



NASTAD SUCCESSES 2019-2020: REAL RESULTS FOR STATE, TERRITORIAL AND CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HIV AND HEPATITIS PROGRAMS AND THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

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NASTAD'S PIVOTAL ROLE. NASTAD galvanizes state, territorial and city/county health department (HD) HIV and hepatitis programs to learn from each other about cutting edge prevention and treatment approaches and implement proven practices for reducing infections and extending lives.

HEPATITIS ELIMINATION. NASTAD launched HepTAC, an online TA and capacity building center for HD hepatitis prevention and surveillance programs. The primary goal is to build state and local technical expertise and enhance TA capacity to eliminate hepatitis. NASTAD developed and disseminated a comprehensive needs assessment to identify areas of need critical to jurisdiction-specific elimination and strategic planning efforts. The assessment tool explores program strengths, challenges, gaps, and other information critical to grasp and address the unique needs of HD viral hepatitis programs.

STIGMA REDUCTION. NASTAD launched a new microsite – [Talking Points: The Resource Guide for Facilitating Stigma Conversations](#). This resource guide includes videos, tools and tips on how to implement conversations around stigma both internally within HDs and with communities we serve.

HIV PREVENTION. NASTAD collaborated with Building Healthy Online Communities (BHOC) to develop a National Mailed HIV Testing Pilot Program that will distribute city, county, or state HD-purchased OraSure Technologies' In-Home HIV Testing Kits to people at risk for HIV infection with structural barriers to testing in clinical settings and have not been tested for HIV within the past 12 months. NASTAD also released the [2019 National HIV Prevention Inventory \(NHPI\) Survey Report](#), which presents a comprehensive depiction of the current state of HIV prevention throughout the U.S.

HARM REDUCTION AND SYRINGE SERVICES. NASTAD has been awarded a three-year cooperative agreement from CDC to provide TA to Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) and drug user health programs. In addition to scaling up NASTAD's Drug User Health staff to respond to the growing demand from many jurisdictions for information on SSPs, NASTAD is developing the national Harm Reduction TA Center. This cooperative agreement contains a demonstration project that involves providing high-intensity TA to eight currently operating SSPs to create an intensive patient navigation program to link people who use drugs to care services.

CAPACITY BUILDING ASSISTANCE IN THE SOUTHERN STATES. As part of its Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) project, NASTAD hosted six TA workshops for HDs and CBOs in the southern U.S. Topics included: PrEP Financing & Coverage, Transforming our HIV and Hepatitis Workforce to End the Epidemics, HIV Cluster Response, Using Social Marketing and Social Media for Integrated HIV Planning, Condom Distribution in 2020 and Beyond – New Strategies and Tools, Lessons Learned: Advancing Drug User Health and Syringe Services Programs (SSPs).

TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACHES TO PREVENTION AND CARE SERVICES. NASTAD released the [Trauma-Informed Approaches Toolkit](#) to assist HDs, specifically RWHAP Part B/ADAPs, ASOs, and HIV clinics to take action to become trauma-informed. The toolkit covers the basics of trauma, provides an overview of the impact of trauma in people living with HIV, describes trauma-informed approaches and strategies, and provides practical steps for RWHAP Part recipients, HIV providers, and organizations to develop and operationalize a plan for delivering trauma-informed prevention and care services to PLWH.