

Offering Reproductive Health Services at a Syringe Services Program: A Feasibility Study

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BACKGROUND

- Women make up a disproportionately low percentage of Syringe Services Program (SSP) participant populations, including at our SSP fixed site (26%) and mobile site (34%)
- There is a need for program development that considers the unique drug-related and reproductive health needs of women who inject drugs (WWID).

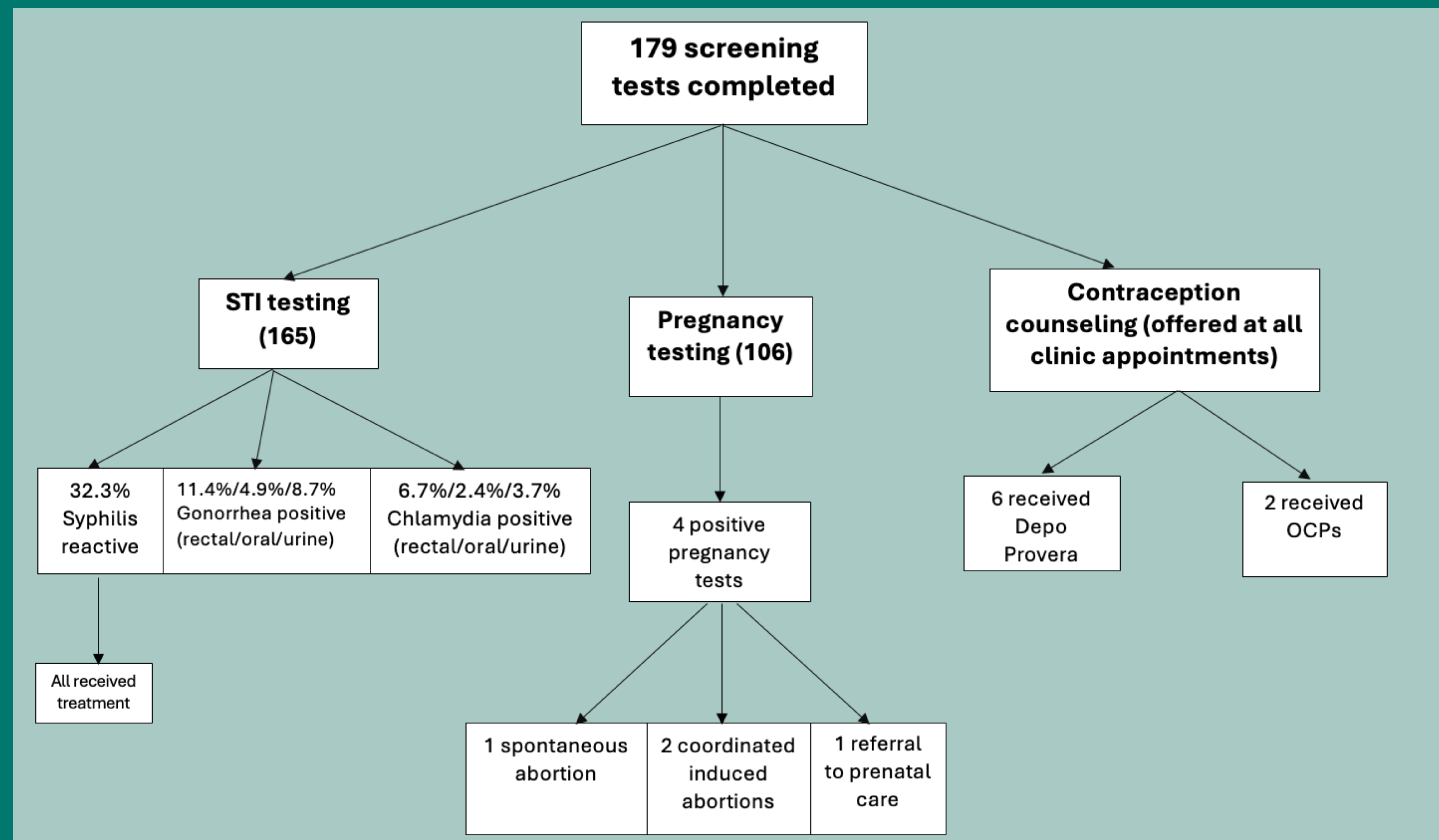
OBJECTIVES

Offering weekly protected time that bundles women's addiction and sexual health care services at a pre-existing syringe services program (SSP) may fulfill an unmet need in the community and facilitate uptake of reproductive health services as well as medical care for substance use disorder and mental health.

METHODS

This is a descriptive study of pilot data presented in a cascade map. This population consists of WWID who are SSP participants who visited the fixed site for clinic services and/or STI screening between March 2023 and April 2024. Descriptive data was compiled through record and chart review and assessed using outcomes of STI screening and treatment, pregnancy testing, and contraception.

Bundling reproductive and addiction health services at a Syringe Services Program facilitates uptake of pregnancy testing, contraception, and STI testing for Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia



DISCUSSION

Preliminary findings show that offering reproductive health care with syringe services and treatment for opioid use disorder is feasible and facilitates screening for STIs and pregnancy, as well as uptake of STI treatment, contraception, and other family planning services. Our SSP has shown to provide a uniquely safe and welcoming environment for WWID to receive this greatly needed reproductive healthcare.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

We will continue to offer a weekly dedicated time for women's clinic at the SSP and plan to expand our reach by advertising to more participants, increasing mobile unit outreach with a van that is fully serviceable for testing, and developing a protocol for opt-out testing. We will also continue expanding the types of services offered, with the goal of offering long-acting reversible contraception, long-acting pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and more linkage to community partners.

ABSTRACT & REFERENCES



WOMEN'S WELLNESS CLINIC

Every Wednesday 1pm-3pm

Female physicians available for your women's health needs!

Our Service

- STI testing & treatment
- Birth control
- HIV prevention & treatment
- Medications for addiction
- Pregnancy tests
- & More!

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
Appointments available on a walk-in basis

Fixed Site