

Future Engagement Incentive Program – POST

POST teams have found that many of the overdose survivors that are encountered during outreach are not active participants in their syringe programs. While the POST encounter is an opportunity to offer on-the-spot risk reduction assessment, advice and supplies, there are also potential significant barriers to maximizing that experience. The main barriers that have been identified are law enforcement or family being present at the outreach can shift the conversation towards treatment rather than continued use. These barriers can be amplified for people who use stimulants and Native, Black, Hispanic or youth survivors. This toolkit item seeks to create space for future engagement with the harm reduction program by offering incentives to the overdose survivor.

Engagement *can* be defined as:

1. An in person visit to the SSP
2. A phone call to discuss risk reduction strategies
3. Filling out a mail order supply form
4. Meeting at another location later
5. Inviting outreach workers to return another time without public safety partners
6. Bringing others from social network into the SSP

Incentives will vary by program but can include:

1. Cash
2. Gift Cards
3. Visa gift cards

Implementation Process:

1. Discuss internally or with Community Implementation Specialist (CIS) the style of incentive program you would like to create for your program
2. Develop internal protocols and program (The CIS would be available to assist if needed)
3. Meet with MDPH BSAS to discuss funding mechanisms and reporting requirements
4. Create safe storage location for incentives
5. Obtain incentives and begin program