



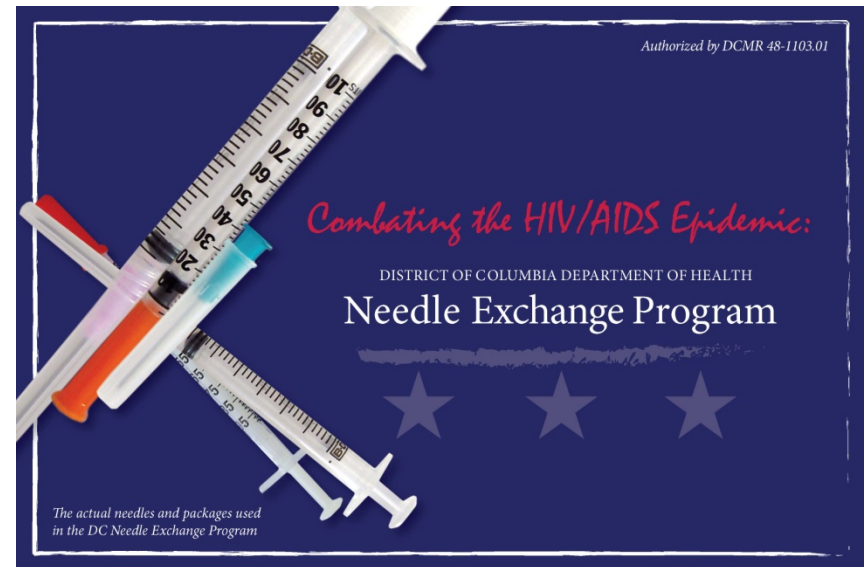
# Testing and Linkages to Care: DC Injection Drug Users and Youth

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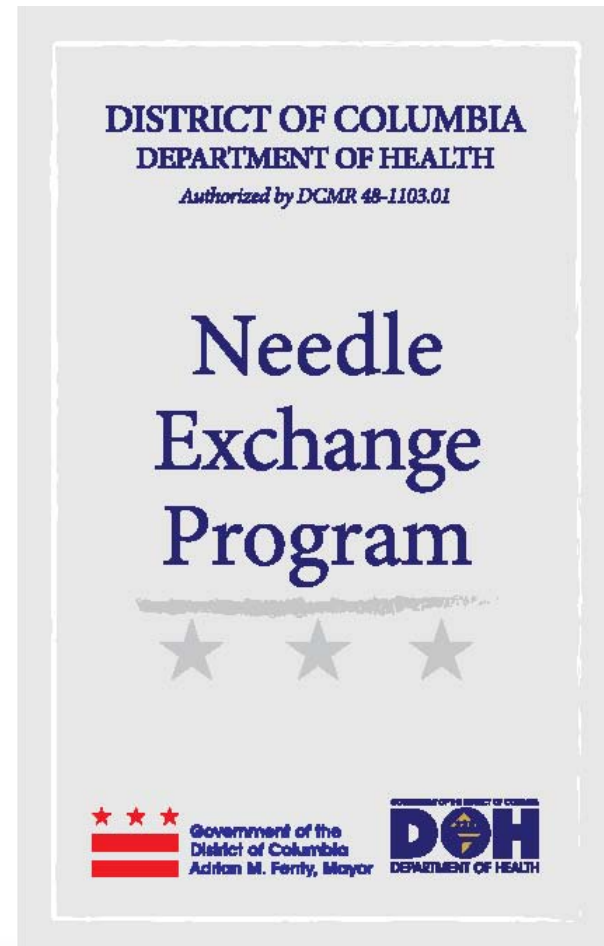
# Injection Drug Users: Challenges

- 10-12,000 estimated IDUs
- 5% positive rate
- 7-8 times positive before treatment
- Use of medical providers
- Stigmatized medical providers



# Injection Drug Users: Opportunities

- Integrated service model with primary medical provider
- Harm Reduction Center
- Co-locating medical with service provider
- Companion testing with needle exchange



# Youth: Challenges

- Low testing rate: half unaware of status
- Double number of cases from through 2001 to 2007 (758-1,518)
- High STD rates: 15% Chlamydia & Gonorrhea
- Stigma
- Low medical care use

**STOP**

**SLOW  
DOWN**

**GET A  
CONDOM**

**STOP STD's**  
Get **TESTED** fast & free





# Youth: Opportunities

- Increase in testing: 19,000 <24 (2008); providers doubling #'s
- >70% testing rate
- <1% positive rate
- Primary medical provider: Children's
- >800 under 25 in HIV care



# Youth: Opportunities

- Social marketing program
- Increased interventions
- School-based STD screening (3,500 in 08-09)
- >60% STD treatment rate
- Community-level & Government collaboration

