## **Understanding CRA's Participant Code**

This code is created for all participants in CRA's outreach who are exchanging syringes. It is unique and reproducible but will not identify someone. It is an anonymous code.

Having a card which matches one's identity conveys legal exemption to the Hypodermic Syringes and Needles Act (720 ILCS 635 et seq.) and the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act (720 ILCS 600 et seq.) due to the research conducted as part of our work.

CRA maintains <u>no information</u> on any participant which would identify them -- thus the anonymity of this participant code is assured.

Below is a key to making, reproducing or matching a seven character participant card to a person:

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F or M	1st	month of birth	day of birth	1st
for Male/		(01 = January,	(01-31)	letter
Male/	of	12 = December)		of
Female	first			mother's
	name			first
				name

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