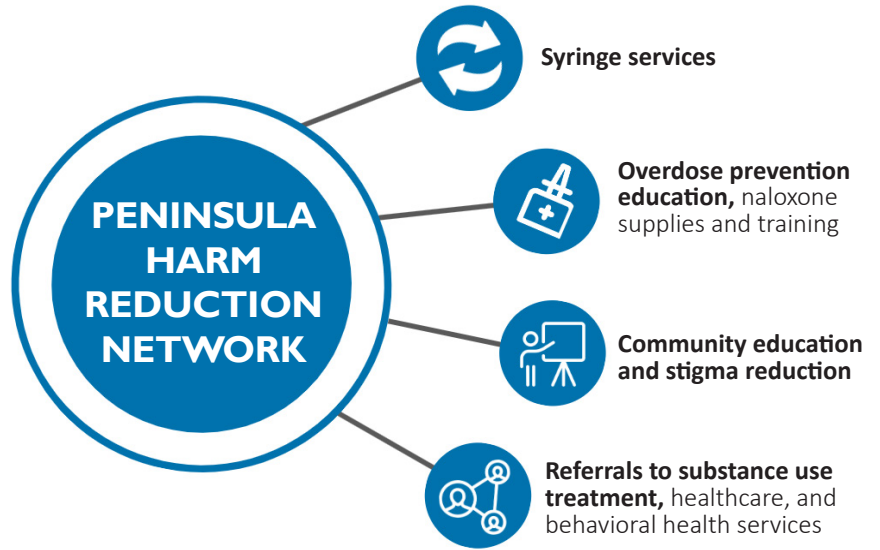
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**2021 FTE STAFF:** 1.2

**GRANTS OR SPECIAL FUNDING FOR 2022:**

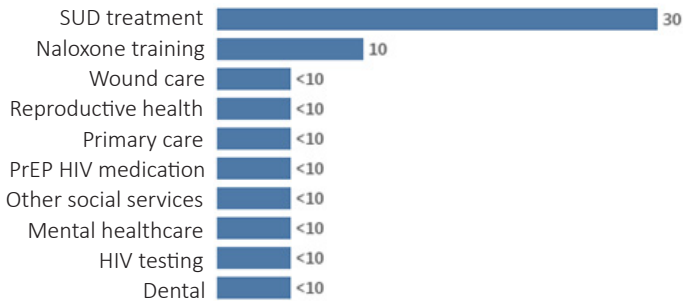
- Overdose Data to Action (OD2A)

*Thank you to our funders and community partners for their continued support!*



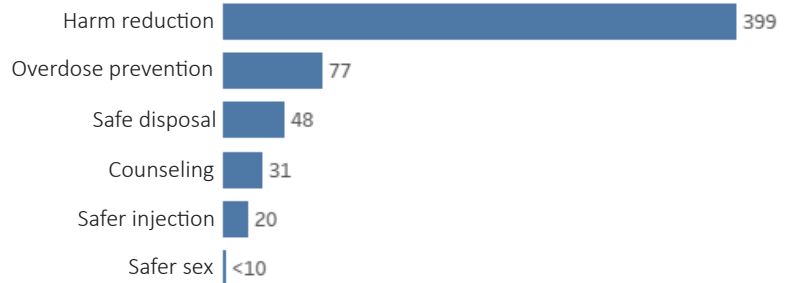
### REFERRALS

*Referrals accepted by syringe services clients.*



### EDUCATION

*Education accepted by syringe services clients.*



### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

2023 will be a year of transition for our program. **Kitsap Public Health** is reorganizing its overdose and substance use work under the **Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention program**.

We will implement new public health strategies to respond to the opioid epidemic, in partnership with other Kitsap agencies.

### 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

144

Naloxone trainings provided for ...

23

community organizations

1,305

Naloxone kits distributed by Peninsula Harm Reduction Network, Peninsula Community Services, and Kitsap Public Health

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