

Harm Reduction Resources in Orange County, NC

The purpose of harm reduction is to decrease risk.

Harm reduction seeks to “meet people where they are”, provide the tools that they need to be safe and keep the community safe, and build relationships in order to be available to help support as needed in the future.

Methods include:

- Safe syringe programs
- Naloxone distribution and training for overdose prevention,
- Medication assisted treatment (methadone and buprenorphine),
- Outreach that includes harm reduction education and connections to treatment if desired.

Where to get Naloxone (Narcan) & Safe Syringes

Orange County Health Department

Free Naloxone kits and training, free package of 20 free clean syringes and disposal bins for used syringes

Please call in advance: (919) 245-2400 and then press 2 for an appointment

Available at two locations:

Whitted Building 300 West Tryon Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Southern Building 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Orange County Emergency Services

Community naloxone, sterile syringes and safe disposal are available from the EMS Division of Orange County Emergency Services by request or directly from an interface with an ambulance on the scene of an incident or in public

To request naloxone or sterile syringes, contact:

Post-Overdose Response Team: call (919) 407-2654
or email EMS_PORT@orangecountync.gov

Landon Weaver: (919) 245-6127

Orange County Detention Center

1200 US 70 West, Hillsborough, NC (across from the DMV)

Free vending machine in lobby dispenses Narcan, free Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips

Orange County Southern Human Services

2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC

Free Narcan vending machine in lobby, also dispenses free Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips

North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition

The NCHRC offers Naloxone and overdose prevention training, sterile syringes and injection supplies, safe syringe disposal and biohazard containers, and Fentanyl test strips

To access a kit, please contact Loftin Wilson by text/phone at (919) 370-0671 or email loftin@nchrc.org

Lantern Project: Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department

The CJRD Lantern Project distributes Naloxone kits to justice involved individuals in Orange County.

Megan Pickard: cpickard@orangecountync.gov, (336) 264-9084

Allison Zirkel: azirkel@orangecountync.gov, (919) 245-2304

Starting Point Rural Harm Reduction Collective

Mobile delivery in Orange County available 7 days a week. Safe use kits including sterile syringes and biohazard boxes, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, and other harm reduction supplies and educational material.

Call or Text in advance for delivery: (919) 590-9512

Student Action Health Coalition Syringe Services Program (SHAC SSP)

Distributes syringes, safe injection supplies, Narcan, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, and other harm reduction supplies and educational material

Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm: Distributes at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service on 110 W Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510

Thursdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm: Distributes at the University United Methodist Church on 150 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Website: <https://www.med.unc.edu/shac/programs/syringe-services-program/>

Instagram: [@unc.shac.ssp](https://www.instagram.com/unc.shac.ssp) (for updates)

Local Pharmacies:

Naloxone (Narcan) and sterile syringes can be purchased without a prescription at many local pharmacies

Methadone Access:

Hillsborough Comprehensive Treatment Center, 129 Mayo St., Hillsborough, NC 27278

(855) 408-9701

Provides medically supervised medication-assisted treatment for adults age 18 and older along with individual and group counseling services to facilitate lasting success in recovery.