

# **State Opioid Response Grant HIV/Viral Hepatitis Integration Project**

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# Presentation Objectives

- Review Pennsylvania Department of Health's work on the State Opioid Response grant HIV/viral hepatitis project
- Review products created and in development
- Discuss next steps

# HIV/Viral Hepatitis Project

The SAMHSA State Opioid Response Grant (SOR), HIV/Viral Hepatitis Service Integration Project is a collaborative initiative by the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Department of Health.

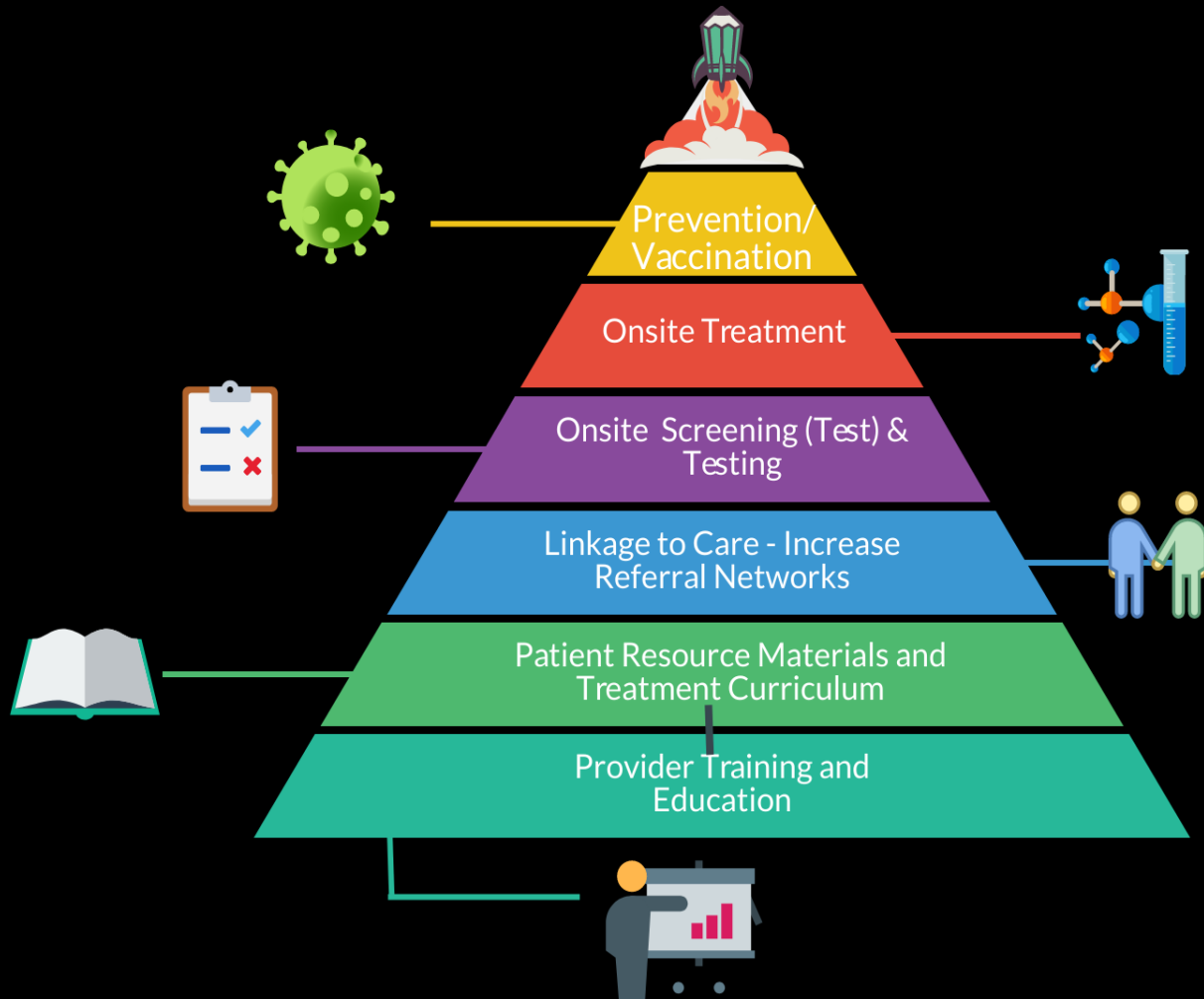


# Project Goals

The goals of the project are to increase awareness of and expand access to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and viral hepatitis services in facilities treating persons with substance use disorders through facilitation of:

- Prevention services
- Testing services
- Client education
- Clinical education
- Technical assistance
- Treatment services

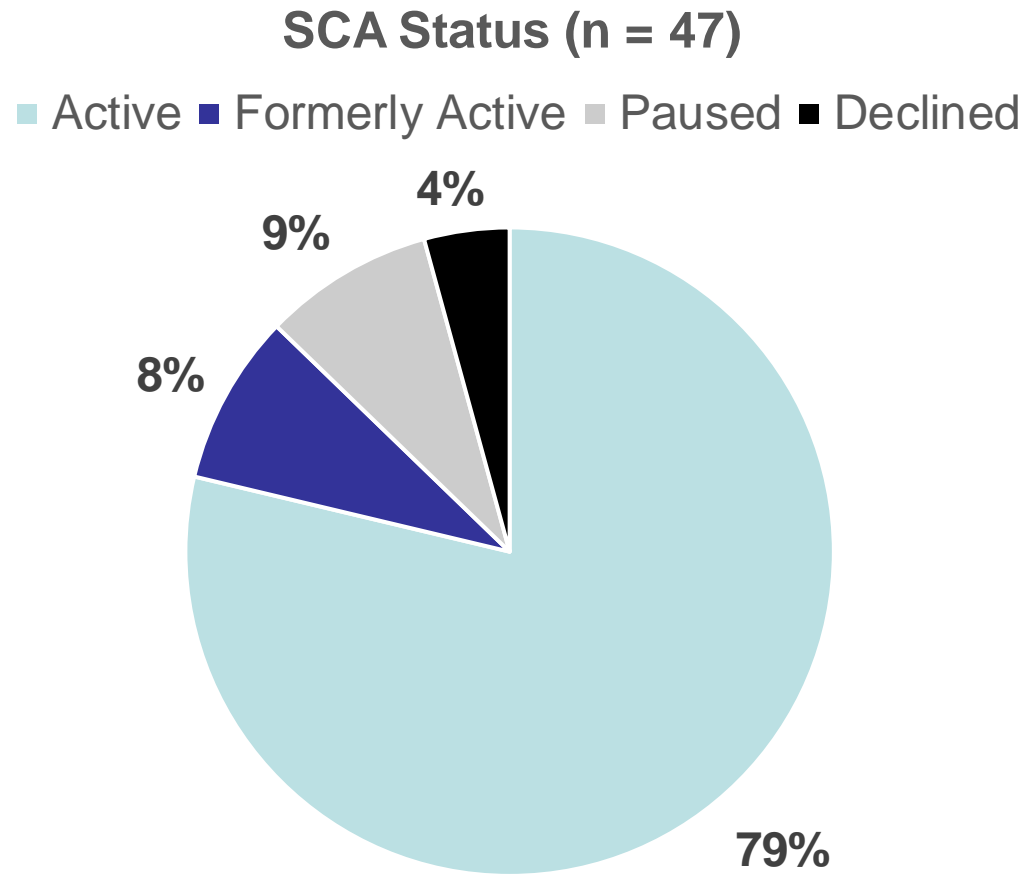
# Technical Assistance Opportunities



# Single County Authority (SCA) Engagement Type (N=47)

Local treatment programs are administered through county drug and alcohol offices called Single County Authorities. These programs can help with treatment funding, assess the need for treatment or other services, and make referrals to match treatment and/or service needs.

[Find your county office \(pa.gov\)](https://pa.gov)



Data current through 8/23/2023

# Project Toolkit

- Capacity assessment
- Updated recommendations in DDAP's Case Management and Clinical Services Manual related to HIV/viral hepatitis service delivery
- Policy template
- HIV/viral hepatitis service integration protocols
- Educational materials including referral guides
- Referral directory
- Trainings
  - ▾ Clinical foundations training
  - ▾ Medical training

# Capacity Assessment

A tool developed to assist in assessing a program's capacity to offer HIV/viral hepatitis services, their current service options for HIV/viral hepatitis, and how to measure growth of services within the substance use disorder treatment system.



# Manual Update

Assisted with updates to the DDAP  
Case Management and Clinical Services  
Manual - HIV and viral hepatitis  
services section

[2020-25 Case Mgt and Clinical Srvcs FINAL.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)

# Policy Template

For use by SCA and individual providers to ensure alignment with CMCS and to ensure the following are offered:

- a. Hepatitis A & B vaccination
- b. HIV prevention
- c. HIV testing
- d. Hepatitis C testing
- e. Referrals

# Protocols

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- HIV, PrEP, viral hepatitis A, B, C materials:
  - ▼ Posters
  - ▼ Postcards
  - ▼ Infographics
  - ▼ Digital media
  - ▼ Client referral guides

# HIV Educational Materials

## PREVENT HIV!



Both internal (female) and external (male) condoms are highly effective in preventing HIV

Use sterile needles and works **EVERY TIME** to prevent transmission of HIV



Talk to a medical provider to find out if **PrEP** is right for you!



**PrEP** is medication that can prevent HIV transmission from sex or injection drug use

## PREVENT HIV WITH **PEP**!

PEP is medication that can prevent HIV transmission **after** an exposure



If you may have been exposed to HIV, ask about PEP right away!



PEP is for emergency situations and **must** be started within 72 hours of exposure

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# PrEP Educational Materials

## PREVENT HIV WITH *PrEP*

**MOST INSURANCE  
COMPANIES & STATE  
MEDICAID PLANS  
COVER PrEP!**

IF YOU ARE UNINSURED,  
THERE ARE RESOURCES  
TO HELP!

<https://readyssetprep.hiv.gov/>

**PrEP IS  
MEDICATION  
PEOPLE CAN  
TAKE TO  
PREVENT HIV**



- **PrEP is only for people who do not have HIV**
- **PrEP can prevent HIV transmission from sex or injection drug use**
- **PrEP is most effective if taken as prescribed**
- **PrEP can be taken as a daily pill or as an injection every 60 days**

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# HIV TESTING

KNOW YOUR STATUS,  
PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

## HOW DOES IT WORK?



HIV tests can use blood from a fingerstick, a blood draw, or an oral fluid specimen to determine if someone has HIV.

Different tests look for different things, including:

- **antibodies** that are made when the body comes into contact with HIV
- HIV **virus** itself



## HOW SOON WILL I GET RESULTS?

### WINDOW PERIOD

THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN EXPOSURE TO HIV AND A TEST'S ABILITY TO DETECT HIV INFECTION.

### EXPOSURE TO HIV

SHARING INJECTION EQUIPMENT OR HAVING CONDOMLESS SEX WITH SOMEONE LIVING WITH HIV OR WITH UNKNOWN STATUS.

**Rapid Tests** use blood from a fingerstick or oral fluid from a swab and provide a result within 20 minutes.

**Lab-Based Tests** require a blood draw that is sent to a lab.

IF A RAPID TEST IS POSITIVE, A BLOOD DRAW AND LAB TEST WILL NEED TO BE DONE TO CONFIRM THE TEST RESULTS

## HIV SELF-TESTS

**Rapid self-tests** use oral fluid and results are available in 20 minutes.



TO ORDER A RAPID SELF-TEST IN PA, GO TO:  
[GETMYHIVTEST.COM/](http://GETMYHIVTEST.COM/)

**Mail-In self-tests** include supplies to collect dried blood from a fingerstick at home. The sample is sent to a lab for testing and results are delivered by a health care provider.

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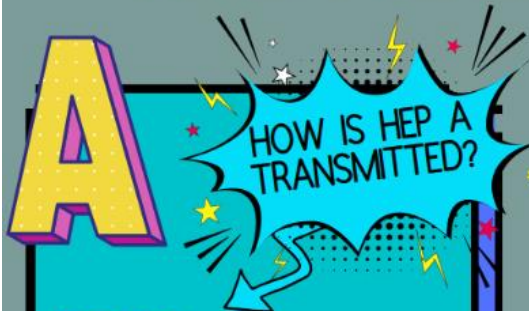
[stopHiv.com/ncr](http://stopHiv.com/ncr)



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# Viral Hepatitis Educational Materials

## THE ABC'S OF VIRAL HEPATITIS



HOW IS HEP A TRANSMITTED?

### POOP

Can be transmitted by consuming microscopic amounts of poop of someone with hep A.

*(through sex, sharing drug prep equipment, or eating contaminated food).*

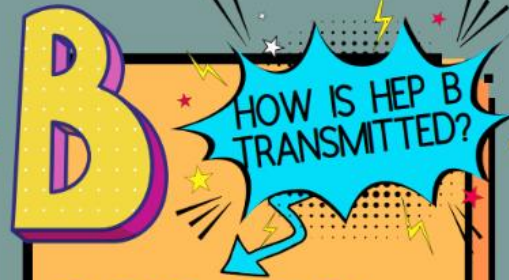
**YES!** THERE IS A VACCINE FOR HEP A!

IS THERE TREATMENT?

Hepatitis A is a short term infection. The body will recover *WITHOUT* treatment.

**NO**

*After someone recovers from hep A, they will have lifelong immunity!*



HOW IS HEP B TRANSMITTED?

### BLOOD, SEMEN, VAGINAL FLUIDS

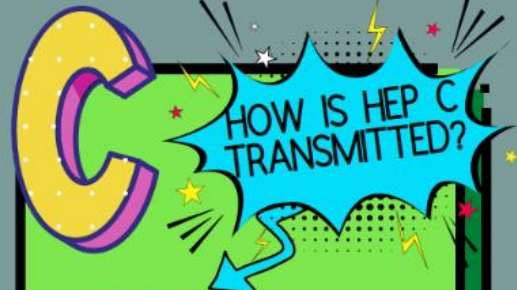
Can be transmitted from blood to blood contact, sexually, or during pregnancy and childbirth.

**YES!** THERE IS A VACCINE FOR HEP B!

IS THERE TREATMENT?

Right now there is no cure for hep B, but it can be managed with medicine.

**YES!**



HOW IS HEP C TRANSMITTED?

### BLOOD

Can be transmitted from blood to blood contact, and less commonly sexually, or during pregnancy and childbirth.

**NOT YET!** THERE ISN'T A VACCINE FOR HEP C.

IS THERE TREATMENT?

**HEP C CAN BE CURED!**

Treatment is usually 8-12 weeks long. Most people take 1-3 pills per day with few or no side effects.

**YES!**



# ALL ABOUT HEPATITIS A



## WHAT IS HEPATITIS A?

Hepatitis A is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis A virus. For most people, hepatitis A is a short term illness and goes away on its own. For people who are immunocompromised or who have chronic liver disease, the illness caused by hepatitis A can be more serious and lead to hospitalization.

## HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?

By consuming microscopic amounts of feces (poop) of someone who has hepatitis A. This can happen through sex, sharing drug prep equipment, or eating contaminated food.



## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

**Many people have no symptoms.**

If they do have symptoms, they can include:

nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, grey poop, fatigue, joint pain, fever, dark colored pee, or jaundice (yellowing of the eyes)



## CAN IT BE PREVENTED?

**Yes! Hepatitis A is vaccine preventable.**

The best way to prevent hepatitis A is by getting vaccinated. The vaccine is given as 2 doses, 6 months apart.



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# ALL ABOUT HEPATITIS B



## WHAT IS HEPATITIS B?

Hepatitis B is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus. It can be both short term or long term. Chronic hepatitis B is not curable, but can be managed as a medical condition. Not everybody requires treatment.

## HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?

Blood to blood contact, sex, and during pregnancy or childbirth.



## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

**Many people have no symptoms.**

If they do, they can include: fatigue, joint pain, fever, dark urine, abdominal pain, grey stool, jaundice (yellowing of the eyes), nausea or vomiting.



## CAN IT BE PREVENTED?

**Yes! Hepatitis B is vaccine preventable.**

The best way to prevent hepatitis B is by getting vaccinated. The vaccine is 2 or 3 doses given a few months apart.



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# Hep A/B Educational Materials

## GET YOUR HEPATITIS A & B VACCINES



Hepatitis A and B are  
preventable.

Protect yourself and  
others.

**Get vaccinated!**

[bit.ly/DOHmap](https://bit.ly/DOHmap)

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# HEPATITIS C TESTING

IT TAKES **TWO TESTS** TO DIAGNOSE HEPATITIS C



The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is primarily transmitted through blood to blood contact.



When the body sees a bacteria or virus (like HCV), the immune system makes *antibodies*.



AN ANTIBODY TEST LOOKS FOR THIS IMMUNE RESPONSE



A positive antibody test means that someone has been exposed to hepatitis C.

A negative antibody test means that someone has not been exposed to hepatitis C.



FOR SOME, THE BODY WILL CLEAR THE VIRUS ON ITS OWN.

FOR OTHERS, HCV WILL BECOME A CHRONIC, LONG TERM INFECTION.



AN RNA OR CONFIRMATORY TEST LOOKS FOR VIRUS IN THE BLOOD

A positive RNA test means that someone does have hepatitis c.

The good news is that hepatitis C is curable! Scan to learn more about health resources near you.

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# Hep C Educational Materials

## HEPATITIS C CAN BE CURED!

**IF TAKEN AS PRESCRIBED, HEP C  
MEDICATION IS ALMOST 100% EFFECTIVE**



**FOR MOST PEOPLE, HEP C  
TREATMENT MEANS:**

- Taking 1-3 pills a day
- For 8-12 weeks
- With almost no side effects

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# PrEP Client Guide

Welcome!



This guide has basic information for individuals receiving substance use disorder treatment about preventing HIV with **pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)**. Continue reading to learn how this information can contribute to your overall wellness planning!

## IN THIS GUIDE:

- Resources for HIV prevention & testing
- What to expect from PrEP

A glossary of terms is included on page 33-34!

# Hep C Client Guide

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# Curriculum for Providers

## Development of a brief psycho-educational curriculum about HIV and viral hepatitis



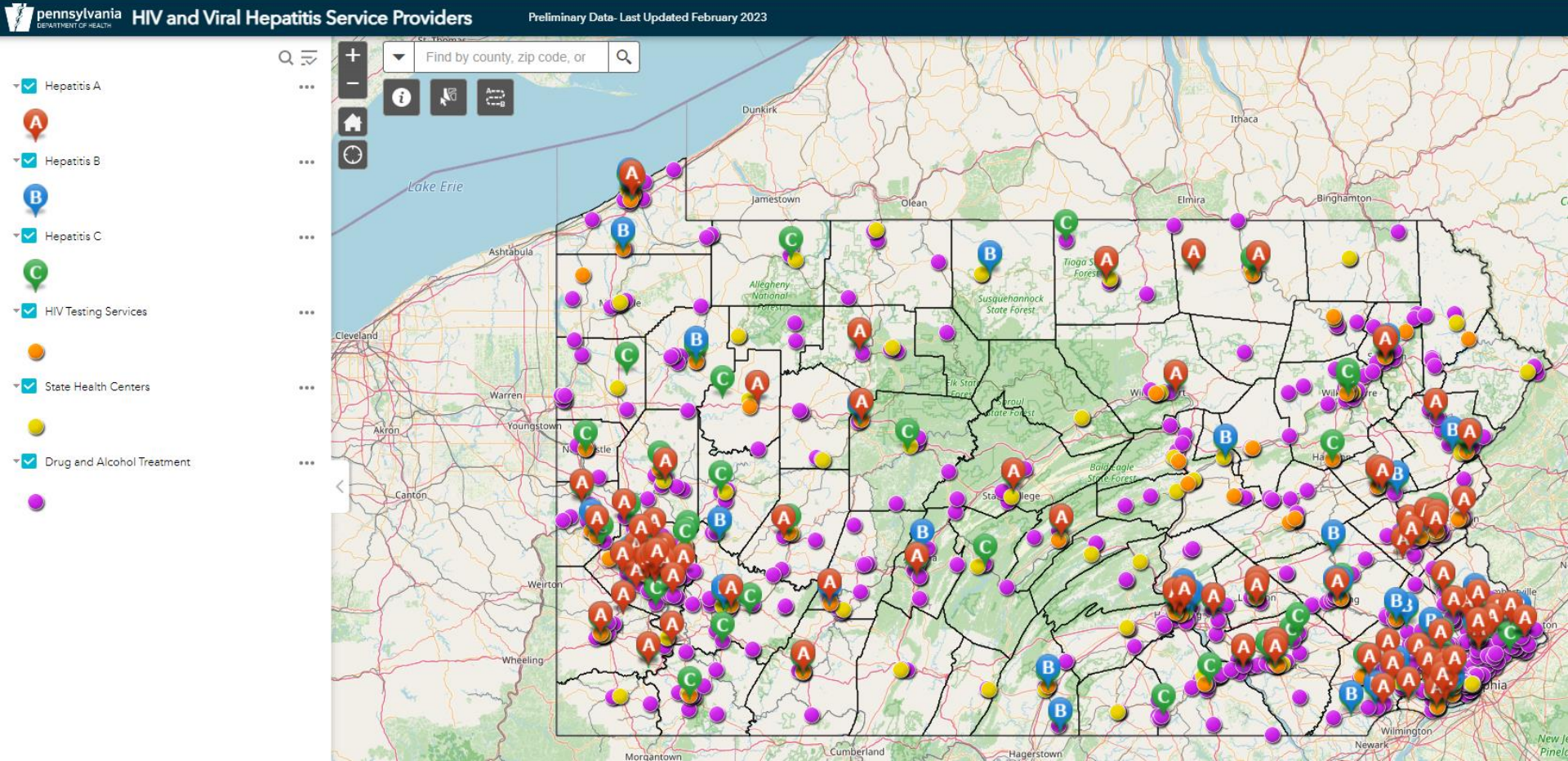
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# Referral Directory

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County	Health Care Provider	Phone	Key:																			Language					
			Yes=									No=			Unsure=												
			✓																								
Accompanying New Patients	Waiting List	Referral Required	Primary Care	HIV Care	HCV Care	HBV Care	Hepatitis A Vaccine	Hepatitis B Vaccine	Community Testing: HCV	Community Testing: HIV	Case management	Linkage to care	PrEP eventon	PrEP	PrEP	Men	Women	Pregnant People	LGBTQ	Immigrant/Undocumented	Medical/Medicare	Sliding Fee Scale	Uninsured/Self Pay	Private Insurances	Interpretation services available		
Adams	Family First Health: Gettysburg	(717)-337-9400	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	Unsure if interpretation services are offered
Cumberland	Family Health Council of Central PA, Inc.	(717)-761-7380	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	Unsure if interpretation services are offered	
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# Referral Directory - Map



[HIV and Viral Hepatitis Service Providers \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

# Training Development

- Clinical Foundations Training for HIV and Viral Hepatitis Service Integration
  - Licensed clinicians
- Medical training for medical professionals
  - HCV treatment onsite

# HIV/Hep Educational Campaign

- Collaboration between DDAP and DOH Communications
- Digital media campaign that ran 6/1/2022 – 8/31/2022
  - Facebook/Instagram, Twitter
  - Google AdWords
  - Google Video
  - Other ad networks as identified

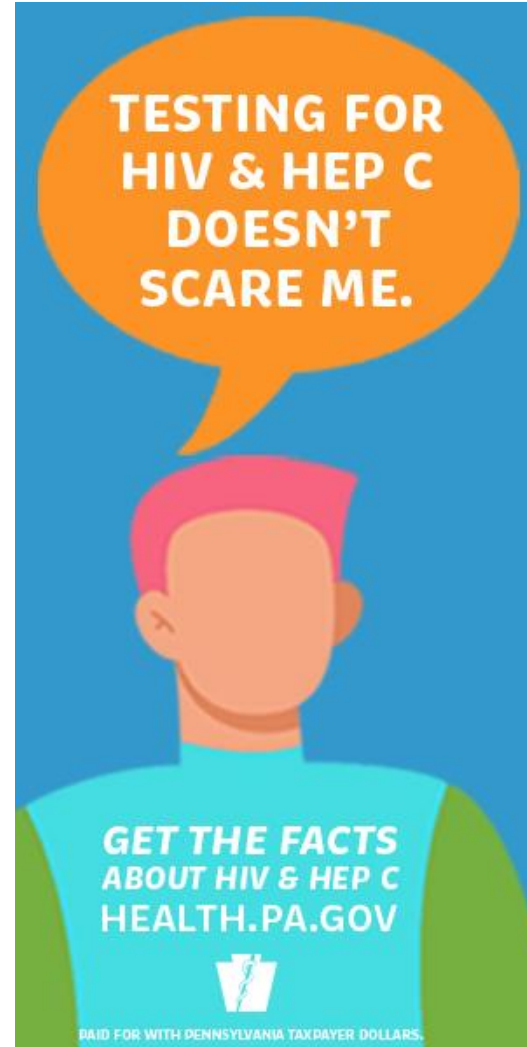
# Educational Campaign



**FACTS  
KICKED MY  
FEAR TO THE  
CURB.**

**GET THE FACTS  
ABOUT HIV & HEP C  
HEALTH.PA.GOV**


PAID FOR WITH PENNSYLVANIA TAXPAYER DOLLARS.



**TESTING FOR  
HIV & HEP C  
DOESN'T  
SCARE ME.**

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# SCA Recommendations

- Involve criminal justice programs in integration
- Address payor concerns
- Increase awareness about the need for HIV/viral hepatitis services
- Address access/availability issues statewide

# Next Steps

- Continuation of rapid HIV/HCV test kit distribution
- Hep A and Hep B vaccine distribution
- Contractors to work with individual BH-MCOs to address payment issues
- Technical assistance



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