



Supporting Syringe Service Programs in Idaho

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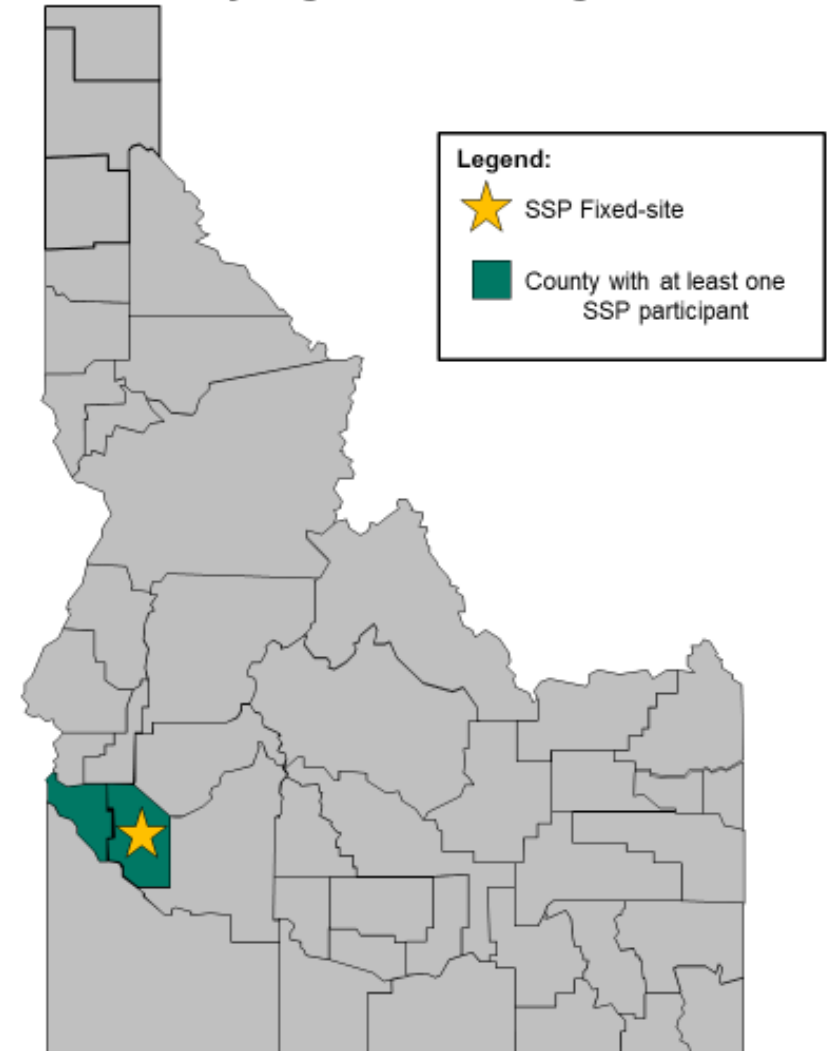


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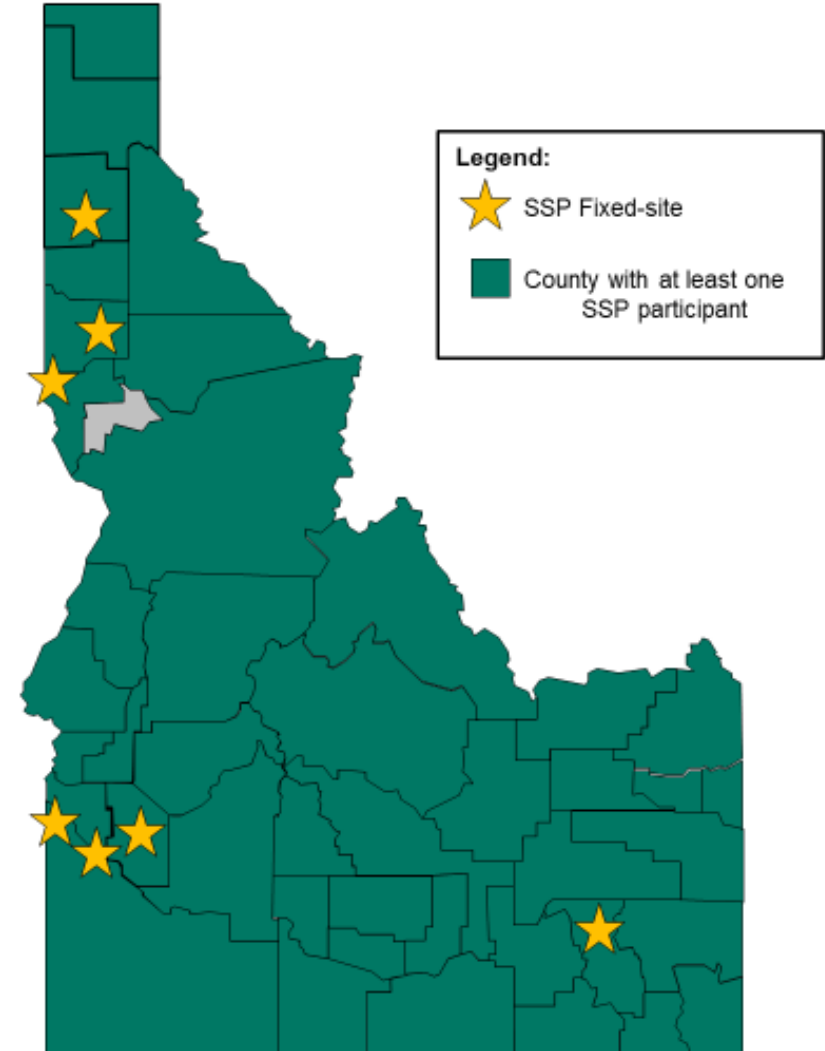


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Find a SSP at findidahotesting.com

How did Idaho accomplish this?

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Statewide Naloxone Distribution

- Centralized at an SSP
- Braided funding through a subgrant
- Activities:
 - Purchase & distribution
 - Data collection
 - Coordinate training

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- No state funding
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Implementation Approaches

Funding SSPs:

- SSP mini-grants
- Integrated SSP subgrants
- Support novel harm reduction programs

Resources:

- Purchase supplies
- In-kind printing of cards, pamphlets, etc.
- Data collection tools - Neo360 Idaho

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Legal Analysis



Ideas. Experience. Practical answers.



Harm Reduction Laws in Idaho

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2021 Legislative Changes

- Led by Board of Pharmacy
- Amended naloxone access laws
 - Clarified that organizations can redistribute naloxone to people at risk without a prescription
- Impact:
 - Distributed 25,647 kits in 2022
 - 187% increase from 2021
 - Saved at least 1,238 lives

Read the Naloxone [FAQ](#)



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Proactive Plans

Shared Goal:

- Mitigate risk to SSPs

Approach:

- Educate within sphere of influence
- Plan for multiple outcomes

Strategies:

1. Educate ambivalent policy makers with shared messaging
2. Strengthen SSP stakeholder group
3. Continue to support SSPs



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