

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS WITH HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR HEPATITIS B PREVENTION



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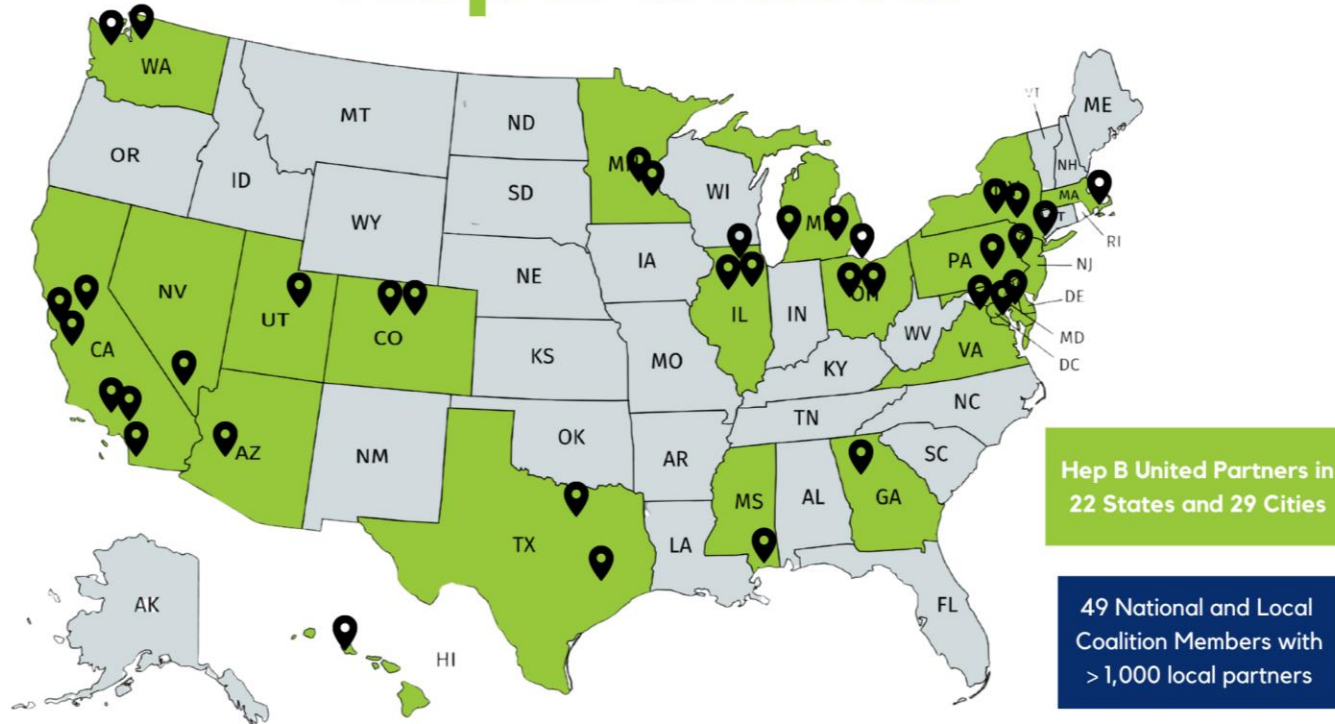


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HEP B UNITED: A NATIONAL COALITION

Hep B United



- 50+ local coalitions & national organizations in 29 cities and 23 states, and D.C.
- **Mission** - Hep B United is a national coalition dedicated to reducing the health disparities associated with hepatitis B by increasing awareness, screening, vaccination, and linkage to care for high-risk communities across the United States.

HEPNET



HepNET

Hepatitis Network for
Education and Testing

- The Hepatitis Network for Education and Testing (HepNET) is a network of public health partners, community-based organizations, tribal health organizations, people with lived experience, and healthcare providers, focused on identifying and addressing the unmet needs of people who inject drugs (PWID) to improve their access to viral hepatitis education, prevention, testing, linkage to care, and treatment.
- Learn more about HepNET [here](#) and join the network [here](#).

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Hep B United Philadelphia Partnerships

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Outline

- 01 About Hep B United Philadelphia
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About us

Hep B United Philadelphia (HBUP) is a local community-owned coalition that was created to increase hepatitis B testing and vaccination in Philadelphia through public awareness and education. Led by the Hepatitis B Foundation, we currently have over 70 coalition partners including the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, university health systems, social service providers, health care professionals, nonprofit advocates, community organizations, and providers of human services to Philadelphia's Asian American, Pacific Islander, and African immigrant communities.

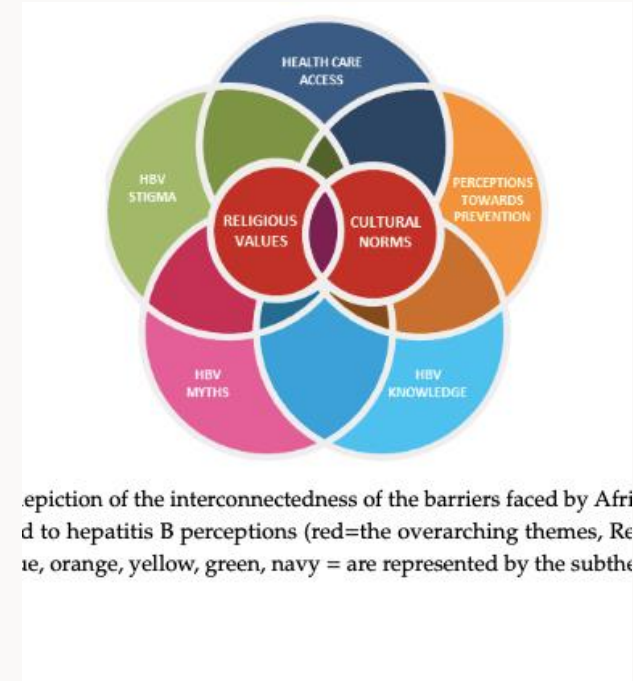
Services



Awareness & Education



Screening



Public Health Research

Partnership
Example-
Test + Vaccinate







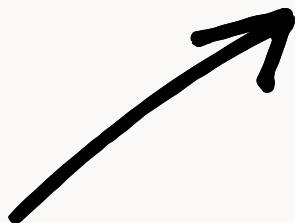


Partnership Example

The Hepatitis B Foundation collaborated with Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Emergency Medical Response team to provide the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine

Test + Vaccinate Methods

-  Intake
-  Test Individual
-  Vaccinate Individual
-  Provide Info for Second Dose



Results

Total Individuals Tested	32
HBsAg +	1
Need Vaccine	12
Immune	19

*following up for individuals needing second dose

Hepatitis B is a virus that can infect the liver and can lead to liver cancer.
 It is possible to get hepatitis B through direct blood contact or sex with someone infected. It is most commonly transmitted from mother-to-child.
 Sharing personal care items like razors, toothbrushes, and used needles can spread hepatitis B.

Name: _____
 Date of birth: ____/____/_____
 Phone number: _____
 I got tested for hepatitis B on _____

My test results were:

HBsAg	Positive / Negative
Anti-HBs	Positive / Negative
Anti-HBc	Positive / Negative

I started the vaccination series on _____ (date)

I GOT THE 2 DOSE VACCINE

I GOT THE 3 DOSE VACCINE

Dose 1 _____ (date)
 Dose 2 _____ (date)
 Dose 3 _____ (date)

Interpretation of Test Results

HBsAg	+	-	-	-
Anti-HBs	-	+/-	+	-
Anti-HBc	+	+	-	-

Interpretation	Acute or chronic infection	Exposure to HBV	Immunity from vaccination	At risk for HBV infection
		At risk for reactivation		

Action	Evaluation and further testing	Follow up as appropriate	No further action required	Vaccinate

Resources



Community Engagement

Collaborative Funding and Research

The Hepatitis B Foundation & Philadelphia Department of Public Health have worked together on various projects

- Office of Minority Health Demonstration Project Partner
- Assessment of Immunization Coverage and Prevalence within a local Syringe Service Program
- Education & Outreach
- Shared Resources

By partnering we are able to make our proposals for funding stronger and create integrated approaches to elimination.



Community Engagement

HBV- Prevent Study- Funded
by the
Office of Minority Health

City-Wide

Clinic Level

Systematic Change

Provider Level

Patient Level

Overall
Goal #1:

Reduce transmission, morbidity and mortality, and health disparities of HBV in underserved populations at the citywide, clinic, and individual level in Philadelphia.

Overall
Goal #2:

Develop effective and sustainable strategies, including strengthened data systems, for addressing HBV patient engagement in Philadelphia.




Partnership Example

Hepatitis Prevalence Study at a Local Syringe Service Program

Research

Susceptibility to Hepatitis A and B Virus Among Clients at a Syringe Services Program in Philadelphia, 2018

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Abstract

- We initiated this seroprevalence study in 2018 among 438 clients of a syringe services program who met study criteria, including the provision of a blood specimen and a self-reported history of drug use.
- We assessed HAV and HBV susceptibility and infection via serological testing.
- We examined associations between participant characteristics and serology status by using descriptive statistics and multivariable logistic regression models.

Figgatt M, Hildick-Smith J, Addish E, et al. Susceptibility to Hepatitis A and B Virus Among Clients at a Syringe Services Program in Philadelphia, 2018. Public Health Reports. 2020;135(5):691-699. doi:10.1177/0033354920943528

Conclusions + Recommendations

- 1) Provide a space at the table for the Health Department or desired partner to engage
- 2) Offer them an opportunity to present updates at meetings and engage with partners
- 3) Ensure they see the benefits of your partnership and what you are doing on the ground
- 4) Identify areas of collaboration- through sharing resources, research, outreach activities etc.
- 5) It takes time and a champion (s) on the inside of the desired partner

We cannot reach elimination goals without collaboration!

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