



Michele found out from relatives when she was 12 that her father was an injection drug user and that he had AIDS. Her father died when she was 18. Shame kept Michele's father from sharing his life with her. She believes that if there had been a safe, caring place where her father could have gotten sterile syringes he might not have gotten AIDS. Also, he might not have felt too ashamed to be part of her life. Some people say that syringe access "Sends the wrong message." Michele says, "The message that was sent to me was that my father's life didn't matter—that no one cared." People can recover from drug addiction. There is no cure for AIDS.

The Message that Syringe Access Sends?

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