

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL'S VIRAL HEPATITIS PREVENTION INITIATIVE FY27

WHY WE ARE HERE

- There are approximately 367,634 people living with chronic hepatitis B and C in New York City. Without care and treatment, they may progress to serious liver disease, liver cancer, or premature death.
- NYC's hepatitis B and C epidemics are symptoms of larger systems of stigma and racial health inequities.
- Hepatitis B and C disproportionately affect people who: are immigrants, have low income, are men who have sex with men, have a history of homelessness, have substance use, or have criminal justice involvement.

Our Ask

With the introduction of the first-ever NYC Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan, continued support of the VHPI by the City Council is vital to the health and wellness of some of NYC's most vulnerable.

In FY 27, VHPI is seeking continued funding of \$2.24 million, plus an additional investment of \$2.76 million, for a minimum investment of:

\$5 MILLION

WHO WE ARE

The New York City Council Viral Hepatitis Prevention Initiative (VHPI) provides funding to help people at risk overcome barriers to hepatitis B and C testing, care, and treatment.

Since 2014, City Council funding has enabled health care organizations to:

- Hire and train hepatitis B and C patient and peer navigators.
- Train health care providers in hepatitis B and C screening, care, and treatment.
- Educate NYC communities at risk to promote prevention and care.

VHI UNMET NEEDS

Increasing Viral Hepatitis Prevention Initiative funding would:

- Expand peer navigation programs.
- Increase the number of Check Hep B sites.
- Increase the number of Check Hep C sites.
- Build capacity for health care organizations to test, evaluate and treat hepatitis B and C.
- Expand clinical and consumer education to raise awareness about the need for screening and treatment of hepatitis B and C.

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INITIATIVE'S HISTORY

In 2014, Council Members Margaret Chin, Corey Johnson, Peter Koo and others created the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Initiative and passed legislation to require the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish an annual report on hepatitis B and C.

FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

African Services Committee
AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC)
AIDS Service Center of Lower Manhattan
Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center
BOOM! Health
Bronxcare Health System
Brookdale Hospital Medical Center
Brownsville Community Development Corporation
Charles B. Wang Community Health Center
Community Health Action of Staten Island
Community Healthcare Network
Empire Liver Foundation
Family Services Network of New York
Hepatitis C Mentor and Support Group
Housing Works
Korean Community Services
Montefiore Medical Center
National Harm Reduction Coalition
NYC Health + Hospitals - Bellevue Hospital Center
NYC Health Hospitals - Coney Island Hospital
NYC Health + Hospitals - Elmhurst Hospital Center
NYC Health + Hospitals - Kings County Hospital Center
OnPoint NYC
Positive Health Project
Public Health Solutions
Safe Horizon (Streetwork)
7th Avenue Family Health Center at NYU Langone
Sunset Park Health Council
Urban Health Plan
VOCAL-NY

IMPACT SINCE 2014

Check Hep B Patient Navigation Program

- Enrolled 2,784 patients.
- 97% percentage of people with a hep B medical evaluation completed.
- 93% of those eligible for treatment received care.

Check Hep C Patient Navigation Program

- Enrolled 5,313 patients.
- 88% of people linked to care.
- 68% of people linked to care started treatment.

Hep C Navigation at Syringe Service Programs

- Provided education and prevention services to 15,309 people at risk for hepatitis C.
- Identified 3,142 people who tested positive for hepatitis C.
- Referred 1,158 people with hepatitis C to care.
- 823 people linked to care & 618 people with chronic hepatitis c received treatment.

Health Care Provider Training & Workforce Development

- Over 7,500 frontline clinical providers trained to provide care and treatment for people at risk for hepatitis B and C.
- Provided educational programs and support groups at community organizations to over 5,000 people.