

## Kentucky Harm Reduction Services

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**State Website:** [Syringe Services Programs- Cabinet for Health and Family Services \(ky.gov\)](#) and [Harm Reduction Program - Cabinet for Health and Family Services \(ky.gov\)](#)

### Why is it used?

- To evaluate the status of unique participants and total participant visits.
- To make referrals to substance use, mental health and infectious disease treatment, or other social services, including HIV and hepatitis C testing.
- To distribute harm reduction and overdose prevention supplies, e.g., Fentanyl test strips and Naloxone.
- To distribute syringes and evaluate the syringe return rate.
- To provide educational materials.

### What data is collected?

Non-identifiable demographics including:

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| • Age.                | • Gender.         |
| • Race.               | • Ethnicity.      |
| • Sexual orientation. | • Housing status. |
| • Insurance status.   | • Employment.     |

### How is data collected?

- Through a REDCap Survey.
  - The participant receives a nonidentifiable ID consisting of the 1st two letters of their first name, the 1st two letters of their last name, the last two digits of their birth year and the last two digits of their social security number, e.g., FNLN9803.

### Data Strengths:

- Data is received in a timely manner and each client has a record.
- Allows data from county-level and district-level to be compared.
- Currently the only harm reduction data collection tool that collects data from multiple LHD jurisdictions.



**Data Limitations:**

- Not every LHD offering harm reduction services throughout the state is utilizing this data collection tool.
- Data is de-identified.
- Unable to confirm acceptance and/or completion of treatment.

**How is this system evaluated?**

- Data collection is monitored on a quarterly basis.
- REDCap Survey will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Data Set Availability:**

- Data from 2015 to the present has been collected.
- Data is not available for public use.
  - LHD directors and harm reduction coordinators have access to an internal dashboard.
- Through publication of internal annual reports.
- Not available for external research purposes.

**Data Release Policy:**

- LHDs can request Harm Reduction Services REDCap data by completing the request form: [Kentucky Harm Reduction Program \(readyop.com\)](https://readyop.com)

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