## Teams

### Drug User Health
NASTAD’s Drug User Health team produces resources, provides TA to our members and community-based harm reduction programs, and advocates for an effective science-based public health approach to address the needs of people who inject drugs.

### Health Care Access
NASTAD’s Health Care Access team supports state and territorial health department HIV programs implement comprehensive and equity-centered state-of-the-art medical care, treatment, and support services to all people living with HIV/AIDS.

### Health Equity
The vision of the Health Equity team is to dismantle systemic barriers and shift power dynamics by emphasizing the historical context through which our system operates and serving communities in order to produce measurable changes and support everyone in leading healthier lives.

### Health Systems Integration
NASTAD’s Health Systems Integration team aims to bridge public health and health care systems to ensure that all systems and patients are effective partners in ending the HIV and hepatitis epidemics.

### Hepatitis
NASTAD’s Hepatitis team provides guidance and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of state and local health departments to develop, maintain and enhance comprehensive hepatitis programs as they address the continuum from prevention through cure.

### HIV Prevention
NASTAD’s diverse HIV prevention team collaborates across all of NASTAD’s programs to comprehensively address the goal of ending the intersecting epidemics of HIV and hepatitis-related conditions.

### Policy & Legislative Affairs
NASTAD’s Policy and Legislative Affairs program leads the implementation of NASTAD’s legislative and policy priorities on federal appropriations and legislation related to HIV and hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment issues.
Why Appropriations?
Anti-LGBTQ2S+ judge rules that U.S. companies should not have to provide employees with PrEP

The full implications of this ruling are currently unclear, with contraceptives also on the line.

**Polarized Landscape**
High Stakes

Who receives Hepatitis C treatment?

Of the more than 2.4 million Americans with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infection ...

1 in 3 with private insurance get timely treatment.

1 in 4 with Medicaid get timely treatment.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Viewpoint
March 9, 2023

A National Hepatitis C Elimination Program in the United States
A Historic Opportunity

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HAP’s Funding Lines

**Hepatitis Prevention Program**
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National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

$43 MILLION

**Infectious Disease and the Opioid Epidemic**
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

$23 MILLION
FY2023 Final: $43 million (+$2 million)

FY2024 President’s Budget: $54.5 million (+$11.5 million)
Bipartisan Debt Limit Compromise of 2023

NCSD MARKS DEBT CEILING DEAL AS A DEVASTATING BLOW TO THE FIGHT AGAINST RISING STI RATES

RELEASE DATE
June 13, 2023

The Fiscal Responsibility Act is the Largest deficit reduction bill in U.S. history!

- Cuts spending by $2.13 trillion
- Claws back $29 billion in unspent COVID funds
- Defunds President Biden's army of IRS agents
- Expands work requirements for SNAP benefits
FY2024 Asks

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Senate
(Dem majority)

LHHS Subcommittee Leadership

Chairman Aderholt (R-AL-04)

House
(GOP majority)

Approps Committee Leadership

Chairwoman Kay Granger
Texas - 12

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
Connecticut - 03

Chairwoman Susan Collins
Republican - Maine

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Chairwoman Patty Murray
Democrat - Washington
Key Takeaways

• Appropriations advocacy is essential for improving hepatitis programming, from national program planning and implementation to jurisdictional level service delivery.

• Although there is a new wave of federal support and attention on hepatitis C virus elimination, and updated HBV testing and screening recommendations, the current political realities make it hard to capitalize on the momentum.

• Building federal support and public funding for viral hepatitis programs requires pulling every lever at our disposal—legislative and administrative.

• Health department hepatitis programs are key to ending the epidemic. Your messages and input go a long way in our advocacy work of centering health departments in workplans.

• The Policy team is here to advocate for you—let us know what you need and what is helpful.
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Thank you!