

BALTIMORE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



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NEP SCHEDULE:

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Monroe & Ramsey *Greenmount & 23rd</p> <p>12:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Westwood and Mount, & Calhoun Streets *Harford Rd & Cliftview</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. *Montford & Biddle</p> <p>8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *Freemont & Riggs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *Montford and Biddle * Pratt & Carey</p> <p>12:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Freemont & Riggs *Barclay & 23rd</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. * Monroe & Ramsey</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Baltimore & Conkling (Highlandtown)</p> <p>8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. *Fremont and Riggs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Pontiac & 9th Ave. *North & Rosedale</p> <p>12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. * Washington & Carey *Monroe & Ramsey</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. *Baltimore & Gay (The Block) *Services offered on The Block: Overdose Prevention (Staying Alive, 2nd Thursday)</p> <p>Baltimore Health Care Access (1st and 3rd Thursdays)</p> <p>Reproductive Health Services: *Birth Control *Emergency Contraception *Gardasil Vaccinations *Referrals to Prenatal Care *Referrals to JHU CAP Program *Referrals to full comprehensive exams at one of our BCHD Clinics</p> <p>*Reproductive Health Services are provided on the 1st three Thursday's of each month</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Park Heights & Spaulding *Caroline & Monument</p> <p>12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. *Westwood, Mount & Calhoun Streets *Barclay & 23rd</p> <p>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Washington & Carey</p> <p>8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. *Montford & Biddle</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>12:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm *Fremont & Riggs</p> |
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PLEASE NOTE: Needle Exchange will be closed on the following dates:

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - GOOD FRIDAY

MONDAY, MAY 31 – MEMORIAL DAY

HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Needle Exchange Program is an HIV and Hepatitis C prevention program that offers intravenous drug users risk reduction education and clean syringes to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. The program also provides access to drug treatment. To become a participant of the Needle Exchange Program all you need to do is register at any of our locations. The participant must be an injecting drug user. This program is free and confidential. No identification is required for registration.

| RULES FOR NEEDLE EXCHANGE CLIENTS | DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAINING |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respect other clients, the staff, and the neighborhoods that the NEP operates in. ▪ Never expose needles outside of the van or pharmacy. ▪ No soliciting of any kind on the van or outside of the van. ▪ Recap all Syringes. ▪ Do not break the points off the syringes. ▪ Rubber band all syringes in sets of 5. ▪ Please do not pass syringes to other clients in the line to exchange on your behalf. ▪ Please do not consume alcohol beverages or use any drugs in line or while being serviced. ▪ Please no loitering or littering around needle exchange sites. ▪ Please do not make any money transactions in the line or around the van while waiting to exchange. ▪ Please do not bundle or unbundle syringes while on the van ▪ A Wound Care Kit will be provided one time only. | <p>Do you know how to decrease your chance of overdosing or assist someone who has overdosed? If not, you can get training in our drug overdose prevention program.</p> <p><u>TRAINING SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p><u>Baltimore Behavioral Health:</u> Every Tuesday -- 3:00 pm</p> <p><u>Johns Hopkins @ Bayview (Center for Learning and Health)</u> 3rd Thursday of every month 11:00 am</p> <p><u>University of Maryland Methadone Clinic: Walter P Carter</u> Every Friday – 11:00 am</p> <p><u>University of Maryland: 701 Pratt Street</u> Every Tuesday 9:00 am</p> <p><u>Gaudenzia: 3643 Woodland Avenue</u> 1st and 4th Wednesday of every month – 3:00 pm</p> <p><u>Park west Medical Center: 5120 Patterson Avenue</u> 3rd Wednesday 10:00 am of every month</p> <p><u>Glenwood Life Methadone Clinic:</u> Every Monday – 10:30 am</p> <p>For more information call Thomas at 410-396-3733</p> |

HEPATITIS A & B VACCINE CLINIC

The Needle Exchange will be conducting a mobile vaccine clinic that will be providing Hepatitis A and B vaccines as well as Influenza at the following sites: Monroe & Ramsey on Mondays 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Baltimore & Gay Streets Site 8:30 p.m. -11:30 p.m.

INTERESTED IN DRUG TREATMENT?

HOW TO OBTAIN A DRUG TREATMENT SLOT: We give out slots on a first come, first serve basis. Please come early to a site and ask a Health Educator about openings upon entering location. We will try to make a referral or assist you with obtaining a referral from another source. Remember! Try not to get frustrated—We want to help you get into treatment. We get slots as they become available. Sometimes there may be a short waiting period.

WE NOW HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF TREATMENT SLOTS AVAILABLE

DIRECT OBSERVED THERAPY PROGRAM

If you are HIV positive and need assistance with medical care and taking your medication as prescribed, we can assist you. We assist with transportation to medical appointments and delivery of medications 5 days a week. **For more information call Elmer Carmon at 443-865-1226**