



Tool 3.5: Interview Guide Template

NYCAHN/VOCAL – Syringe Access Advocacy Report

UJC/CDP Research and Policy Initiative

Interview Transcription Guide

Interview # _____

Notes by _____; date _____

Section I: Introduction

1. Explain who you are, who VOCAL is and why you are conducting this research.
2. Any questions/comments before we start?

Section II: Background

We'll start with some background information about you and about syringe access.

3. Tell me a little about yourself:
4. What do you know about people being arrested for having syringes in NYC?

Section III: Experience with police around syringe possession

Next, we'll talk about your experience and knowledge about people that have been arrested for carrying syringes. ...

5. How do you feel about how the police treats people that carry syringes?
6. What has your experience been with the police? Tell me about what happened:
7. How did the experience impact you?

Section IV: Personal narrative regarding syringe use

The next section looks at your personal story of using syringes and SEP/ESAPs.

8. Tell me about your experience as someone who uses syringes:
9. Tell me about your experience with a syringe exchange program?

Section VI: Vision for change

We have one final section, a chance for you to make recommendations to improve the situation with syringe access and police harassment of syringe users.

10. What specifically could be done to improve the situations we've discussed today?