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Hep Free AZ

Leveraging Resources in the Valley of the Sun

September 16, 2021

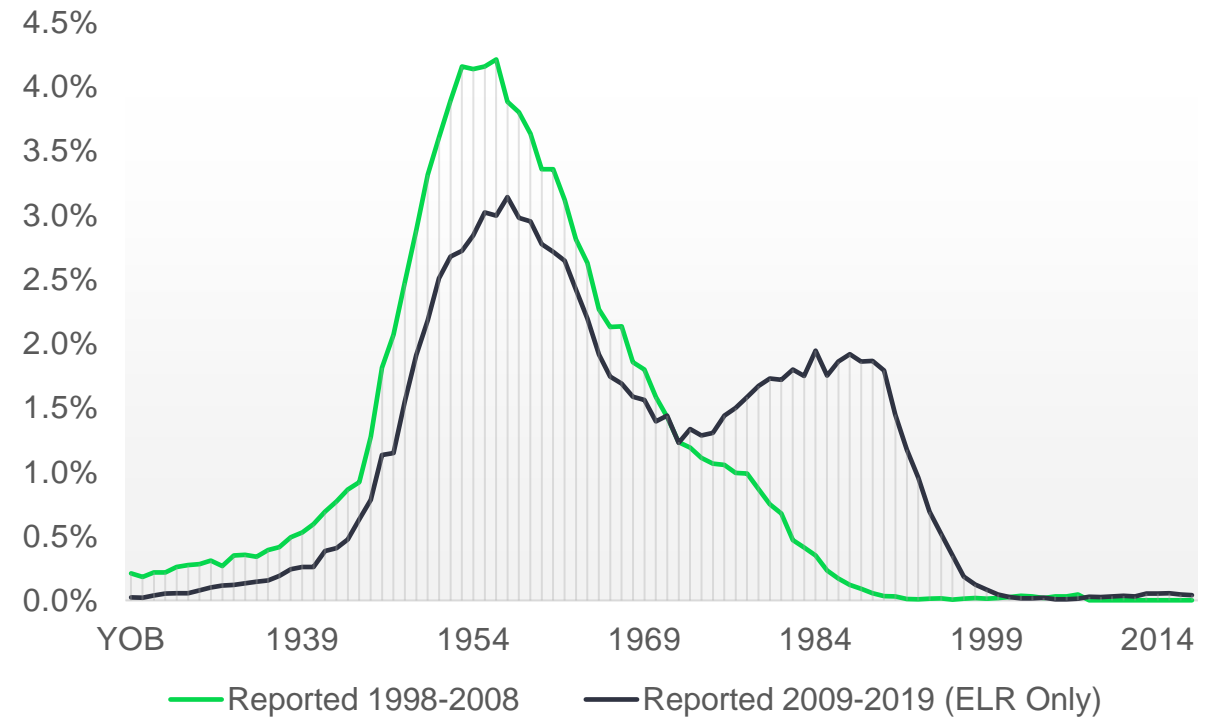
Arizona

In 2019:

Over 7 million People
Lived in Arizona.

- From 2017-2018, Arizona ranked **sixth** in the nation for population growth with **1.6%**
- The City of Phoenix increased its ranking to the **fifth largest city** in the United States with a population of 1.6 million

*From 2013-2017, the number of HCV cases in Arizona increased **37.4%**.*



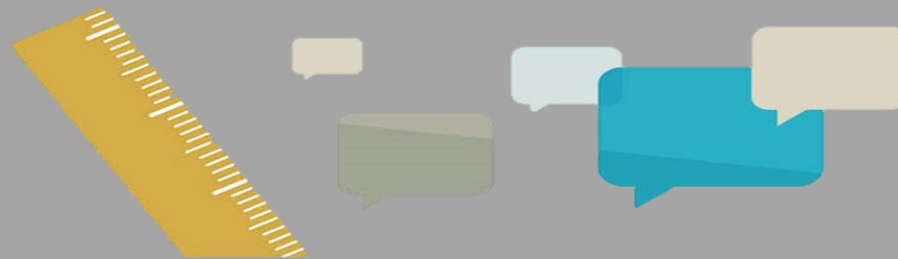
Getting Started

- *Micro-Elimination Strategy*
- *Information Gathering*



Starting Conversations

- ADAP Coverage (Policy 2019-01)
- Conversations with Corrections Partners
- Virtual Listening Sessions Spring 2020
- One-on-one Meetings - Ongoing
- Community-led Webinar Fall 2020



Access to Care

- Relatively high patient volume.
- Time to 1st appointment with HCV care provider varies greatly.
- Some payors have restrictions: Sobriety, provider, chronic.

Barriers

- Effective Treatment Exists, but Access to Treatment is Limited



Sobriety Restrictions

Periods of abstinence from substance or alcohol use prior to treatment.



Prescriber Restrictions

Designating which health care providers can prescribe treatment.

Resources

- CDC Integrated Viral Hepatitis Funding for Health Departments
- CDC HIV Prevention Funding
- HRSA 077 SPNS Grant
- Project Echo Program



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Hep Free AZ: Arizona's Hep C Elimination Advisory Group is a volunteer coalition supported by the Arizona Department of Health Services in partnership with Southwest Recovery Alliance and the Global Liver Institute.

The Hep Free AZ's mission is to eliminate hepatitis C in Arizona through a hands-on, person-centered approach; primarily by preventing new infections and by keeping people living with hep C, along with those at risk for hep C, healthy and engaged in care.

Hep Free AZ Structure

Subcommittees



Data



Advocacy



Marketing



Executive Committee

- Seven (7) Members
- Healthcare Providers, Harm Reduction Workers, CBO Directors, Persons with Lived Experience

Strategy Development

PREVENT



DIAGNOSE



TREAT

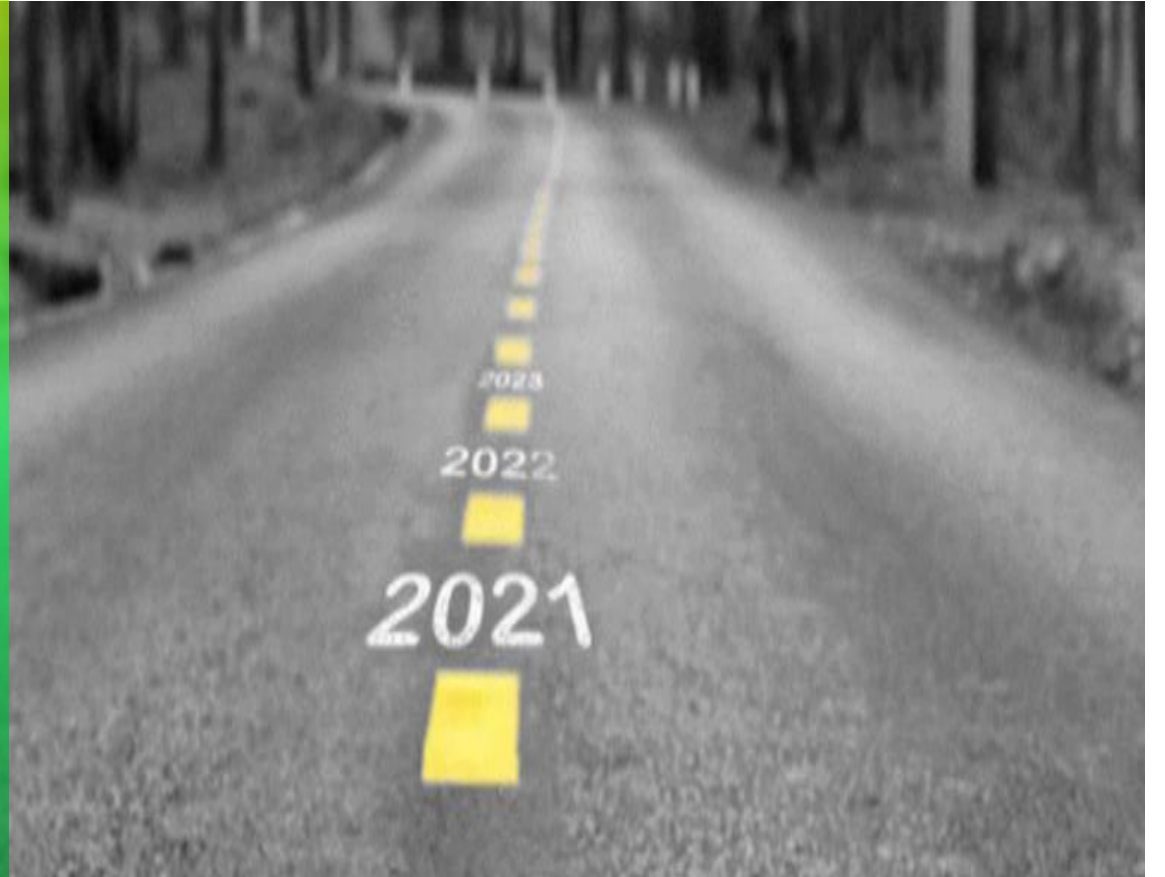


RESPOND



Looking Ahead

*--Acknowledging
Milestones and
recognizing challenges.*



CDC Guidance

Assess the Burden of Hepatitis C in the Jurisdiction



Identify and Engage Key Partners



Develop a Framework for Hepatitis C Elimination



Select Objectives and Strategies



Select Indicators to Measure Elimination Progress



Publish the Strategic Plan



Monitor Elimination Progress and Adapt Strategies

1) Collaboration

Working with the community to prioritize hep C elimination planning and related work.

2) Transparency

Sharing what's available and having discussion on what needs community members may have.

3) Accessibility

Making sure that different levels of engagement are available with low-threshold options!



THANK YOU!

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