

# **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 how this work aligns with elimination planning
- Discuss collaboration with SSP advocacy partners on elimination plan release event

# About

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



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# Project Goals

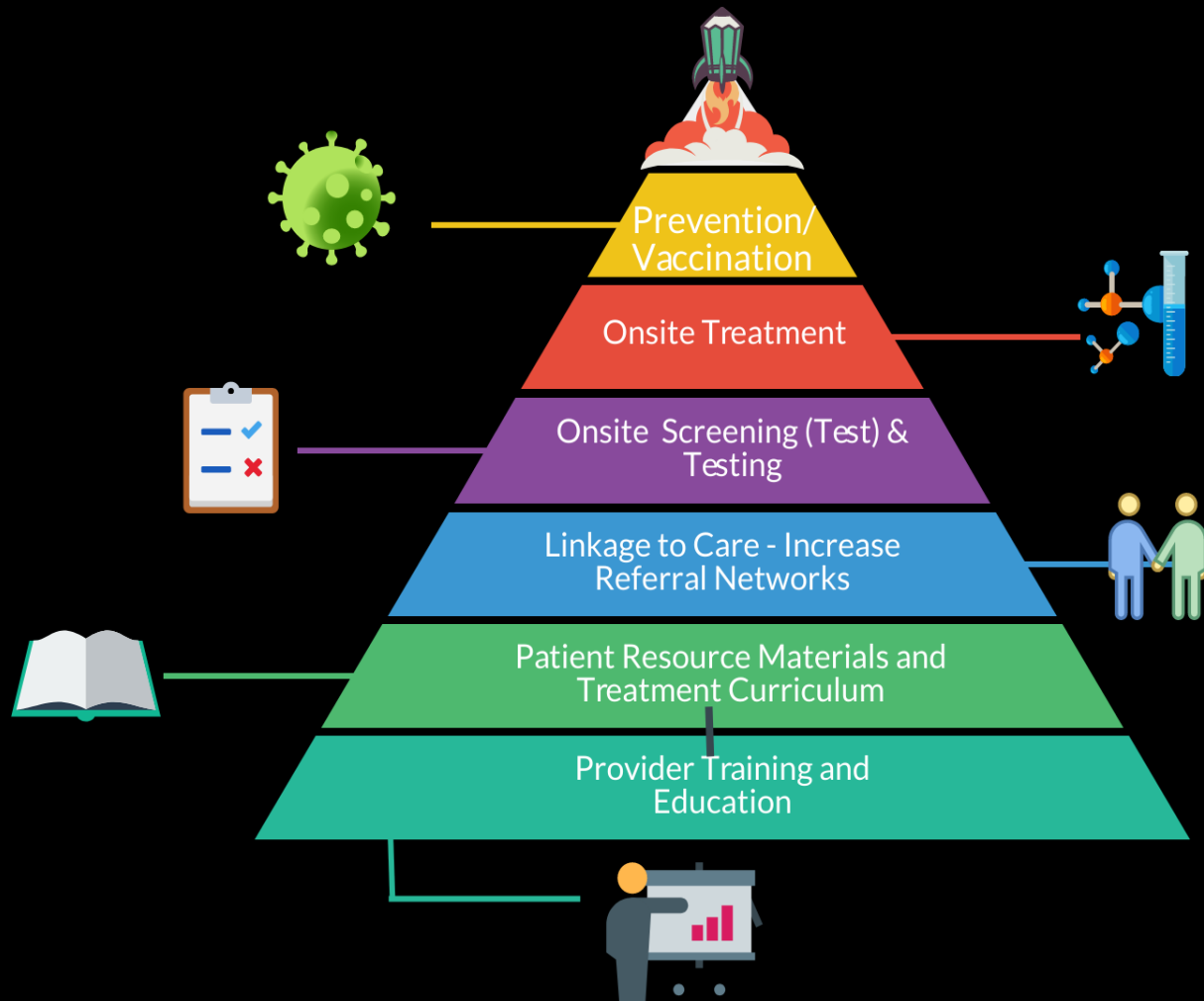


The goals of the project are to increase awareness of and expand access to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and viral hepatitis services in facilities treating persons with substance use disorder through:

- Prevention
- Testing
- Client Education
- Clinical Education
- Intervention
- Treatment

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# Technical Assistant Opportunities



## Single County Authority Engagement (n=47)

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Initial meeting                | 89% |
| Implementation plan meeting    | 51% |
| Provider overview presentation | 40% |
| Educational materials provided | 72% |
| Educational training scheduled | 32% |

**Total Single County Authorities Engaged 94%**

# Project Toolkit

- Capacity assessment
- Screening tool for HIV/viral hepatitis services
- *Workgroup for protocol development\**
- Educational materials including referral guide
- *Curriculum for addictions treatment programs\**
- Trainings
  - Clinical foundations
  - Community 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.

# Capacity Assessment

## **Capacity Assessment Domains:**

Domain A: Provider Policies/Protocols

Domain B: Financial/Reimbursement

Domain C: Health Literature

Domain D: Risk Screening

Domain E: Testing

Domain F: Medical Treatment and Linkage to Care

Domain G: Preventive Services

Domain H: Documentation

Domain I: Training

Domain J: Staffing Requirements

# Screening Tool for Services

A tool developed to ensure all persons entering substance use disorder treatment are offered:

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

# 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 \(pa.gov\)](#)

# Protocol Development Workgroups



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A. Prevention B. Testing C. Treatment  
D. Case Management

# Educational Materials

Educational materials topics as requested by SCAs:

- ✓ HIV
- ✓ Viral Hepatitis
- ✓ TB
- ✓ STI

Referral guide by SCA in progress

# Curriculum for Providers

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



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# Training Development

- Clinical Foundations Training for HIV and Viral Hepatitis Service Integration
  - Licensed clinicians
- Community training for case managers, peer recovery specialists
- Medical training for medical professionals
  - HCV treatment onsite

# HIV/Hep Educational Campaign

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

# Educational Campaign

- WIDE:

[https://pacast.com/players/cmsplayerHD.asp?video\\_filename=app\\_20626\\_DOH\\_HIV-HepC\\_scrpt01\\_15s\\_WIDE-review3.m4v](https://pacast.com/players/cmsplayerHD.asp?video_filename=app_20626_DOH_HIV-HepC_scrpt01_15s_WIDE-review3.m4v)

- SQUARE:

[https://pacast.com/players/cmsplayerHD.asp?video\\_filename=app\\_20626\\_DOH\\_HIV-HepC\\_scrpt01\\_15s\\_SQ-review3.m4v](https://pacast.com/players/cmsplayerHD.asp?video_filename=app_20626_DOH_HIV-HepC_scrpt01_15s_SQ-review3.m4v)

# Next Steps

- Rapid HIV/HCV test kit distribution
- Hep A and Hep B vaccine distribution
- Technical assistance

# 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

## VIRAL HEPATITIS AND SYRINGE SERVICES AWARENESS EVENT

JUNE 7, 2022, FROM 1 P.M. – 2 P.M.

### BACKGROUND

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is hosting a viral hepatitis and syringe services programs awareness event in partnership with Hep Free PA, which serves as Pennsylvania's statewide coalition focused on viral hepatitis elimination across the commonwealth.

This event will highlight the importance of the prevention and treatment of viral hepatitis, debut the commonwealth's first iteration of its viral hepatitis elimination plan as well as spotlight the necessity of legalizing syringe services programs to address viral hepatitis and other preventable diseases.



- The Wolf Administration worked closely with members of the General Assembly to develop Senate Bill 926 and House Bill 2264 which would allow additional organizations outside of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to engage in syringe services work. Currently, there are more than 400 Syringe Service Programs operating in 39 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

### AGENDA

This event will consist of a press conference with speakers including:

- Dr. Denise Johnson, MD, FACOG, FACHE – Acting Secretary of Health and Pennsylvania Physician General
- Dr. Stacey Trooskin, MD, PhD, MPH – Chief Medical Officer, Philadelphia FIGHT
- Dr. Chari Cohen, DrPH, MPH – Senior Vice President, Hepatitis B Foundation
- Pennsylvanians offering to share their lived experiences

Legislators have been invited to attend and participate.

### LOCATION

Pennsylvania State Capitol Building – East Wing Rotunda  
501 N. Third St Harrisburg PA 17120



# Questions?

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