

### Hep Free NYC - A Network Building Capacity to Prevent, Manage, and Treat Hepatitis B and C in NYC

#### 2016 Major Accomplishments

- Convened 23 meetings with 860 participants from 135 organizations from all 5 boroughs.
- Enhanced the [HepFree.nyc](http://HepFree.nyc) website and attracted 20,285 unique viewers in 2016, with over 600 Facebook, 1,200 Twitter, and 335 LinkedIn followers.
- Organized 4 awareness events, including National Hepatitis Testing and Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day on the steps of City Hall, African American Hep C Action Day, and World Hepatitis Day.
- Launched 5 new committees: Hep C Prevention in Youth, LGBTQ, Faith-based, Hep C Consumer, and Communications.

#### 2016 Meetings

[January 27](#) Patient Navigator Network

[February 3](#) LGBTQ Committee

[February 17](#) Hep B Coalition

[February 23](#) Patient Navigator Network

[February 24](#) Improving Hep C Care for People who Use Drugs

[March 3](#) Staten Island Hep C Task Force

[March 9](#) Brooklyn Hep C Task Force

[April 6](#) Bronx Hep C Task Force

[April 13](#) LGBTQ Committee

[April 27](#) Hep B Coalition

[April 28](#) Hep C Prevention in Youth Committee

[June 21](#) Faith-based Committee

[June 22](#) Queens Hep C Task Force

[August 16](#) Staten Island Hep C Task Force

[August 29](#) LGBTQ Committee

[August 31](#) Hep B Coalition

[September 22](#) Harlem Hep C Task Force

[October 3](#) From Hawaii to the Midwest: Strategies for Effective Hep B and C Responses

[November 30](#) Queens Hep C Task Force

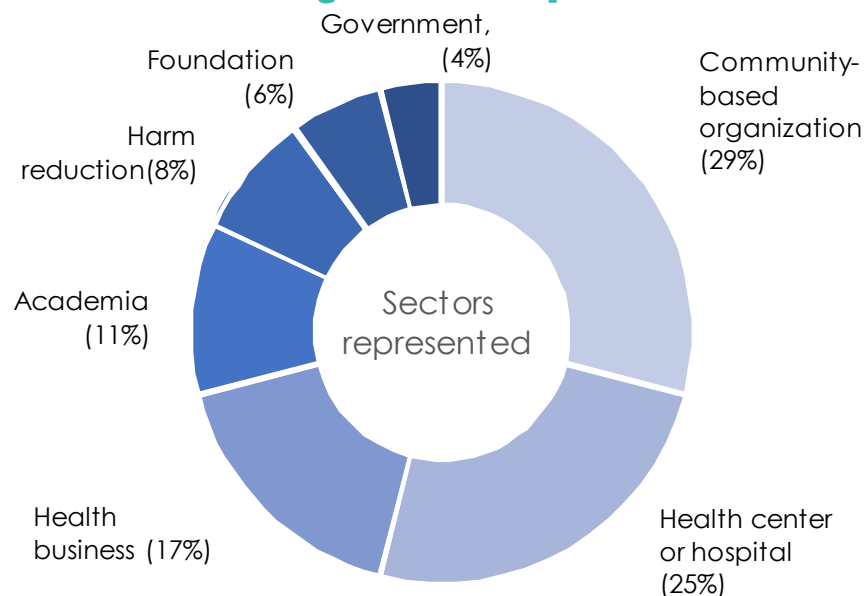
[December 12](#) Citywide Hep C Task Force

[December 14](#) Hep B Coalition

[December 20](#) Hep C Prevention in Youth Committee

[December 22](#) HOPE Youth Interns

#### 2016 Meetings: Sectors Represented



# Hep Free NYC Committees

## Hep B Coalition

- **Team HBV** NYC  
Student-led Hep B awareness initiative.
- **Coalition Against Hepatitis For People of African Origin (CHIPO) NYC**  
Local chapter of the national initiative to raise awareness in the African born community.

## Hep C Task Force

- **Hep C Prevention in Youth and Hepatitis C Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Intern Program**  
Empowering young people to prevent a new wave of Hep C epidemic
- **Hep C Consumer Committee C**  
Educating people impacted by Hep C about current medication treatments, policy and advocacy.

## Joint Committees

- **LGBTQ**  
Engaging and uniting the LGBTQ community to advance Hep B and C awareness, screening, and access to care through education, outreach, and advocacy.
- **Faith-based**  
Building capacity of faith-based institutions to raise awareness about Hep B and C in their community and advance screening, prevention, and care.
- **Communications Committee**  
Guiding Hep Free NYC communications strategy and activities.
- **Awareness Day Planning Committee**  
Organizes Hepatitis awareness day commemorations.



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## 2016 Hepatitis Awareness Month

May 12, 2016

Over 120 health advocates gathered on the steps of City Hall to raise awareness for May's National Hepatitis Awareness Month, which included National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day on May 15th and National Hepatitis Testing Day on May 19th.

Representatives and advocates from affected communities – patients, health workers, city officials, community workers, friends and families – shared their stories in the hopes of encouraging action among New Yorkers to get tested, as well as to request better access to prevention and treatment services.



## Team HBV NYC

Grant and Activities

Hep Free NYC supported [Korean Community Services](#) to apply for a [Hep B United](#) grant to relaunch Team HBV NYC. Through this project, Team HBV NYC organized a Hep B screening event at Mosaic and Metropolitan Koryo United Methodist Church; tabled at Charles B. Wang Health Day; educated students at Stuyvesant High School and Youth Community Action Project about Hep B; and handed out Hep B resources at the Korean Thanksgiving Festival.





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## World Hepatitis Day

July 28, 2016

On World Hepatitis Day 2016, hundreds of Hep Free NYC partners participated in educational forums, social media campaigns and free hepatitis screenings.

### **Forums**

#### [Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Elders \(SAGE\)](#)

Speakers from Callen-Lorde, American Liver Foundation, and the NYC Health Department provided information on Hepatitis C and ways to promote liver health.

#### [Think About the Link. Understanding the Link Between Hep C and Liver Cancer](#)

Speakers from C.O.P.E, The Hep C Mentor and Support Group, Inc., and Prevent Cancer Foundation, gave presentations on the newest Hep C medications, updates, prevalence in NYC.

### **Social Media:**

#### [Instagram Awareness Competition](#)

Charles B. Wang Community Health Center honored World Hepatitis Day with a #NOhepGiveAway on Instagram.

#### [#NOhep Thunderclap](#)

Global advocates signed a pledge to support the #NOhep movement and eliminate hepatitis by 2030. The pledge can be viewed [here](#).

### **Free screening events were offered to the community:**

#### [Hep C Screenings at the Consulate General of Mexico](#)

#### [Hep B & C Screenings at Mount Sinai CAM Building](#)

#### [Hep B & C Screening at Visiting Nurse Service of NY Chinatown Community Center](#)

#### [Hep C Screening at North Shore University Hospital](#)

## LGBTQ Hep Free NYC Resource Card

The LGBTQ committee designed and printed a pocket card about Hepatitis, to raise awareness about the need for Hep B and C prevention, testing and care in the LGBTQ community. During the NYC Pride Parade on June 26, over 500 cards were distributed to parade participants.

In 2017, the LGBTQ Committee will launch a Hep B Vaccination campaign.



## Hep C Prevention in Youth Video

Hep Free NYC supported [Tackling Youth Substance Abuse](#) to apply for a grant from Birds Nest Foundation to produce a video about Hep C among young people. The video explains how misuse of prescription medication can lead to injection or intranasal drug use, which can lead to Hep C infection. The video will be disseminated on social media, as well as screened at schools and youth organizations in 2017. View the video [here](#).

## Hepatitis C Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Intern Program

The Hep C Prevention in Youth Committee helped launch the Hepatitis C Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Intern Program in November 2016. The Program recruited 11 college students interns who serve as Hep C social media ambassadors, and educate their peers about Hep C through presentations and distribution of resources throughout their community.



# 2016 Participating Organizations

The following organizations were represented at in-person Hep Free NYC meetings in 2016.

## Academic/Research

[Columbia University](#)  
[CUNY Public Health & Social Work Health Education & Research Occupations High School](#)  
[Kirby Institute](#)  
[National Development & Research Institute](#)  
[NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health](#)  
[Temple University](#)

## Association/Foundation

[American Cancer Society](#)  
[American Liver Foundation](#)  
[Chinese American Medical Society](#)  
[Coalition against Hepatitis in People of African Origin](#)  
[Empire Liver Foundation](#)  
[Hep B United](#)  
[Hep C Mentor and Support Group](#)  
[Japanese American Social Services](#)  
[Prevent Cancer Foundation](#)  
[Staten Island Foundation](#)  
[Treatment Action Group](#)

## Community Based Organization

[African Services Committee](#)  
[Arab-American Family Support Center](#)  
[Argus Community, Inc.](#)  
[Christian in Business](#)  
[Family Life Center](#)  
[GMHC](#)  
[Hudson Pride Connections Center](#)  
[Jewish Community Center of Staten Island](#)  
[Korean Community Services](#)  
[Latino Commission on AIDS](#)  
[Legal Aid Society](#)  
[LGBT Community Center](#)  
[NBLCA](#)  
[Project H+EAL](#)  
[Russian Community Outreach](#)  
[SAGE](#)  
[Services for the Underserved](#)  
[Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness](#)  
[The Pride Center of Staten Island](#)

## Harm Reduction/Substance Use/Reentry

[After Hours Project](#)  
[AIDS Center of Queens County](#)  
[AIDS Service Center of NY](#)  
[Albert Einstein – Division of Substance Abuse](#)  
[Bailey House](#)  
[Beth Israel Methadone Program](#)  
[BOOM!Health](#)  
[Bridging Access to Care](#)  
[BronxWorks](#)  
[Brooklyn Community Recovery Center](#)  
[Center for Community Alternatives](#)  
[Community Health Action of Staten Island](#)  
[Family Services Network of NY](#)  
[Fortune Society](#)  
[Harm Reduction Coalition](#)  
[Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center](#)  
[New York Harm Reduction Educators](#)  
[Osborne Association](#)  
[Positive Health Project](#)  
[Praxis Housing Initiatives](#)  
[Safe Horizon](#)  
[St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction](#)  
[United Activities Unlimited](#)  
[VOCAL-NY](#)  
[Washington Heights Corner Project](#)

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## Health Business

[AbbVie](#)  
[Area 23](#)  
[Bristol-Myers Squibb](#)  
[City Drugs Specialty Pharmacy](#)  
[Echo Pharmacy](#)  
[Evers Pharmacy](#)  
[Express Health Mart Pharmacy](#)  
[Gilead Sciences](#)  
[Island Care Specialty Pharmacy](#)  
[Kings Specialty Pharmacy](#)  
[LeMed Pharmacy](#)  
[Merck](#)  
[Nates Specialty Pharmacy](#)  
[OraSure Technologies](#)  
[Paramount Pharmacy](#)  
[Quality Specialty Pharmacy](#)

## Hospitals

[Bellevue](#)  
[Bronx Lebanon](#)  
[Columbia Presbyterian](#)  
[Interfaith](#)  
[Kings County](#)  
[Lutheran](#)  
[Montefiore](#)  
[Mount Sinai](#)  
[New York-Presbyterian](#)  
[North Shore-LIJ](#)  
[NYU](#)  
[Staten Island University Hospital](#)  
[Weill Cornell](#)  
[Wyckoff Heights](#)  
[Zucker Hillside](#)

## Government

[NYC Department of Health](#)  
[Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services](#)  
[NYS Department of Health](#)  
[Hawaii Department of Health](#)  
[Consulate General of Mexico in NY](#)  
[New York City Housing Authority](#)

Thank You!



We would like to thank all our partners for the extraordinary work they did in 2016! We look forward to continuing our partnership in 2017 to help prevent, manage, and treat Hepatitis B and C in NYC.