HepB Mini-Grant Project

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About Asian Pacific Community in Action

APCA was formed in 2002 to meet the health related needs of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) individuals and families residing in Arizona.

Our **vision** is to inspire diverse communities to seek healthier futures.

Our **mission** is to provide services, advocacy and education for diverse communities resulting in a healthier and more empowered population seeking good health.

From Vitalyst Health Foundation
Programs

- Oral Health Advocacy
  - Advocacy Training
  - Policy Work
  - Messaging/Storytelling
  - AZOHC
  - OH2020 Network

- ACA, Medicaid, SNAP enrollment assistance
- Civic Engagement
- All of Us Research
- Pop-up Health Fairs & Clinics
- HepB
Arizona Scenario

From 2006 – 2015, an average of 979 chronic hepatitis B and 128 acute hepatitis B cases were reported each year, though there has been a decrease in the number of acute hepatitis B cases identified in recent years.

The rate of new reports of acute HBV was highest among persons aged 40-44 years. Chronic HBV rates were highest among those 30-34 years.

The average annual rate of hepatitis B infection amongst Asians/ Pacific Islanders was much higher than among other racial/ethnic groups. ce: 2016 Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profile for Arizona: 2016, Arizona Department of Health Services
Figure 4C. Age-Adjusted Average Annual Mortality Rates of HBV by Race/Ethnicity, Arizona, 2011 – 2014

- Asian or Pacific Islander: 1.8
- Black: 0.9
- American Indian: 0.5
- Hispanic: 0.4
- White: 0.3

n=118

Rate per 100,000 population

Figure 1C. Average Rate of Chronic Hepatitis B per 100,000 population, by Race/Ethnicity, 2006 – 2015

- Asian/Pacific Islander: 47
- Black/African American: 18
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 4
- White: 3
- Hispanic: 2

3,032 cases are included in these calculations. Race/ethnicity data were not available for 69% of the reported cases.

Source: 2016 Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profile for Arizona: June 2016, Arizona Department of Health Services
Locally, APCA tested 2869 people and found that 6.7% had active HepB and an additional 31.2% were not vaccinated.
HepB - Ongoing Effort

- Health Education
  - Prevention
  - Treatment
- Access to Care
  - Vulnerable populations
- Screenings
  - Vulnerable populations
- Vaccinations
  - Older age groups
Mini-Grant Aims

- Qualitative Analysis
  - HepB Access to care
  - HepB Treatment follow-through
  - HepB community knowledge

- Hepatitis B advocacy efforts
- Launch #HepBFreeArizona
  - #JustB storytelling
Timeline

- Recruitment
- Stories
- Analysis
Outcomes & Lessons Learned

- Recruitment of people living with HepB
- Honoring Participant time and efforts
  - Reducing labor, not rushing.
- Analysis