

# Utilizing Integrated Data to Support the Implementation of Syndemic Programming

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# CT DPH Organizational Chart

TB, HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Section is housed under Infectious Diseases

Programs Include:  
HIV/HCV Prevention Program;

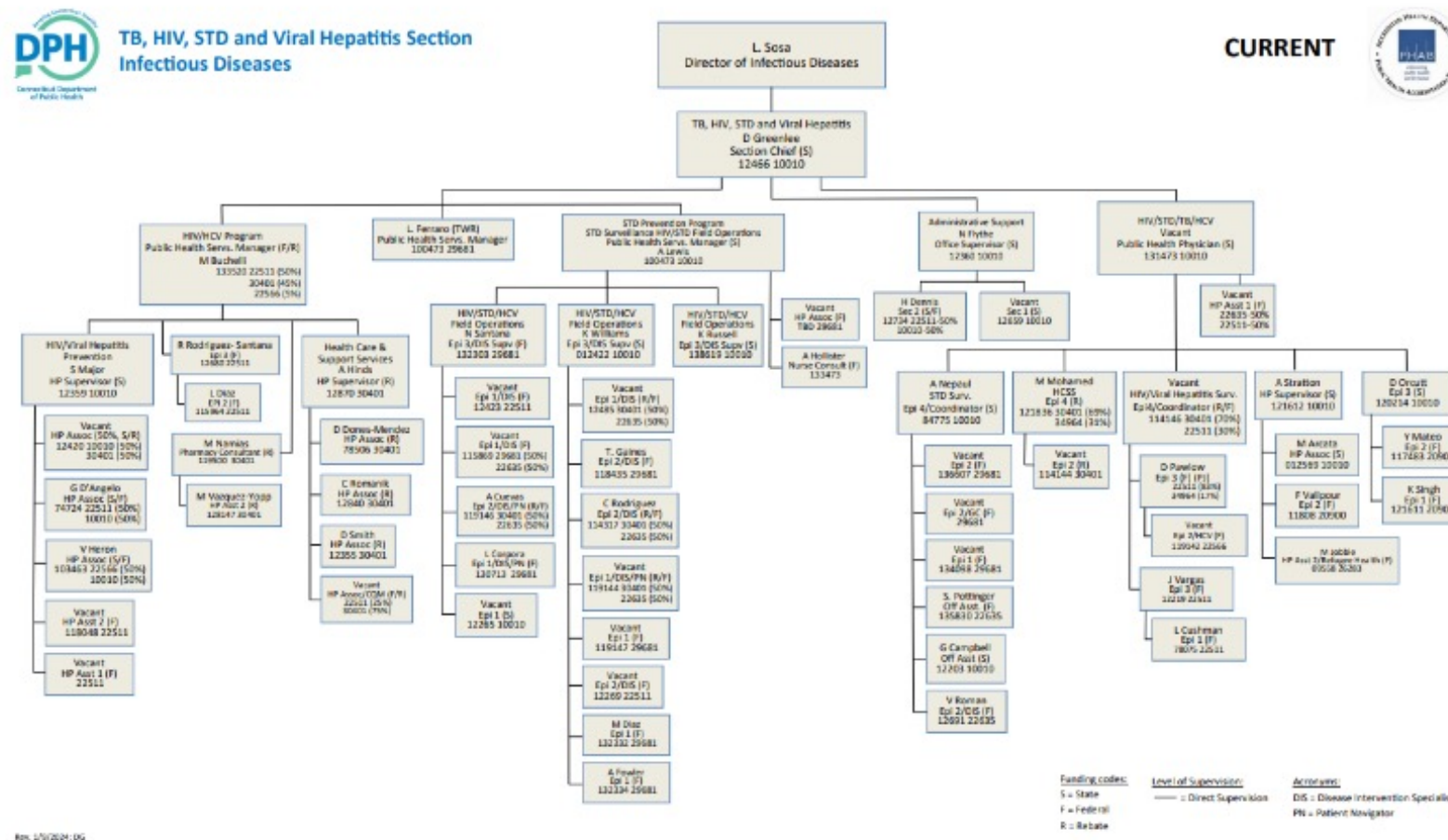
HIV/Viral Hepatitis Surveillance;

STD Prevention;

STD Surveillance;

HCSS Ryan White Part B;

TB Control;



# What is a Syndemic?

**A set of linked health conditions or epidemics that are connected and contribute to a higher burden of disease in a population or community.**

# Four Epidemics make up Connecticut's Syndemic



Human Immuno-deficiency Virus  
Sexually Transmitted Disease  
Substance Use Disorder  
Viral Hepatitis

# Connecting the Dots...

## Overlapping Risk Factors (Behaviors)

### HIV/HCV

- Nationally and locally about 21% of people living with HIV have HCV
- Nationally and locally, 62-80% of people with HIV who inject drugs have HCV
- Effective treatment is possible but complicated for co-infected individuals
- HIV can be treated, and HCV can be cured

### HIV/STD

- Immune cells gather at STI infection sites, and then can be invaded by HIV
- Sores or inflammation from an STI provide HIV a portal of entry
- With an STI, the concentration of HIV in genital fluids increases
- STIs have been called precursors to HIV

### HIV/SUD

- SUD can increase risk for HIV, STI, and HCV
- SUD can impede care/treatment for HIV, STI & HCV
- SUD can lead to poorer health outcomes for those with HIV, STI, HCV
- All substance use can elevate risk (not just IDU)

# Syndemic Work Groups



- CHPC (CT HIV Planning Consortium) Committees
- Subcommittees include Ending the Syndemic, Data Awareness, and Quality Performance Measures
- CHPC is made up of Providers, Consumers and Others
- Meets monthly to focus on data Integration (needs assessments, data indicators to monitor syndemic progress, etc.)

## Ending the Syndemic Partners Group

- Convened by DPH
- Made up of Program Administrators/Providers across HIV, STD, HCV and SUD, including DMHAS (Dept of Mental Health and Addiction Services)
- Meets quarterly to focus on systems level Integration (e.g., Focus on policies and protocols to implement Integrated activities)



# Syndemic Activities


Ending the Syndemic Website:

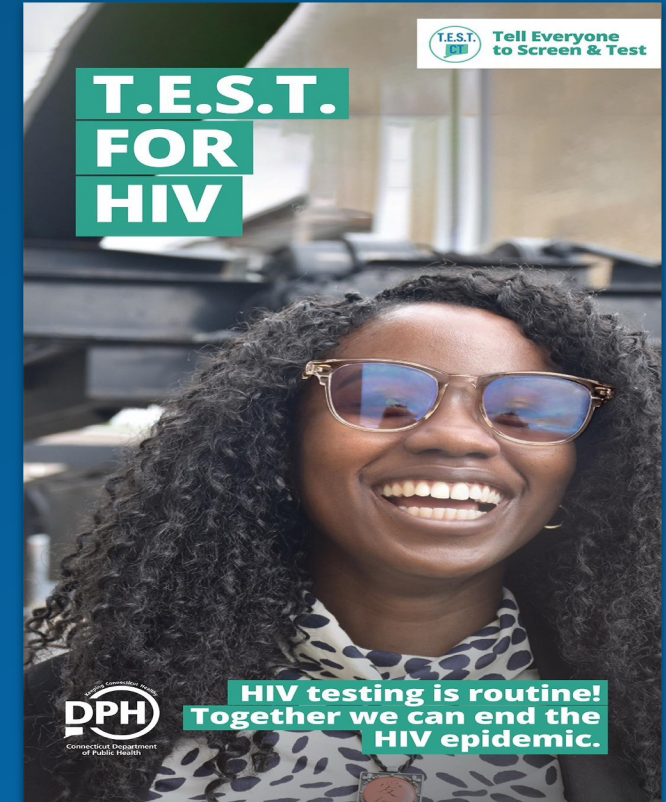
<https://endthesyndemicct.org/epidemics/hiv/>

Patient Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Visit \_\_\_\_\_

**Connecticut Syndemic Screening Tool** [version 1.0]

General	1a. Have you had anal, vaginal, or oral sex in the last 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	1b. If yes, did you use condoms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes
	1c. If yes, are you taking PrEP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	1d. Would you like information about PrEP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	1e. Do you currently drink alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	1f. Are you currently using any drugs that are not prescribed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	1g. If yes, do you inject any drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	1h. If yes, do you share any needles or works?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
HIV	2a. Have you been tested for HIV in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	2b. If yes, what were the results?	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV+	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV- <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	2c. We recommend all patients be tested for HIV; would you like to be tested today?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)	3a. Have you had a STD in the last 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	3b. If yes, did you receive treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	3c. We recommend all patients be tested for STDs; would you like to be tested today?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
Hepatitis C (Hep C)	4a. Have you been tested for Hepatitis C in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	4b. If yes, what was the result?	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	4c. If positive, have you been treated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	4d. We recommend all patients be tested for Hep C; would you like to be tested for Hep C today?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
Substance Use	5a. Do you think alcohol is having a negative impact on your ability to function or on your quality of life?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	5b. Do you think drug use is having a negative impact on your ability to function or on your quality of life?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	5c. If yes, would you like to talk to someone about the impact of substance use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
Mental Health	6a. Are you currently experiencing any anxiety, depression, or other mental health concerns?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
	6b. If yes, would you like to talk to someone about it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know

 screening tool was developed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health in partnership with healthcare providers and clinicians, community planning groups, and individuals with lived experience who are working together to reduce preventable diseases and to eliminate health disparities. For more information visit: [www.endthesyndemicct.org](https://www.endthesyndemicct.org)

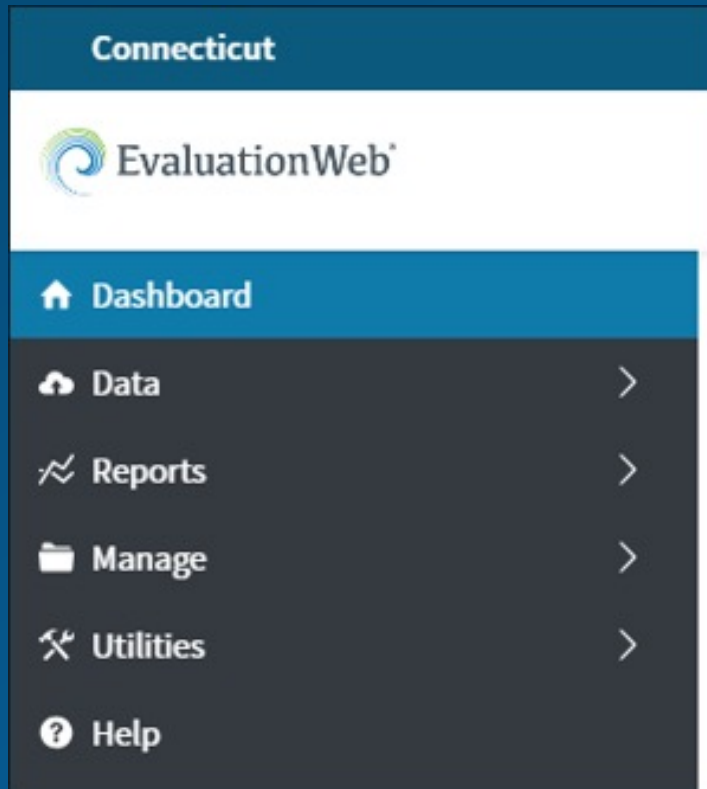


## List of data systems and reporting tools used by Connecticut DPH:

- EvaluationWeb
- eHARS
- CTEDSS (Connecticut Electronic Disease and Surveillance System: Powered by Maven)
- e2CTPrevention
- e2CT
- ODMAP
- MS Power BI
- Two Page Reports
- Area Deprivation Index



# Data Systems Used for Syndemic Activities



**EvaluationWeb** – An on-line data collection and reporting system specifically for HIV testing and prevention activities.

# Data Systems Used for Syndemic Activities (Cont.)

**eHARS** – The Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS) is a browser-based, CDC-developed application that assists health departments with reporting, data management, analysis, and transfer of data to CDC.

HANK assembles HIV case data from both eHARS and HARMS.

Demographic data, alias names, full address history, and full lab data history are assembled in HANK. There is a "HIV Continuum of Care" timeline and the "HIV Health Meter" metrics.

Hank electronically matches DOC inmates to eHARS/HARMS data systems.

Users: Thomas Shavor

**HIV/AIDS REPORTING SYSTEM v4.2 (NON-MJ)** [SITEMAP](#) [CONTACT US](#) [HELP](#) [LOGOFF](#)

**DOCUMENT** **REPORT** **ADMIN**

Search a Document  
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Add a Person

**Documents and Forms Search** [Search](#) [Reset](#)


**SWITCH TO FUZZY SEARCH**

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**HANK**

Links

**HANK Lookup**



**D2C Worklist**



# Data Systems Used for Syndemic Activities (Cont.)

**CTEDSS (Connecticut Electronic Disease and Surveillance System: Powered by Maven)** – A data collection system that houses HCV, STD and Partner Services data.

https://edss.dph.ct.gov/maven/login.do

Connecticut Electronic Disease Surveillance System

**SYSTEM DATABASE UPDATE between 20:00 and 06:00 daily.** We will be doing a database update to remove negative COVID cases in the system from 8 PM-6 AM each night for a few weeks. The system may be very slow during this time, and we recommend not logging into the system during these hours. Thank you for your support.

**Sign in to CTEDSS**

Username

Password

Man Application

Reset password

Sign in

If you do not agree to be bound by these terms and conditions, promptly exit this application.  
If you cannot access the system, please contact your local administrator.  
For additional assistance, please call 860-509-7594 or email [dph.ctedss@ct.gov](mailto:dph.ctedss@ct.gov).  
For after hours, holiday, and weekend **OUTAGES ONLY** contact the DPH IT Help Desk at 860-509-7777.

This AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health ("DPH") and you, the "User" of the Connecticut Electronic Disease Surveillance System (CTEDSS).

User must be registered with the DPH or a DPH authorized entity in order to use this system. As part of this registration, the User must sign the DPH Confidentiality Pledge. User's assigned ID and password are non-transferable, and may not be shared with any other employee, individual, or entity.

User agrees to use best efforts and take all steps reasonably necessary to prevent unauthorized access to, use of, or disclosure of personal information from the CTEDSS. User will immediately notify the DPH both orally and in writing about any unauthorized access to or use of data, and take such measures as the DPH deems are reasonable and necessary to mitigate or address any unauthorized access to, use of, or disclosure of personal information from CTEDSS.

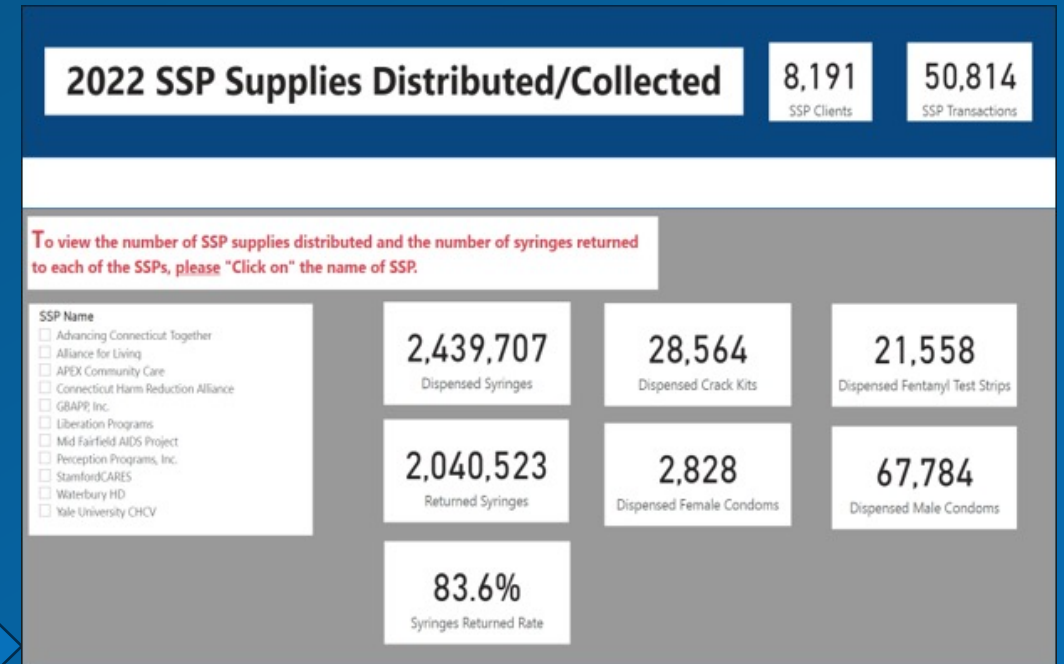
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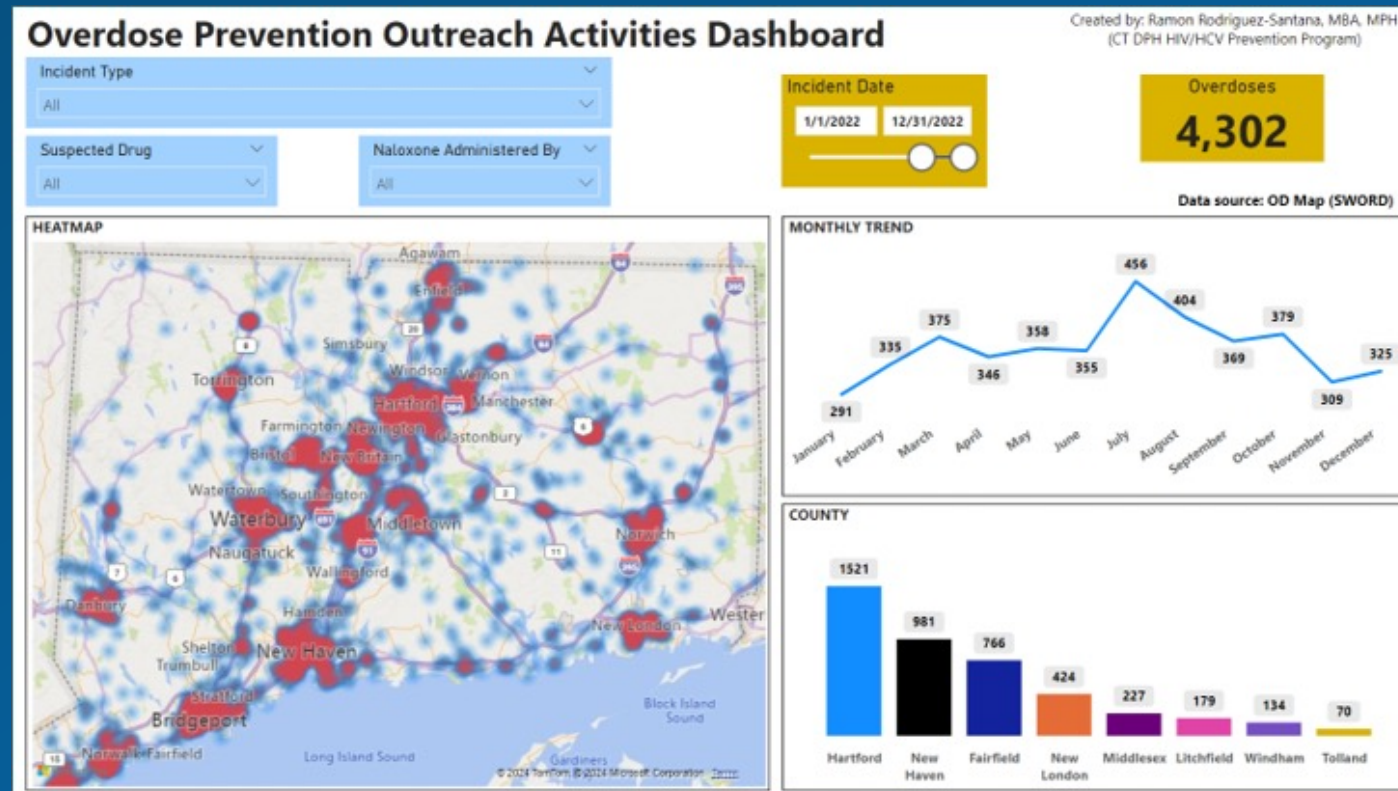
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**e2CTPrevention** – HIV/HCV prevention program data collection system used for monitoring and evaluating harm reduction, SSP and PrEP Navigation activities by DPH funded organizations.



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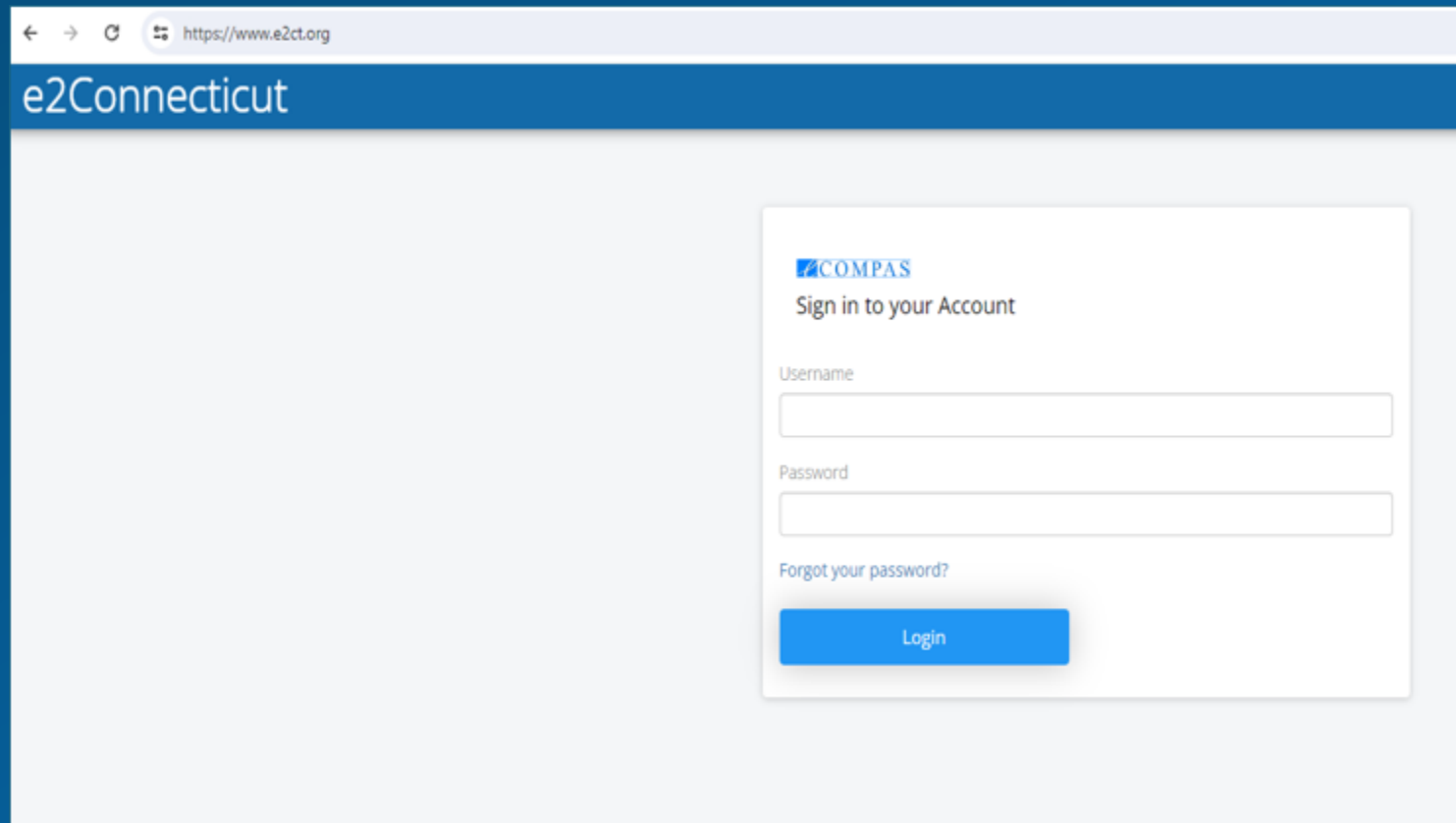
**ODMAP** – A system that provides near real-time suspected overdose data across jurisdictions to support public safety and public health efforts to mobilize an immediate response to a sudden increase, or spike, in overdose events.





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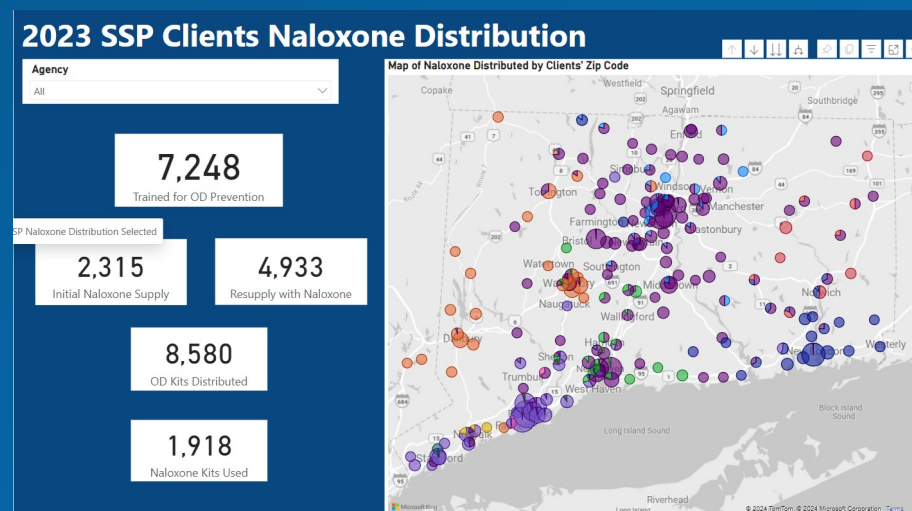
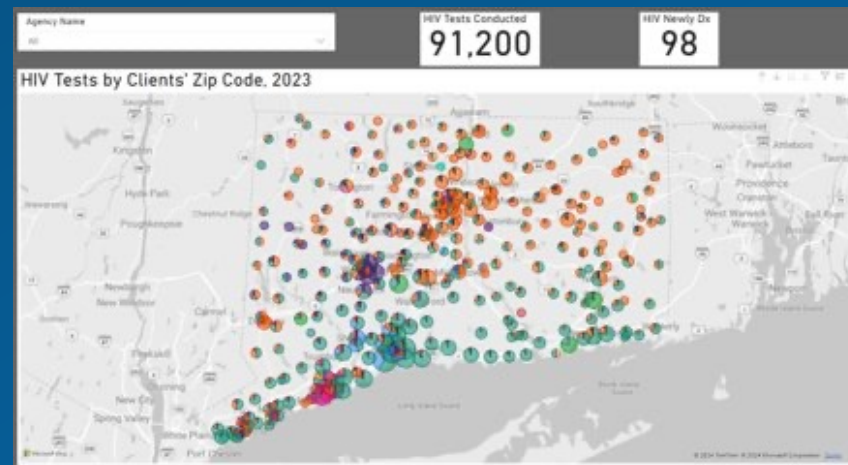
**e2CT** – HCSS RW Part B data collection system used for monitoring and Evaluating RW Part B medical case management services.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://www.e2ct.org>. The page header features the text "e2Connecticut" in white on a blue background. The main content area is white and contains a login form. At the top of the form is the COMPAS logo, followed by the text "Sign in to your Account". Below this are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Under the password field is a link that says "Forgot your password?". At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "Login".

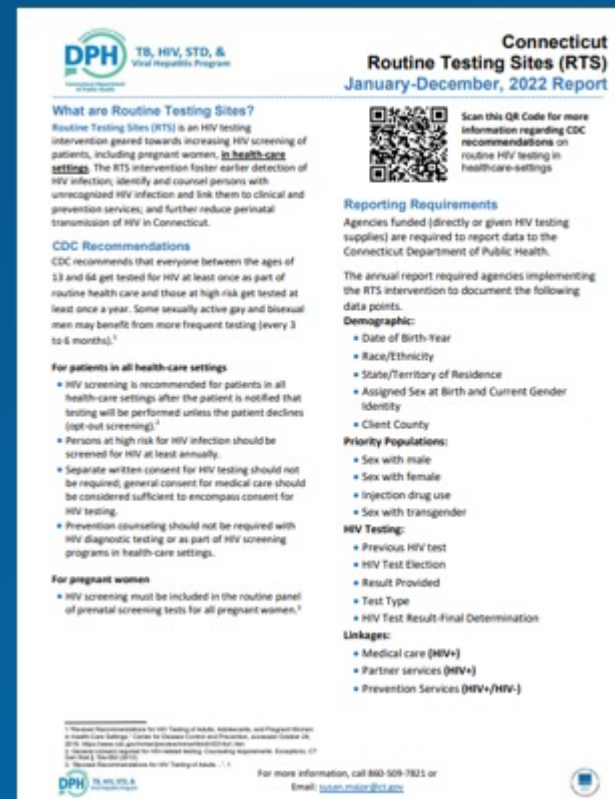
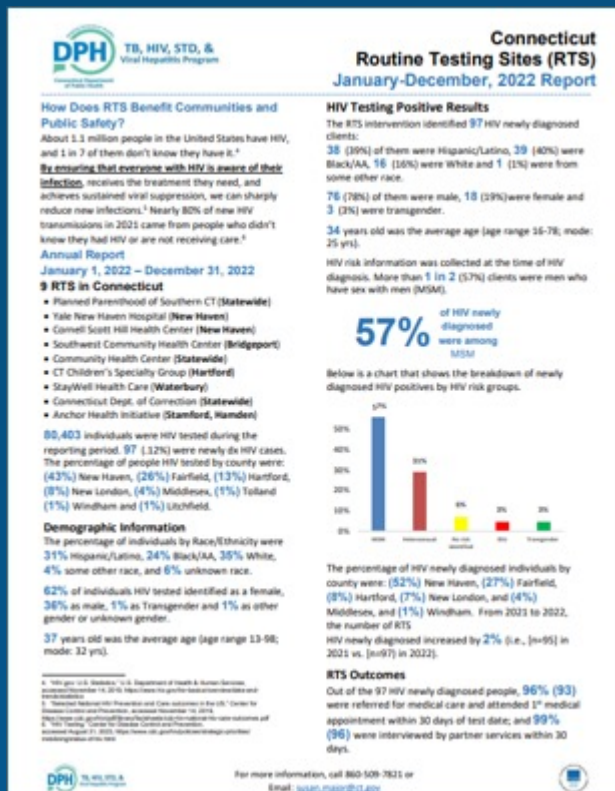
# Data Systems Used for Syndemic Activities (Cont.)

MS Power BI – Create dashboards and reports for quality assurance (QA).



# Data Systems Used for Syndemic Activities (Cont.)

Two Page Report – Easy to read data reports that are two pages long.

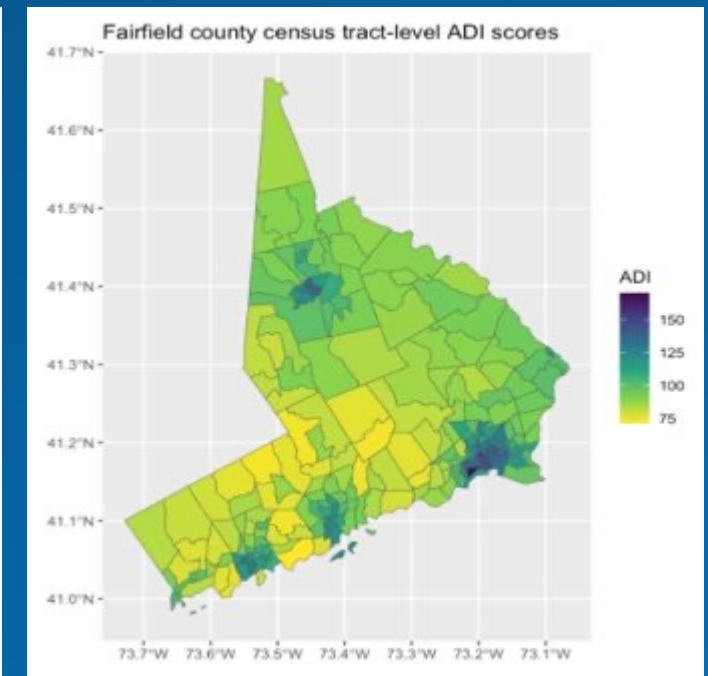
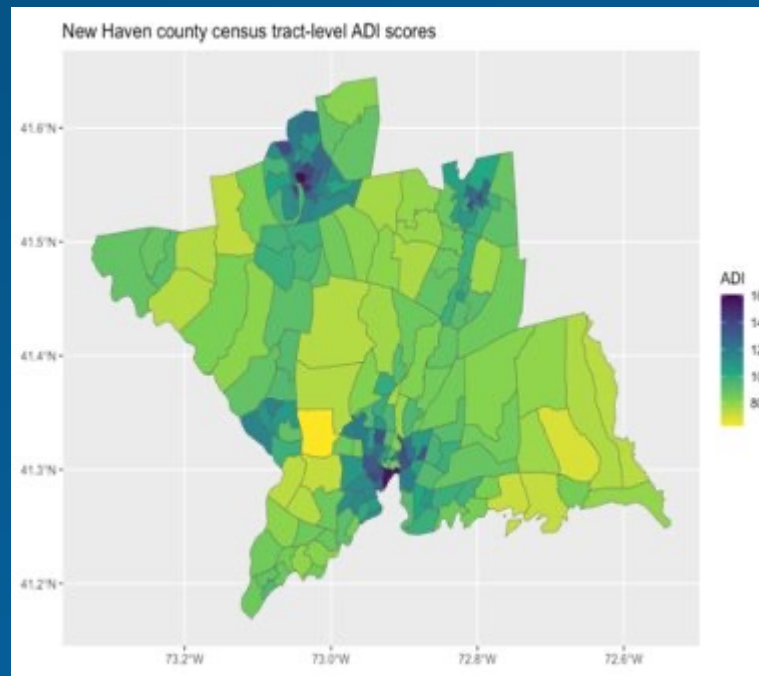
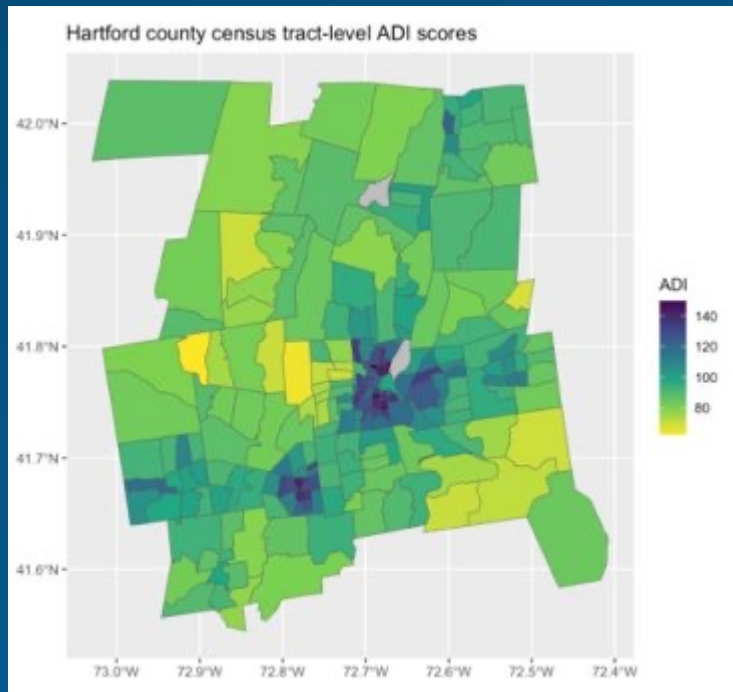


Two-page reports are available for HIV Testing, HCV, PrEP, and Syringe Services.



# Example of Syndemic Data Activities Process

Identify high ADI (Area Deprivation Index) geographical locations for syndemic activities using neighborhood atlas or {sociome} R package.



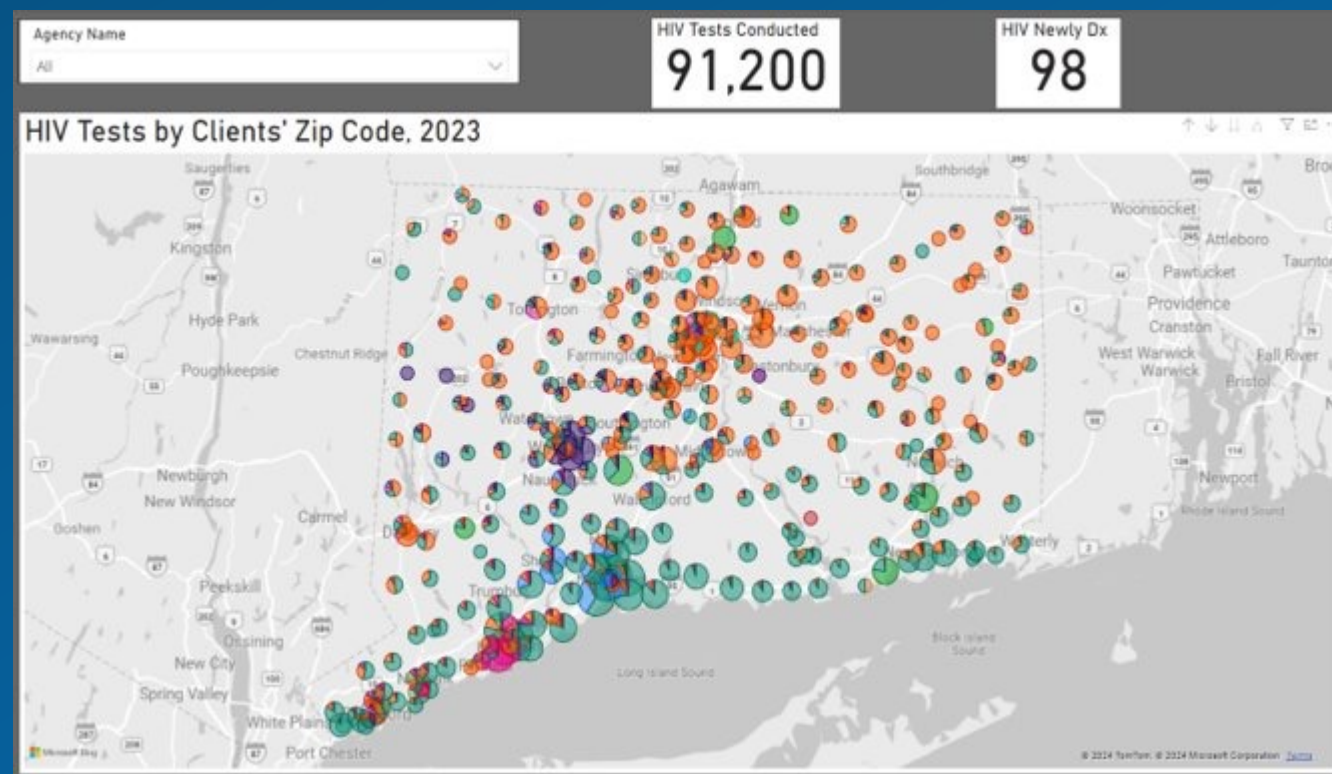
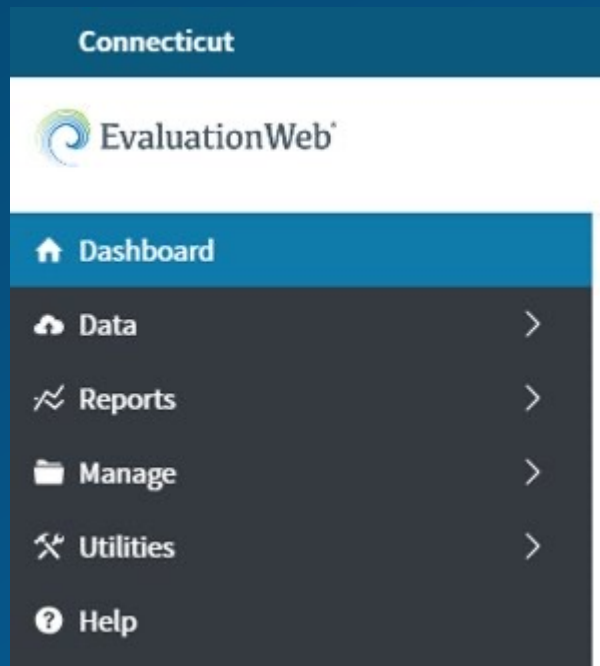
**Note.** ADI maps created using the R Programming Language {sociome} package

Source: <https://www.neighborhoodatlas.medicine.wisc.edu>

Source: <https://github.com/ClevelandClinicQHS/sociome>

# Example of Syndemic Data Activities Process (Cont)

Conduct HIV testing in focused areas (i.e., high ADI scores) and report HIV testing data in EvaluationWeb.





# Program Collaboration Success

- CT DPH Data-to-Care meetings are held monthly with frontline staff from HIV Surveillance, HIV/HCV Prevention, Partner Services, and Ryan White Part B. Meetings are held quarterly with the full section.
- These data centered meetings allow us to find client information in multiple data collection systems from HIV Surveillance, HIV Care, HIV Prevention, STD Surveillance, Vital Records.
- LexisNexis is also used to locate clients who have fallen out of care and to determine resident status.

# Program Collaboration Challenges

- Data collection systems are siloed within programs.
- Data sharing agreements need to be in place to access systems.
- Additional time/effort by staff is required to access and analyze data across systems.
- Current HIV Statutes need to be reviewed and amended to allow for greater data sharing from the Department of Public Health to HIV Providers.

# Thank you

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