



## Southern Regional Syringe Services Programs (SSP) and Drug User Health Institute

March 23-24, 2023  
The Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

### DRAFT AGENDA

By the end of this Institute, participants will be able to:

1. Understand SSP and drug user health needs for health departments and community-based organizations on the Southern U.S.
2. Comprehend the public health principles and the latest science in addressing HIV needs of people who inject drugs.
3. Identify best practices from the field related to integrating SSPs into HIV programs.

### Thursday, March 23

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| 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM   | Institute Welcome and Overview  |
| 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM  | Plenary: Dance with the Ones That Brought You: Harm Reduction Intersections and Collaborations in the US South  |
| 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Break   |
| 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM | Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indigenous Harm Reduction</li><li>• HCV Elimination, Treatment Access for PWUD</li><li>• Patient Navigation Demonstration Project</li></ul> |
| 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  | Lunch   |
| 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM   | Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing is Healthcare</li></ul>   |

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|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lived Experience in Leadership</li> <li>• Addressing, Avoiding, and Adapting to Bad Policy</li> </ul> |
| 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Break  |
| 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM | Plenary: Sexual Health, Sex Worker Health, and Reproductive Justice  |
| 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM | Day 1 Reflections and Close Out  |

## Friday, March 24

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| 9:00 AM – 9:15      | Day Two Welcome and Overview  |
| 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM  | Plenary: Southern Policy Landscape and Forecast   |
| 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM | Break   |
| 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM | Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigating Funding for Harm Reduction Services</li> <li>• Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Harm Reduction</li> <li>• Drug Checking: Beyond Test Strips</li> </ul> |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  | Lunch   |
| 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM   | Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harm Reduction Vending Machines</li> <li>• DON Working Session for Unapproved Jurisdictions</li> <li>• Responding to Xylazine: Wound Care Skill-Building</li> </ul>  |
| 2:15 PM – 2:30 PM   | Break   |
| 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM   | Plenary: Community-Led Research Projects and Priorities   |
| 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM   | Institute Reflections and Close Out   |