



Dear Provider,

The Broome County Syringe Exchange Task Force, in conjunction with the Southern Tier AIDS Program (STAP) and the MPA Program at Binghamton University is conducting a Needs Assessment to determine the level of need for syringe exchange and disposal services in the Broome County area. It is our hope that you would be willing to take approximately ten minutes of your time to complete the attached survey.

Your participation is valuable due to the contact you have with your clients and their friends, families and significant others. Your perspective will help us to accurately determine the level of need for those who inject drugs, steroids, hormones or other substances. Your feedback will also help us to determine what you might need or want to know in regards to syringe exchange services.

If you decide to participate in the project, please complete the attached survey and return it to us via email (if received electronically) or snail mail in the enclosed postage paid envelope (if received via mail) by April 28, 2006. Any identifying information that you provide will be separated from your responses to the survey and destroyed upon project completion. If you have any questions about this research, please call Pamela Mischen, Assistant Professor, MPA Program at Binghamton University at 607-777-4813 or Shari Wells-Weiss at STAP at 607-798-1706 or swells-weiss@stapinc.org.

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with STAP or Binghamton University. If you decide to participate, you are not obligated to answer all questions, and may stop at any time.

If you have questions concerning the rights of the subjects involved in research studies, please call the Chair of Binghamton University's Human Subjects Research Review Committee at (607) 777-6086.

Your voluntary completion of the survey constitutes consent to participate. Thank you for assisting us with this study.

Please take a few minutes to complete the attached survey and return it to me by email, mail or fax (607-798-1977) by Friday, April 28, 2006.

Thank you for your time,

Shari Wells-Weiss
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