

DAVE PURCHASE PROJECT TACOMA NEEDLE EXCHANGE

Safer Smoking Supply Distribution

12.09.2020 – 12.22.2021

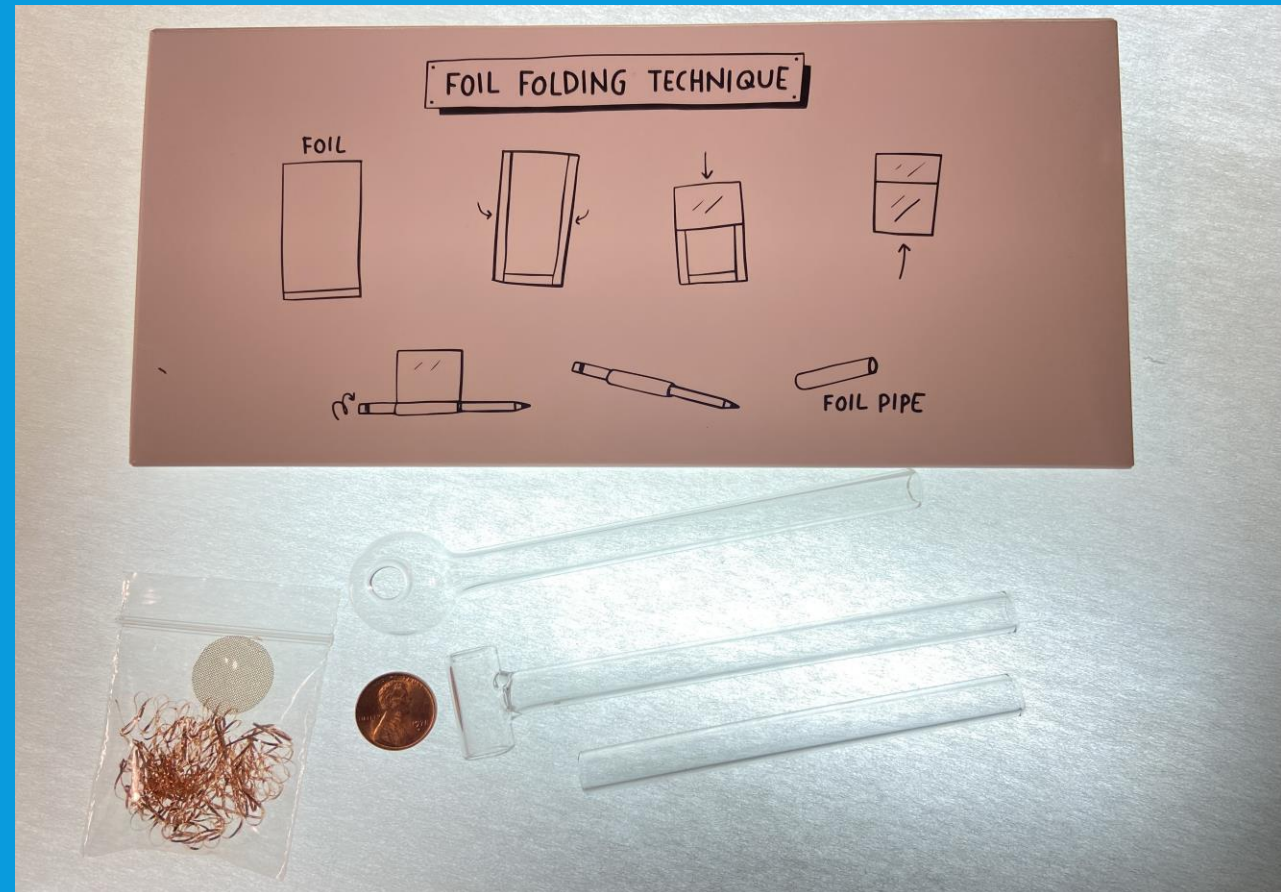
Preliminary Data

DPP SAFER SMOKING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION: PREPARING FOR DISTRIBUTION

- Background: Late Spring 2019
 - Participant Requests/Staff Observations
 - Outreach Team Meetings/Staff Discussion
- How Do We Convince The BOD?
 - Research Proposal
 - Will expanding access to safer smoking supplies lead to a decrease in injection episodes?
 - Participant Surveys
 - Focus Groups
 - 4 Focus groups (Sept. - Oct. 2019)
 - White Paper On the Positive Public Health Impacts of Safer Smoking Supply Distribution
- Proposed to BOD that we would be distributing Safer Smoking Supplies, under strict protocols, for research purposes.
 - Started Distribution of Supplies on 12.06.2020 at one outreach site.

DPP SAFER SMOKING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION: WHAT ARE SAFER SMOKING SUPPLIES?

- Supplies Can Include:
 - Aluminium Foil
 - Bubbles
 - Hammers, i.e., pill pipes
 - Stems
 - Brass Screens
 - Chore Boy, i.e., copper scouring pads
 - Brillo
 - Manicure Sticks
 - Paper Clips
 - Chapstick/Lip Balm
 - Gum
 - Etc.



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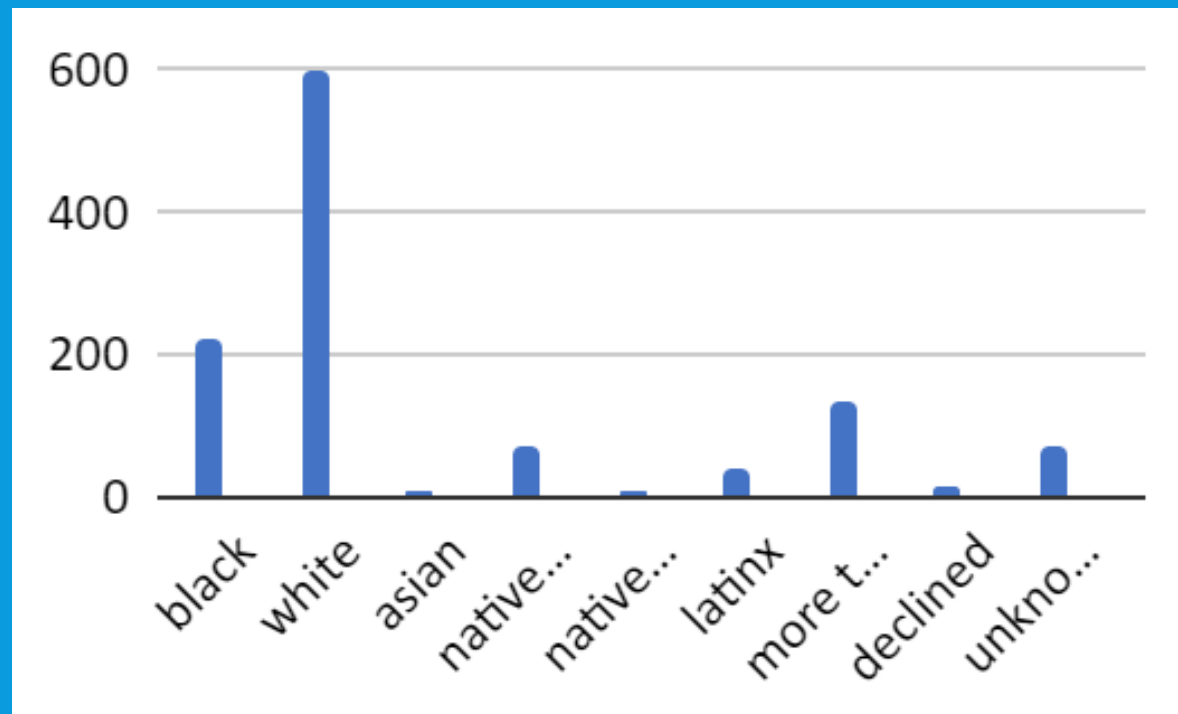
▪ # New Enrollments at G Street	742
▪ # New Enrollees Who Indicated Meth as drug of choice	466 (63%)
▪ # of Unique Individuals	1237
▪ # of Unique Individuals that Received Safer Smoking Supplies	1163 (94%)
▪ Total # Pipes Distributed	3727
▪ # Participants who returned more than 1 time	569 (49%)
▪ Average # pipes distributed per Outreach Session	58

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- 3981 Encounters
 - 1672 (39%) No Syringes, Only Safer Smoking Supplies
 - 42 Syringes and Safer Smoking Supplies
 - 1714 (43%) Received Safer Smoking Supplies
- In the 4 weeks prior to distribution of safer smoking supplies we enrolled 20 new participants.
- In the 4 weeks after starting distribution of safer smoking supplies we enrolled 60 new participants (and this was during an historically slow time for enrollments – last 4 weeks of December)

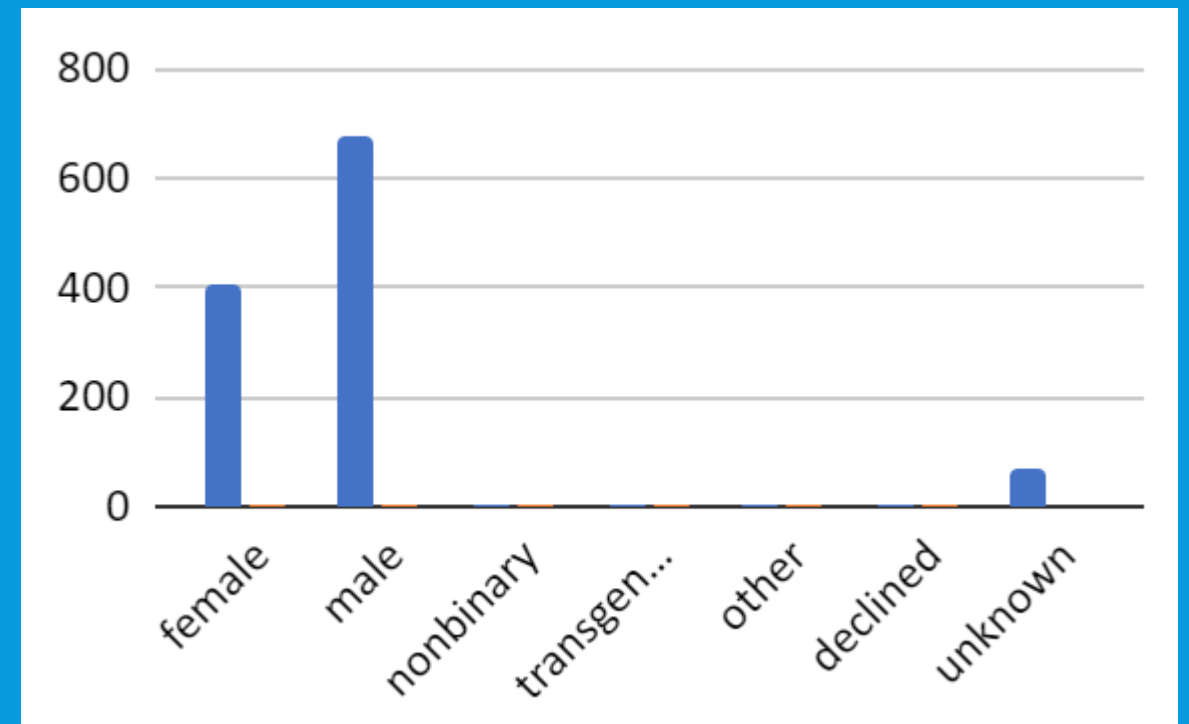
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Race/Ethnicity	#	%
Black	223	19.1
White	599	51.4
Asian	9	0.8
Native American	69	5.9
Native Hawaiian/Pacific islander	5	0.4
Latinx	40	3.4
More than one race	136	11.7
Declined	13	1.1
Unknown	71	6.2
TOTAL	1163	100%



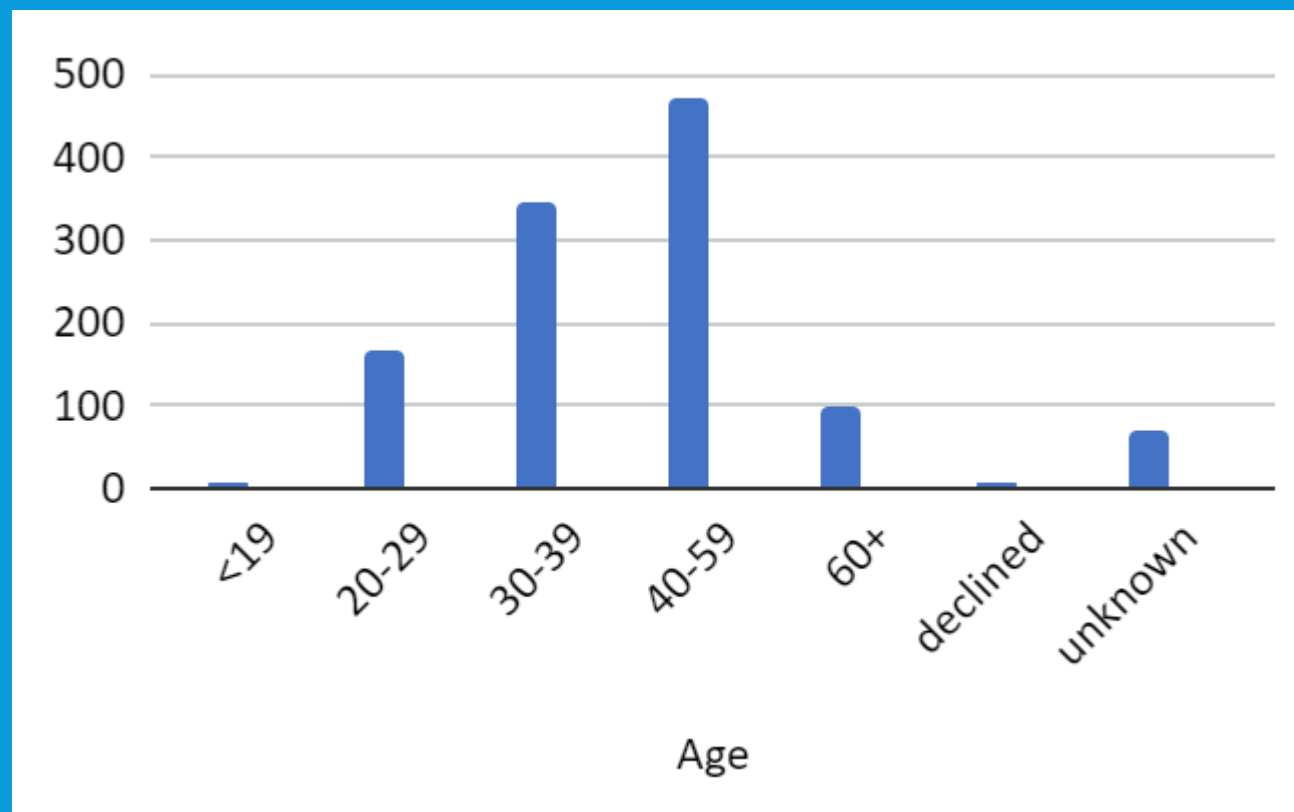
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Gender		
Female	402	34.5%
Male	678	58.2%
Nonbinary	4	0.3%
Transgender	1	0.1%
Other	4	0.3%
Declined	5	0.4%
Unknown	71	6.2%



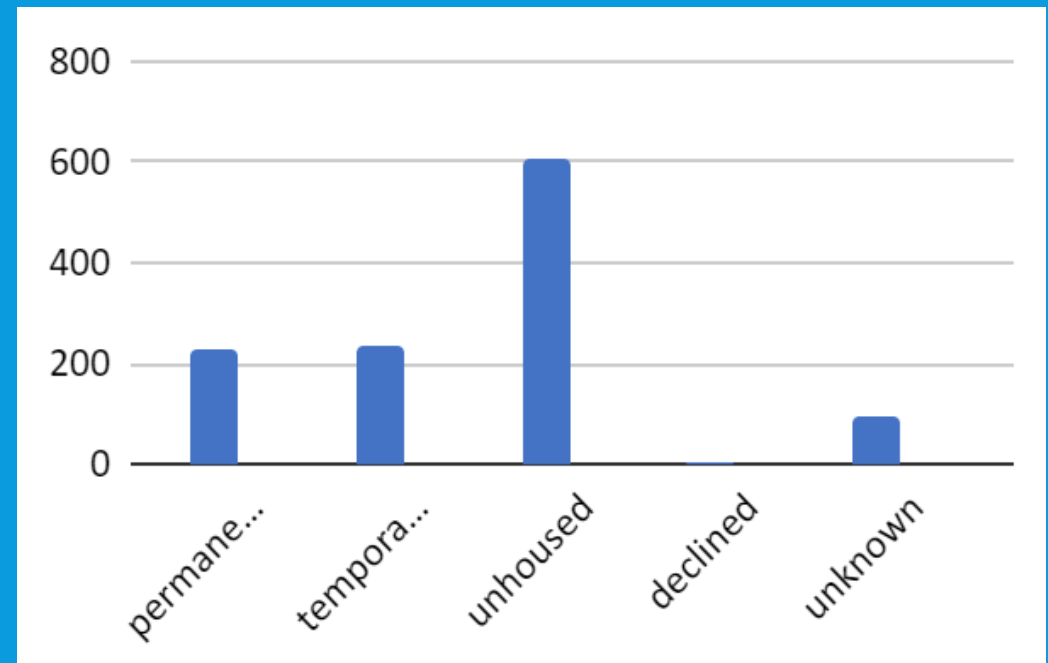
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Age		
<19	7	0.6%
20-29	165	14.2%
30-39	344	29.5%
40-59	471	40.4%
60+	99	8.5%
declined	7	0.6%
unknown	72	6.2%



DPP SAFER SMOKING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION: PRELIMINARY DATA

Housing Status		
Permanently housed	227	19.5%
Temporarily housed	234	20.1%
Unhoused	605	51.9%
Declined	7	0.6%
Unknown	92	7.9%



DPP SAFER SMOKING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION: PRELIMINARY DATA WHAT ARE PARTICIPANTS TELLING US?

- Several participants have reported that, since pipes became available to them, they have stopped injecting.
- We have definitely connected with a much larger demographic of people and so have been able to train more people to use naran.
- Participants have noted that when they have their own pipes they have more autonomy regarding their drug use, e.g., how much, when, etc. In addition, they are not dependant on people they don't feel safe around to share pipes.
- We're in the middle of an ever-evolving respiratory pandemic and folks are able to control the groups of people they share mouth to mouth contact with. Many aren't sharing at all.

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- Many folks who only smoke were under the impression that one cannot overdose if only smoking. We had a chance to educate them of their actual risk, as well as be prepared for it, which they previously were not.
- Many folks who were completely unaware (somehow) that you could smoke heroin at all and have either switched or are interested in doing so.

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- There is limited access to shops within walking distance from many camps that even sell pipes. If someone does have money, and if they are out of stock, then people are without any realistic options to maintain their own smoking supplies at all.
- Reaching a larger and more diverse population of PWUD has allowed us to spread word about our other services, such as low barrier bupe, wound care, peer care navigation services, etc.

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