



Syringe Support Services



Community Risk Reduction Services

Syringe Service Program

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History of Syringe Services in Baltimore City

- 1994- started out with 2 mobile units/4 unique sites
- 2004- operated 2 mobile units/12
- 2014- operated 2 mobile units/21
- 2015- Moved to distribution model
- 2016-Statewide Expansion Legislation
- 2019-CBOs approved for SSP in Baltimore City



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Syringe Services Programs

Expansion Legislation- 2016

- S.B. 97, 436 Maryland General Assembly, 436 Session (Md. 2016).
- BCHD SSP only operating program in Maryland for 24 years [1994-2018]
 - Comprehensive services offered
- 9 other jurisdictions now operating SSPs
- 3 other jurisdictions currently in planning phase



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Difference in Laws

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- Confidential [[name-based](#)]
- Operated by LHD
- Criminal liability- immunity does not extend to:
 - Secondary exchange
 - Activities not authorized by LHD
 - Possession outside of COB

Statewide

- Anonymous [[unique identifier](#)]
- May be operated by LHDs or CBOs [[State & local approval needed](#)]
- Criminal liability- immunity extends to:
 - Secondary exchange
 - Activities not authorized by LHD
 - Possession outside of specified operating jurisdiction



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Role of the Baltimore City Health Department and Syringe Service Program

- Program Consultation
 - Baltimore City & other jurisdictions
- Continued provision of SSP and Harm Reduction services
- Collaboration and Partnerships



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The Role of Direct Service Providers and Community-Based Organizations

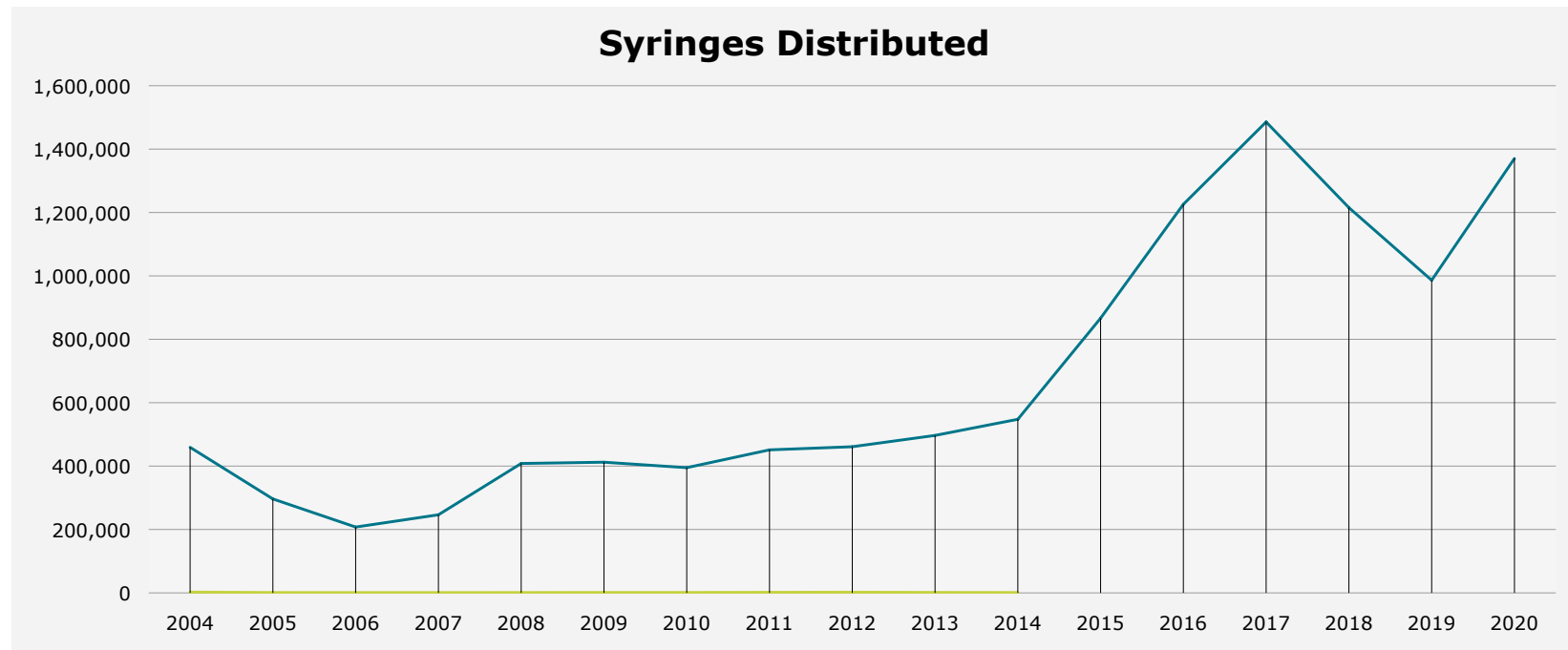
- Community Engagement
- Faith-Based Community
- Community Stakeholder Relationship Building



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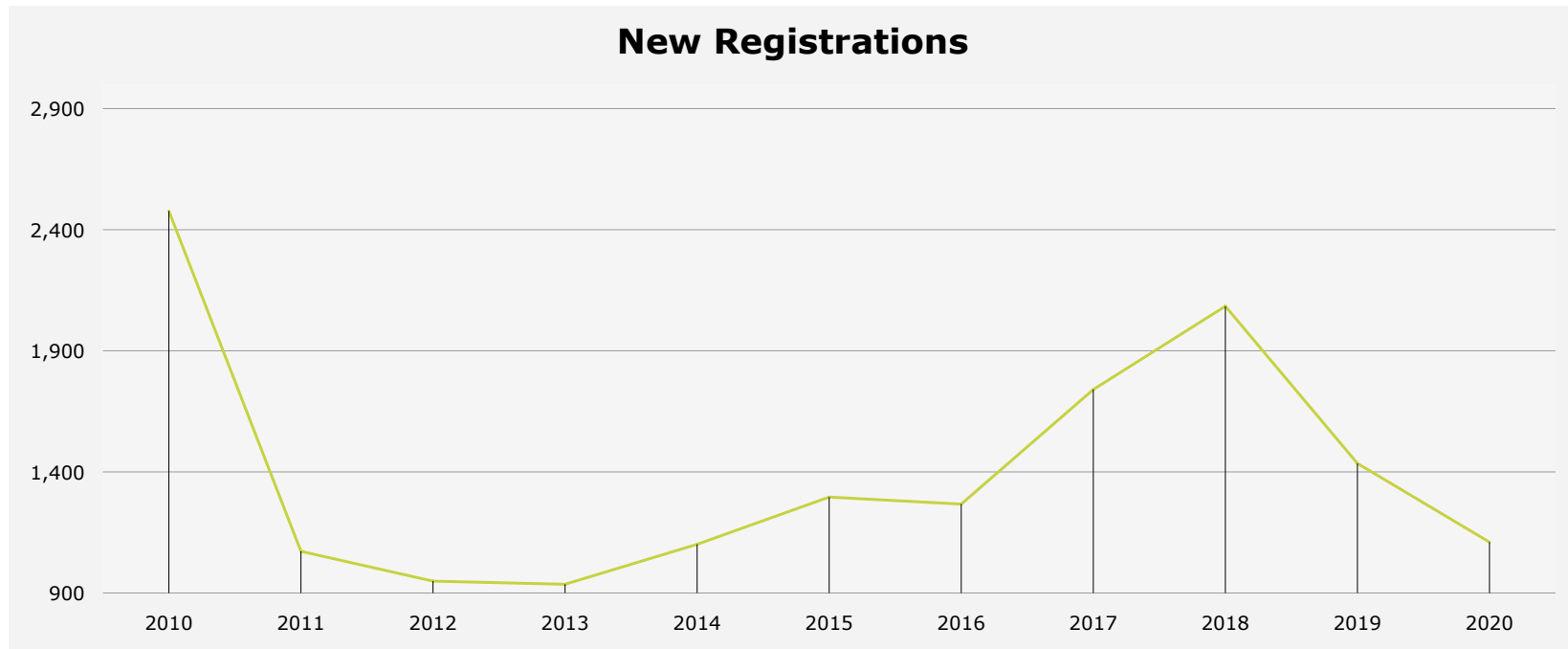
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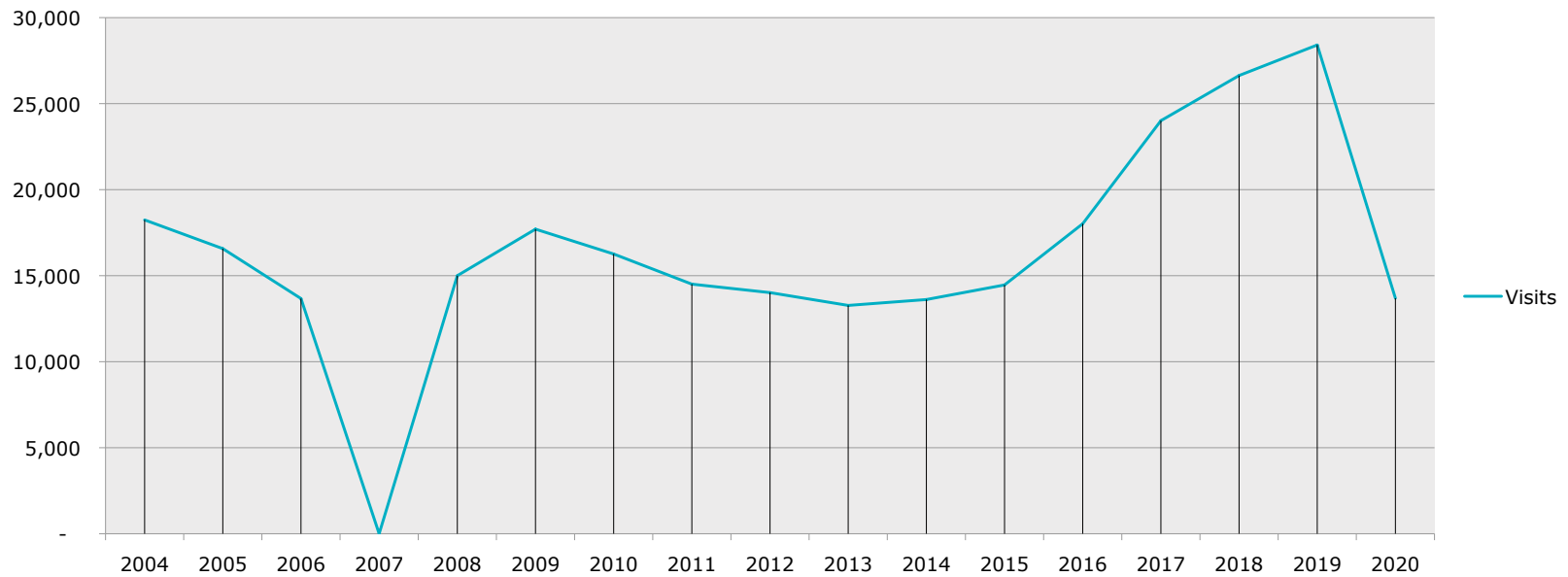


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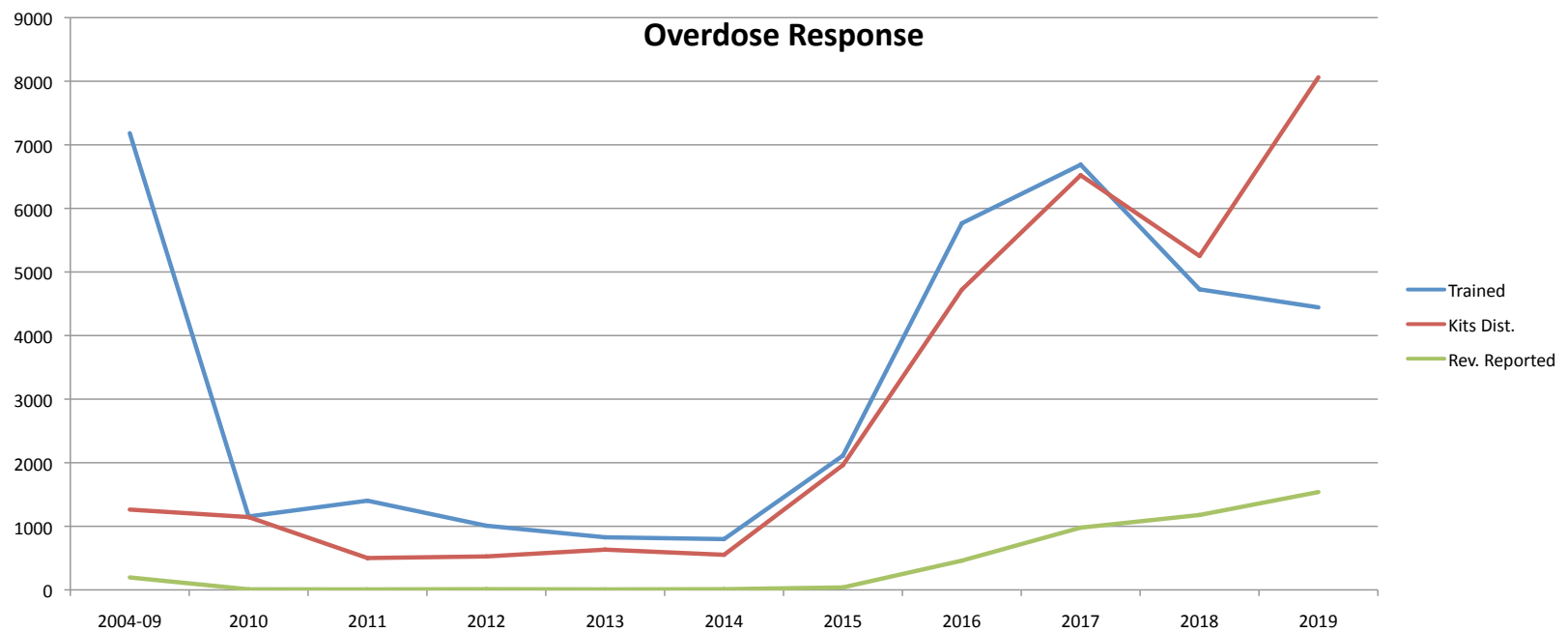
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What Changed

- SSP Expansion-Statewide
- Jurisdictions
- CBOs allowed to apply to do SSP
- CBO partners in Baltimore City
- CRRS expansion



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Limitations and Challenges that exist Regarding Syringe Access

- Limited funding
- Access to drug treatment
- Enhancing collaboration with law enforcement
- Coordination of services with CBOs implementing SSPs within the COB
 - Oversight of CBOs
- COVID



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