



**Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey**

# What Can I Do To Support Syringe Access in New Jersey?

## **Join the Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey!**

The **Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey** was created to advocate for allowing the sale of syringes in pharmacies without prescription and the removal of syringes from the drug paraphernalia law. The **Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey** supports New Jersey Senate Bills No. 823 and 494 and Assembly Bills No. 1852 and 2839 which remove the legal barriers to sterile syringe access to prevent the spread of HIV, hepatitis C, and other blood-borne diseases. This would allow individuals at risk for injection-related diseases to protect their own health by purchasing syringes in pharmacies and allow public health professionals to implement effective strategies to prevent injection-related diseases. This strategy was recommended by the Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS in 1996.

The Campaign grew out of the AIDS Prevention Coalition which was created in 1998 to advocate for the creation of needle exchange programs in New Jersey. The coalition soon included a broad base of individuals and organizations dedicated to fighting the spread of injection-related diseases.

You can join the **Campaign for a Healthier New Jersey** by filling out and sending a Campaign Response Form. Forms are available online at <http://www.drugpolicy.org/about/stateoffices/newjersey/njcampaign.cfm>, or call 609-396-8613 to have a form mailed or faxed to you. Your name may then be listed among the members of the Campaign on our website or in printed materials.

## **Send an Internet Action Alert to Legislators.**

Go to [www.drugpolicy.org/statebystate/newjersey/](http://www.drugpolicy.org/statebystate/newjersey/) and send an Action Alert fax to legislators supporting syringe access in New Jersey. It's easy! Just fill out the form with your name and address and press "send." Automatically the letter will be faxed to the Governor and leaders in the New Jersey Senate and Assembly.

## **Get other individuals or organizations to join the campaign or send a fax.**

Tell others about this critically important issue and ask them to join the Campaign. If you belong to an organization, see if they would be willing to join.

## **Write or call your legislator.**

Now is the time to call or write your state legislators. Tell them to vote to support syringe access. To find out how to reach your State Legislator visit <http://njleg.state.nj.us/>. Be sure to identify the specific legislation or bill number and briefly explain how the issue affects you.

## **Join the New Jersey Drug Policy Project--Drug Policy Alliance.**

Drug Policy Alliance is the nation's leading organization working to improve our drug policies. The New Jersey Drug Policy Project is dedicated to improving sterile syringe access in New Jersey in order to prevent the spread of HIV, hepatitis C, and other blood-borne diseases. Visit our website at [www.drugpolicy.org](http://www.drugpolicy.org) to learn more.

**Together we can make a difference and save lives in New Jersey!**

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