"After reviewing all of the research to date, the senior scientists of the Department and I have unanimously agreed that there is conclusive scientific evidence that syringe exchange programs, as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention strategy, are an effective public health intervention that reduces the transmission of HIV and does not encourage the use of illegal drugs." ¹

- Dr. David Satcher - US Surgeon General, HHS

...Addiction is an illness...to stem the tide of this epidemic and combat the stigma that often accompanies it, we must build partnerships across our communities and with our counterparts at the local, state and federal levels.

"...It has been said that in every crisis lies the seed of opportunity, and the opioid crisis presents an invaluable opportunity...to assess the way we respond to addiction and to formulate lasting and equitable responses that promote health, safety and opportunity for all members of our communities."

"You don't get over an addiction by stopping using. You recover by creating a new life where it is easier to not use. If you don't create a new life, then all the factors that brought you to your addiction will catch up with you again."

- HealthyPlace.com -

¹"Evidence-Based Findings on the Efficacy of Syringe Exchange Programs: An Analysis from the Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General of the Scientific Research Completed Since April 1998," (Washington, DC: Dept. of Health and Human Services, 2000), p. 11.



Family Health Services of Darke County, Inc 5735 Meeker Rd, Greenville, Ohio 45331





This health center receives HHS funding and has Federal Public Health Service (PHS) deemed status with respect to certain health or health related claims. This includes medical malpractice claims for Family Health and its staff. Family Health is protected by the Federal Tort Claim Act Program (FTCA).





Harm Reduction Clinic & One-to-One Needle Exchange

XChange is designed to help men and women who struggle with drug misuse by offering clean needles, education and referrals to addiction treatment services.

According to the national **Harm Reduction Coalition**, needle exchange programs "are one of the most effective methods of disease prevention among injection drug users. Over a decade's worth of scientific research concludes that syringe exchange programs play an essential role in reducing the spread of blood-borne illnesses such as HIV and Hepatitis B and C."

XChange will provide a one-to-one exchange. Anyone who comes in with a dirty needle will get a new needle, and will have access to basic medical supplies, education about misuse and addiction and referrals to addiction treatment services.

Leadership and Staffing

Medical Director:

Anna Hatic, DO

Project Manager/Coordinator:

Lauren Spoltman, Pharm. D

Prevention Educator/SBIRT Coordinator:

Maggie Kremer

Clinic MAT Provider:

Tim Kathman, MD

Narcan/Overdose Training:

Family Health Pharmacists

Psychosocial Care Coordinator:

Scott Warren

Receptionist

Insurance Navigator (Appointment Only)

Nursing Staff

Community Support

- Darke County Health Department
- Darke County Sheriff's Office
- Darke County Coroner's Office
- Family Health Clinicians
- Wayne Healthcare
- Coalition for a Healthy Darke County

"We support Xchange because it will connect the folks who are struggling with addiction to healthcare providers who can work with them and help them get treatment. The program also will help reduce needle stick injuries to law enforcement officers and first responders."

Sheriff Mark Whittaker

Program

Vision:

Education, Comprehensive Harm Reduction, and Referral for Addiction Treatment

Hours & Location:

2nd and 4th Fridays 10AM-2PM Family Health Dental Clinic 5735 Meeker Rd Greenville, OH 45331 (937) 547-2321

Services

- Harm Reduction Education
- Confidential testing for Hepatitis, HIV and pregnancy
- Condom distribution
- One for one (1:1) exchange of dirty needles for clean needles
- Wound assessment
- Overdose education and prevention
- Narcan training and distribution
- Fentanyl test strips
- Insurance assistance
- Social service consultation
- Linkage to medical care
- Linkage to addiction treatment
- Provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) on site

Supporting Legislation

- Ohio House Bill 64—(R.C.3707.57) authorizes the Ohio board of health to establish blood borne infectious disease prevention programs. Specifically, for HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C.
- Ohio House Bill 170—May train and prescribe naloxone to third parties (not just the at-risk person)
- ORC 3707.47—The Board of Health will include details about the program in its annual report.