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Subject: Get your Free Syringes from Ira Dove / Megan Hauser at Haywood County DSS.

I put the following link on my website, <u>www.haywoodtp.net</u> almost three (3) years ago, thinking I was doing a public service.

Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP). Safe Syringe Disposal in Haywood County - Tips for our community. <u>1/10/2020...</u>

https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/200110Handout-SafeSyringeDisposal.pdf

Well guess what, dirty needles have exploded across Haywood County since then, and do you know what, some of the same people identified in this handout are the same people who are enabling drug addiction and use in this community as we speak. Here are a brief list of names:

- Ira Dove
- Tommy Long
- Brandon Rodgers
- http://www.healthyhaywood.com/
- Megan Hauser
- Michele Rogers
- Nicole Kott
- Entire Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen + Mayor, Specifically Anthony Sutton
- Becka Goldstien
- Lauren Wood
- Peer Support Specialists
- Meridian
- Share Project
- Etc., etc., etc...

I applied for my very own #NC SyringeAccess Participant Identification Card from NC Harm Reduction back in June of 2020. Jesse Dunlap very kindly supplied me with my own card on 6/1/2020.

#NC SYRINGEACCESS PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION CARD	OR TH CAROLIN
DATE ISSUED: 0/1/2020	To verify an individual's participation in NCHRC's syringe
The carrier of this card is a participant in a certified North Carolina-approved syringe access program as specified in NC G.S. 90-113.27. As such, the carrier of this card is exempt from Ucharge and prosecution for the possession of syringes and other	exchange program, please call (910) 685-5596
Conjunction supplies, as well as exempt from charge and prosecution for any residual amounts of a controlled substance contained in the syringe or other injection supplies. Possession of	OUCTION CO
supplies, obtained from the NCHRC to reduce the spread of HIV and and other blood borne pathogens, is authorized by the law.	WWW.NCHRC.ORG

I have been waiting patiently ever since for my very own supply of safe needle syringes. (Of course, I did not have any dirty/used needles to turn in).

Guess how many needles I have received from NC Harm Reduction? Zero! (0).

What did I want these needles for? I assure you it was for a very valid reason. As an engineer, I sometimes repair very tiny things, like watch repair, and find it useful to use a needle to apply a precise precision drop of oil at a hard to reach place, and syringe needles make the perfect application tool.

How am I to store a bunch of safe needles from NC Harm Reduction, I thought to myself?

I know, I will make a **David Francis** voodoo doll and use it as a pin cushion for all my needles! See the following elements.



All I need to construct is a nice little **David Francis** name tag to hang right beside the bone!

But wait! My mind is racing. I could supply this idea to **Ira Dove**, **Haywood County DSS**, and the folks at **Healthy Haywood**, and they could have a little army of volunteers create a whole bunch of these and hand them out to folks next to the Salvation Army Collection stations outside Walmart next Christmas Season.

So, If you are in need of a fresh supply of needles, all you have to do is to call **Megan Hauser** at (828) 452-6675. For those of you that are not informed, that is the main telephone number for **Ira Dove** at the Haywood County Health Department.

Megan Hauser will provide two additional phone numbers -

- (910) 228-0776 (the same number on the handout I put out almost three (3) years ago),
- (828) 365-8515, and they will drive to your door, home or tent, and supply you with all the needles you need, plus fentanyl test strips you could use.

Enabling at it's best, as only **Ira Dove** and DSS can do.

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SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL IN HAYWOOD COUNTY



Tips for our community

SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL

Used syringes carry a potential disease risk and should be disposed of properly. There are several safe, accessible options in Haywood County:

- Syringe ("sharps") disposal containers are available in many restrooms in Haywood County. They are currently located in the following areas:
 - Haywood Community College Auditorium restrooms
 - o Haywood County Justice Center/Courthouse restrooms
 - o Hazelwood Village public parking lot restrooms
 - Town of Waynesville Recreation Center and parks restrooms (including Vance Street Park, Recreation Park and Dutch Fisher field)
 - Waynesville Shell Gas Station/Mountain Energy restrooms
 - Personal bio-bins may be requested by contacting NC Harm Reduction Coalition
- **Trash cans**: Syringes may be discarded in personal trash *if placed in a hard plastic container* such as a laundry jug with the lid sealed and preferably taped and labeled "syringes".
 - Haywood County Health & Human Services (Health Department) collects laundry jugs for distribution for safe disposal.

SYRINGE LITTER

If you find a syringe in public:

- Don't touch, unless you have gloves, tongs and a safe syringe disposal container accessible.
- Call NC Harm Reduction Coalition staff to report the location of the syringe(s) and their staff will handle proper disposal. Direct contact information is listed below.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- Haywood County HHSA (Health Department)
 - Contact HHSA at (828) 452-6675 with questions; ask for Megan Hauser or Lauren Wood.
 - Please bring empty laundry jugs to the Health Department front desk at 157 Paragon Parkway, Suite 800, Clyde NC 28721.
- NC Harm Reduction Coalition
 - Contact NCHRC to report syringes for disposal or request emptying of syringe disposal boxes.
 - Gariann Yochym: (910) 228-9322
 - o Jesse-Lee Dunlap: (910) 228-0776

Thanks for helping keep Haywood County a safe and clean community!

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