

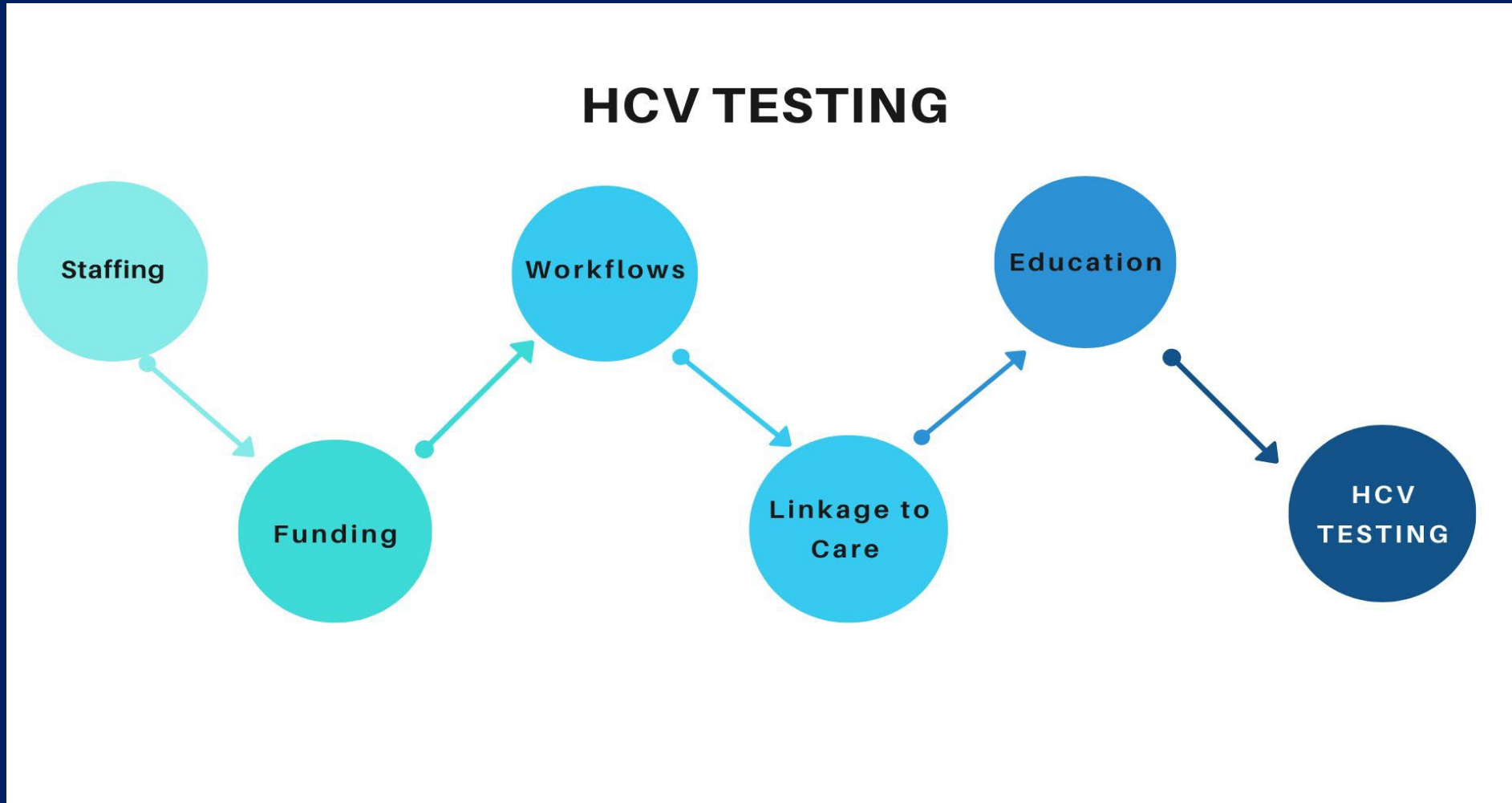
# Working in Coalition to Advance Viral Hepatitis Testing: SSPs and MAT Settings

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# HCV Testing : It's Complicated!



# PDPH Approach for HCV Testing Advancement

- Macro-level Support – **Systems**
  - Policy & insurance barriers to testing
- Mid-level Support – **Medical & Social Service Providers; Inter/Intra-Departmental Collaboration**
  - Collaborate to incorporate
- Micro-level Support – **Medical & Social Service Locations**
  - Infiltrate to integrate



# Hepatitis C Testing Advancement: **MAT**

- **Macro-Level Change**

- Know your decision makers & know the issues
  - **Example** : The cost of HCV RNA testing is paid for by the single county authority (SCA)
- Support coalitions, community partner efforts for policy change
  - **Example** : Advocating for removal of prior authorization for HCV treatment through Medicaid

- **Mid-Level Change**

- Take note of themes, trends, and gaps in data
- Know what's happening in your health department\*
  - **Example**: Provider education – Cultural Competency, Harm Reduction, HCV preceptorship
  - **Example**: Technical Advisory committee (TAC)
  - **Example**: Provider Tool Kit

# Hepatitis C Testing Advancement: **MAT**

- **Micro-Level Change**

- Maintain communication at clinic level
  - **Example:** 340b partnership
  - **Example:** Technical assistance through direct support with Philly InSync Project

**Shameless Plug: Tune in for CDCs Component 3 Quarterly Call on 8/12 @ 1pm – 2 pm to hear more about how our TA is going! Or contact us offline for details**

- **Example:** Linkage-to-care and navigation
  - Co-located treatment sites, provider network

# Hepatitis C Testing Advancement: SSP

- **Macro-Level Change**

- **Example:** PDPH joined PA DOH in advocating for SSP expansion, harm reduction services

- **Mid-Level Change**

- **Example:** Work with Substance Use and Harm Reduction program providing data to inform mobile units, pop-up testing
- **Example:** Alphabet Study
- **Example:** Provider education Buprenorphine Training (co-collaborators), focus on whole-person health, referrals to PPP in provider education

- **Micro-Level Change**

- **Example:** Supplied staff to perform viral loads

# The REAL Mid-Level Change

- **YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT!!!**

- **STEP ONE:** What's already happening?

- Are programs already providing HCV testing – AB and/or RNA – or Syphilis?
- Are programs linking people to care?
- Who provides testing clinics?
- What programs are working with populations disproportionately affected by HCV?

- **STEP TWO:** What can you offer these programs?

- Educational materials (print, presentations, digital)
- Staff/client viral hepatitis education (ongoing)
- Offer your eyes and ears

- **STEP THREE:** How can you collaborate?

- Introductions to community partners
- Navigation, linkage-to-care, phlebotomy
- Data

# The REAL Mid-Level Change

- YOUR HEPATITIS PROGRAM!!!

- Lead by example

- Use harm reduction, patient-centered, whole person care language
- Promote importance of cultural competency and harm reduction
- Promote providers that are PWUD-friendly (without “advertising” it)

**Your Health MATTERS**  
**FIND YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP**

A list of free/low cost clinics offering care for your physical and mental health

**These clinics offer care for a variety of conditions including:**

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Hepatitis C
- High Blood Pressure
- HIV/AIDS
- Mental Health
- Substance Use

... and much more!

**Center City Philadelphia FIGHT: John Bell**  
1207 Chestnut St, 3rd Floor, 19107  
Phone: (267) 725-0252  
M to F: 8AM to 8PM

- Benefits Assistance
- Behavioral Health
- Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening

**Center City/North PHMC Care Clinic**  
1200 Callowhill Street, 19123  
Phone: (215) 825-8220  
M to F: 8:30AM to 5PM

- Insurance Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Pharmacy On-Site

**FPCN - 11th Street**  
850 N. 11th Street, 19123  
Phone: (215) 769-1100  
M, T, Th: 8:30am – 7pm  
W: 8:30am – 5pm  
F & Sa (1st/3rd): 8:30am-12pm

- Behavioral Health
- Podiatry, Prenatal Care, Dental
- Transportation Assistance

**North Philadelphia Fairmount Primary Care at GMC**  
801 Girard Ave, 19122  
Phone: (215) 827-8010  
M to F: 7:30AM to 4PM

- Behavioral Health
- Social Work
- Insurance and Legal Assistance

**Congreso Health Center**  
412 W Lehigh Ave, 19133  
Phone: (267) 765-2272  
M to F: 8AM to 5PM

- Insurance Assistance
- Social Workers
- Family Planning Services

**Northwest Philadelphia FPCN - Abbottsford-Falls**  
4700 Wissahickon Ave., 19144  
Phone: (215) 843-9720  
M & Th: 8:30am – 7pm  
T & W: 8:30am – 5pm  
F & Sa: 8:30am – 11:40am

- Behavioral Health
- Podiatry, Prenatal Care, Dental
- Transportation Assistance

**West Philadelphia Penn Family Care**  
3737 Market St. 9th Flr, 19104  
Phone: (215) 662-8777  
M, W: 7:45am – 8:15pm  
T, Th, F: 7:45am – 5pm, Sa 9am – 12pm

- Behavioral Health
- LGBTQ Health Program
- OB/GYN and Pediatric care



# Key Take Aways

- Macro – Mid – Micro – level changes are interdependent
- Collaboration within your health department is ideal
- Use your unique position
- Patience, my friends

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