

**HIV Education and  
Prevention Project of  
Alameda County**



**FOCUS: Seek, Test, Link  
East Bay Regional Meeting**

*June 3, 2015*

# OUR MISSION

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The mission of HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County is to halt the further spread of HIV and hepatitis C among increased risk populations in our community. HEPPAC strives to reduce the impact of drug related harm by addressing health disparities, reducing external barriers to care, treatment and prevention; and increase access to basic needs services.

HEPPAC is committed to a low-threshold harm reduction approach to disease prevention and health promotion.



# FOCUS SUPPORTED PROGRAM

## Screen and Link

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION** Screen and Link targets African American and Hispanic/Latino populations in Alameda County, where significant numbers of people who inject drugs utilize services. Targeted populations include men and women who were born during the “baby boom” period, who have a history of injection drug use and other substances. Through Screen and Link, HEPPAC will provide routine opt-out HIV and HCV screening services at its three syringe exchange locations in Alameda County. Opt-out HIV and HCV testing in three of four Oakland narcotic treatment programs.

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## Screen and Link: PROGRESS

*June 2014 - May 2015*

### HIV

SCREENED	POSITIVE	LINKED	IDUs
1,646 (82%)	15	6	889

### HCV

SCREENED	POSITIVE	LINKED	IDUs
1,794 (89%)	377	7	1,016



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## CASE STUDY #1

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- 29 y/o, Male
- Marginally housed: East Oakland w/grandmother, on the verge of being kicked out
- Hustles and engages in sex work (MSF and MSM) in SF
- Current PWID
- On parole w/warrant for arrest/ upon contact was cautious of getting into care due to fear of getting “caught” in the system
- HIV+ and HCV+
- Stated during testing he already knew his status and had not seen a doctor in >2yrs
- Allocates resources to substance use and self-reported no means of transportation, nor funds for public transportation
- Medi-Cal insured
- Two stops before attending first linkage appointment (Casa Segura and to get \$ from grandmother)

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- HEPPAC linked client into Lifelong Medical/Foothill Square
- Transported him to three primary care appointments 12/10/2014, 12/24/2014 & 1/9/2015
- **Client went on his own to the fourth appointment 1/22/2015**
- Received HIV medication and began HCV treatment with Lifelong Medical a month later
- HEPPAC gave client referral to Eden I&R, Inc. for housing and referral to NTP program/Client is currently on Methadone
- HEPPAC had to take client to get his Methadone dosage on 1/9/2015 or he was not going to his primary care appointment
- **Client is currently undetectable with his HIV status**
- HEPPAC had five contacts with client in person, two via phone/linked him into Lifelong on the 2<sup>nd</sup> contact/but dealt with client more times to work with pre-existing issues that were barriers in keeping him in care



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## CASE STUDY #2

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- 57 y/o , male, AA
- HCV reactive
- Was told of positive HCV status 25 years ago
- Self reported no IDU since 2014
- Active crack user
- Homeless in East Oakland w/occasional stays with sister, no phone
- Crack user
- No health insurance
- Hasn't traveled outside of East Oakland since 1994

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## CASE STUDY #2

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- Tested client for HCV and HIV 1.5.15/Blood draw for RNA: 1.8.2015/ agreed to linkage appt.1.14.2015 Called sisters house on 1/14/2015, client was not there/no show for linkage appointment
- Client showed up at Casa Segura in early February/another linkage appointment for 2.11.2015/No show Staff called client's contact number/left message
- Client came back to Casa Segura, first week of April/continues to access drop-in center, but refuses to show up for linkage appointment
- Stopped scheduling linkage appointments for fear client would stop accessing Casa Segura



# THANK YOU

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