

# MYTH BUSTERS:

## Syringe Exchange Programs

To access sterile  
syringes, visit our  
website or download  
the MATTERS  
Network mobile app.

### MYTH:

Syringe exchange services enable  
and encourage illicit drug use.

### FACT:

Access to syringe exchanges does not  
enable substance use. It increases the  
likelihood to engage in treatment.



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### **MYTH:**

Syringe exchange programs (SEPs)  
increase crime rates in communities.

### **FACT:**

SEPs do not encourage crime. They  
help keep neighborhoods clean and  
community members safe.



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