

## PLAYING BY THE NUMBERS

<b>66%</b>	<b>Percentage of respondents in a national survey who say the support (43%) or strongly support (21%) needle exchange programs for intravenous drug users.<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>100,000</b>	<b>HIV infections which would have been prevented by NEPs since 1987 among IDUs, their sex partners and their children.<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>23,000</b>	<b>Lives lost each year because of the non-availability of NEPs.<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>31%</b>	<b>Percentage of new AIDS cases directly or indirectly associated with injection drug use.<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>70%</b>	<b>Percentage of women infected with HIV associated directly or indirectly to injection drug use.<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>75%</b>	<b>Percentage of babies diagnosed with HIV as a direct or indirect result of injection drug use.<sup>6</sup></b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>Percentage of new AIDS cases among African-Americans directly or indirectly a result of injection drug use.<sup>7</sup></b>
<b>19.4 million</b>	<b>Syringes exchanged by NEPs in the United States in 1998.<sup>8</sup></b>

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<sup>1</sup> Promising Strategies: Results of the Fourth National Survey on Community Efforts to Reduce Substance Abuse and Gun Violence, 1999.

<sup>2</sup> *The Lancet*, March 1999 (Research by the University of California, San Francisco)

<sup>3</sup> American Medical Association, *AIDS . . . Stories from the Front Line*.

<sup>4</sup> CDC, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, 1999

<sup>5</sup> HHS Press Release, April 20, 1998.

<sup>6</sup> HHS Press Release, April 20, 1998.

<sup>7</sup> CDC, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, 1999

<sup>8</sup> Unpublished study, Dr. Denise Paone, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York, Presented at the North American Syringe Exchange Conference X, Portland, Oregon, April 27, 2000.