

# The Syringe Services Program (SSP)

The SPOT offers the only Syringe Services Program (SSP) approved by the Broward County Commission established under the Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA).

Validated by the CDC, SSPs take used needles off the streets and prevent overdoses by providing education, medical care, and linkage to substance use disorder treatment programs.

SSPs are a catalyst to encouraging users to begin recovery—someone who takes part in an SSP is five times more likely to enter a treatment program.

We link those ready for care, based on their level of need, to community partners or to our comprehensive outpatient services like our Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program.

## Services Offered

- Safe Syringe Exchange Program
- Naloxone distribution (overdose reversal medication)
- COVID vaccinations
- HIV, HCV, STI, and infectious disease screenings
- Phlebotomy and laboratory services
- On-site or telehealth services:
  - Social services, behavioral health, and medical services, including wound care, hepatitis vaccination, and PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and more
  - Referrals for specialized care



## Community Partners

- Broward Behavioral Health Coalition
- Broward County Department of Health
- Broward County Sheriff's Department
- IDEA Exchange Miami
- South Florida Wellness Network
- United Way of Broward County

## Care Resource

Care Resource is a Federally Qualified Health Center and is open to everyone, regardless of ability to pay. No matter your health needs, citizenship, religious beliefs, gender, age, or if you are insured or uninsured, we care for all.

## Our Mission

Through education, research, care, treatment, and support services, Care Resource improves upon the health and overall quality of life of our diverse South Florida communities in need.

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Special Purpose  
Outreach Team

Addressing the opioid epidemic and increasing access to healthcare for the underserved of Broward County



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## The SPOT Mobile Medical Clinic

Broward County has one of the highest rates of opioid overdose deaths and new HIV infections in Florida. In response to these epidemics and to further extend vital health services into the community, Care Resource established The Special Purpose Outreach Team (The SPOT) Mobile Medical Clinic.

The SPOT offers the only designated Syringe Services Program (SSP) in the county, which is key to reducing the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV), and other blood-borne diseases.

As a gateway to integrated care for individuals with substance use disorders (SUD) and primary medical needs, The SPOT adapts to the ever-changing health landscape to provide critical services such as COVID vaccines.

The SPOT focuses on areas of the county that lack ready access to health-quality and a affordable healthcare and support services. It is dedicated to ending health disparities in historically underserved communities.

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## Broward's Challenge

Broward County has seen a dramatic rise in opioid-related overdoses and overdose deaths with 501 deaths reported in 2019 - the highest number in Florida. In the first six months of 2020 there were 481 due to fentanyl and analogs alone.

## HIV and Hepatitis C

- Broward has one of the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses in Florida with 624 individuals diagnosed in 2019.
- Hepatitis C cases in Broward surged from 1.3 per 100,000 in 2016 to 3.0 in 2019.

Individuals who inject drugs have an exponentially higher risk of contracting blood-borne diseases like HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, skin infections, and infections of the heart. As many struggling with opioid addiction turn to heroin and fentanyl infections climb – The SPOT's SSP is key to preventing these tragedies.

## The U.S. Opioid Epidemic

According to the CDC nearly 50,000 people in the U.S. died from opioid-involved overdoses in 2019. Fatal overdoses have increased by 30% due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The misuse of opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare.

## The SPOT Fund

The SPOT relies largely upon grants and private donations due to the limited and restrictive SSP funding available from the government.

Donations to The SPOT Fund offset the cost of new syringes, support educational and outreach materials, and the operations of our mobile clinic. *Learn more at: [careresource.org/donate](https://www.careresource.org/donate)*



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