



ARIZONA

— DEPARTMENT OF —

HEALTH SERVICES

NASTAD VLC

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Hep C Team Overview

Arizona Department of Health Services

The HIV and Hepatitis C Programs are responsible for surveillance and prevention efforts throughout the State of Arizona, including:

- Collection and analysis of epidemiological data.
- Case investigations & patient navigation.
- Co-facilitation of community advisory groups such as SWAG and Hep Free AZ.

*Health and
Wellness for all
Arizonans!*



Population: 7.6
Million

15 Counties & 22 Tribal
Jurisdictions

Border State with
Mexico

Meet the... Hepatitis C Team!



Back row, left to right

- Priscilla Hernandez, HCV Data Entry Specialist
- Vera Bowlby, HCV Communicable Disease Investigator
- Arlis Jenkins, HCV Epi Program Manager

Front row, left to right

- April Rideout, HCV Senior Epi
- Saul Holguin-De La Cruz, HCV Patient Navigator

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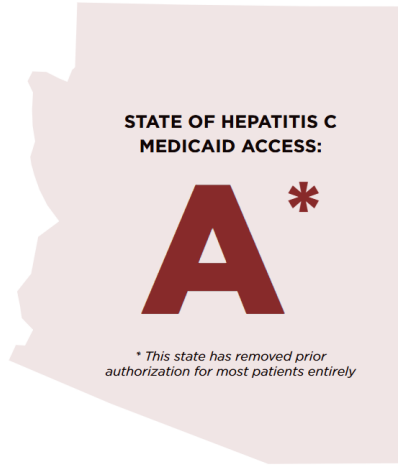
- Lisa Najarian, HCV Perinatal Intern



AZ Landscape

Prior Barriers:

Prior Authorization Requirements: Arizona AHCCCS removed all prior authorization requirements in Fall of 2022.



Prevention: *Arizona legalized syringe service programs in Fall of 2021.*

Key Strategies

Direct Services

- Hepatitis C Patient Navigation Program - Statewide

Funded Subcontractors

- Hepatitis C Testing and linkage to care - Maricopa County

In-Kind Support/340b Programming

- Partnerships to bolster hepatitis C testing and linkage to care - Statewide

Additional efforts are still needed!



340b Programming

340b Program Overview

Goal: To expand and enhance hepatitis C services by extending eligibility for organizations to develop 340b programs.

1:1 Meetings

Meetings with Health Care Providers

Program staff meet with health care agency staff to discuss.

Establishment of MOU

Entering a Memorandum of Understanding

An official agreement is issued detailing the scope of work and reporting requirements.

Ongoing Monitoring & Support

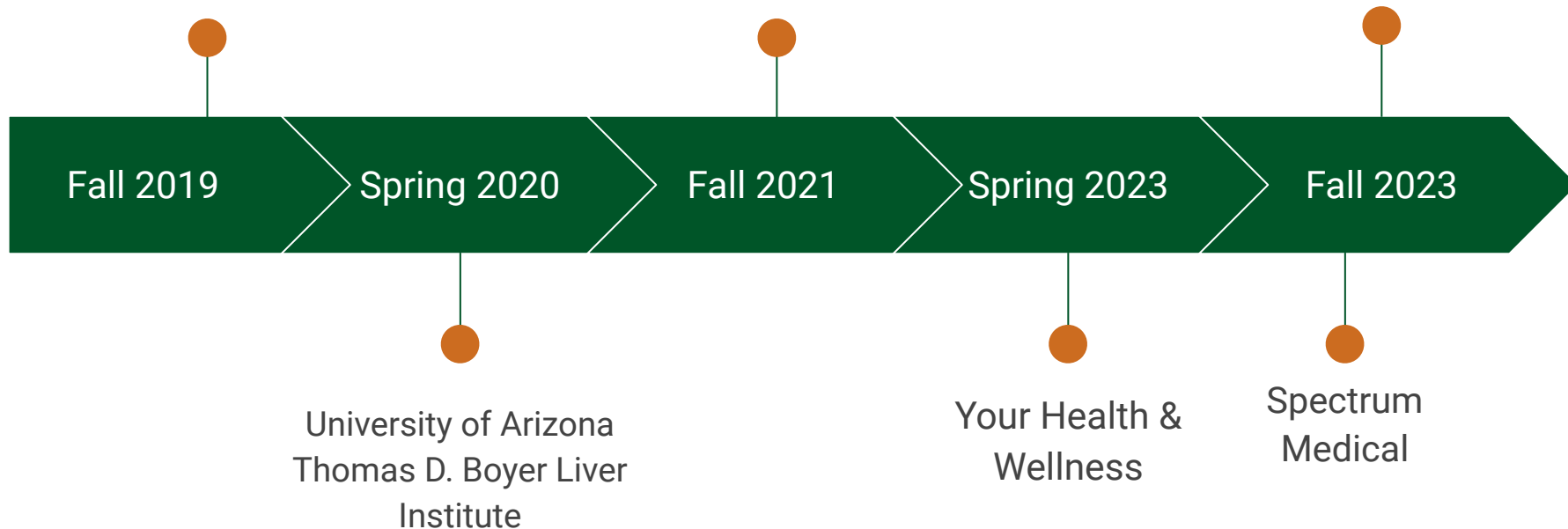
Regular Check-ins and Data Reporting

Onboarding for REDCap reporting takes place and regular check-ins are scheduled.

Arizona Department of
Corrections Rehabilitation
and Re-entry

Arizona Liver Health (VEN Centers)

CAN Community
Health



Partnership with VEN Centers

- Well-established Presence
 - Project ECHO
 - Participation in Hep Free AZ Coalition
- Evidence Based
 - Application of strategies that work
 - Focus on reaching high priority populations
- “Powered by Arizona Liver Health”
 - Payor Mix
 - Subject Matter Expertise
 - Community Reach



Questions?

