

## Q&A Highlights

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Syringe Access Programs: At the Intersection of Harm Reduction and Linkage to Care

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#	Questions	Answers
1.	How has the outbreak of HIV in Indiana impacted your work? Has there been increased awareness or funding opportunities as a result?	<p>Phillip: We had some increased engagement: our work with law enforcement has really moved to a new level this year. This past June, I opened my training presentation with the situation in Indiana. The difference between that community and this community [in New Mexico] is that we have had 17 years of this aggressive programming.</p> <p>Emma: It has really increased our workload [at Harm Reduction Coalition] as you can imagine. We have had lots of queries from people in Indiana who are trying to get programs off the ground, as well as from states surrounding Indiana.</p> <p>Shoshanna: We're located in a large urban center and there has seemed to be great interest in what happened in Indiana, especially awareness and support for the programs from the HIV community. The outbreak has also helped underline the overdose crisis. It's changing the conversation.</p>