

The NYS Hepatitis C Coalition Legislative Education Day

February 3rd, 2026

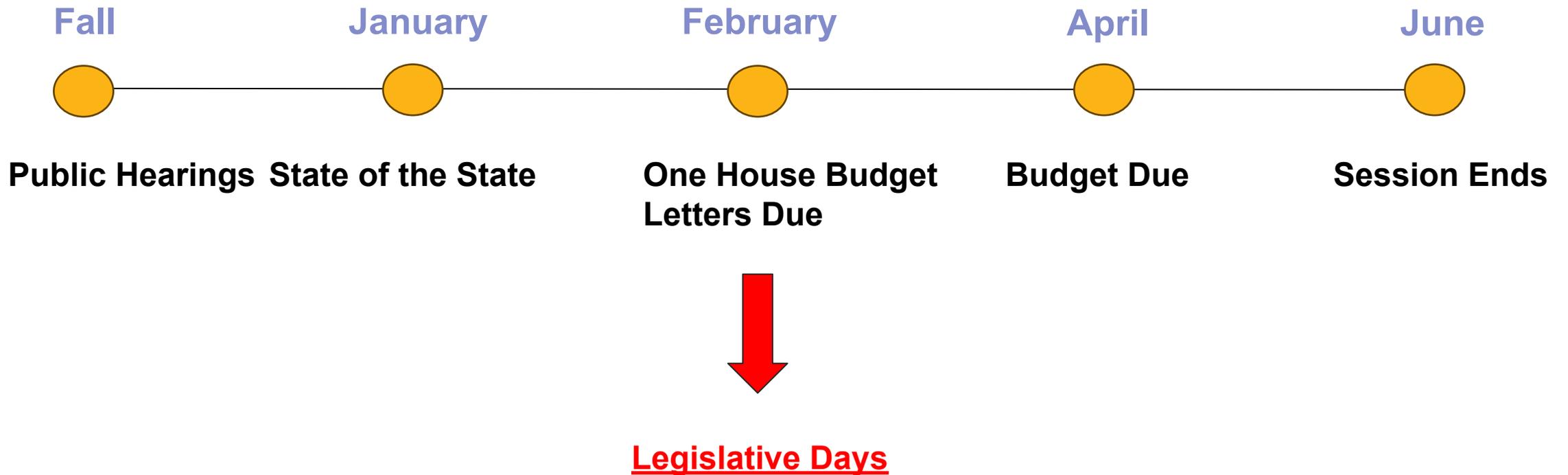


FY26-27 Priorities

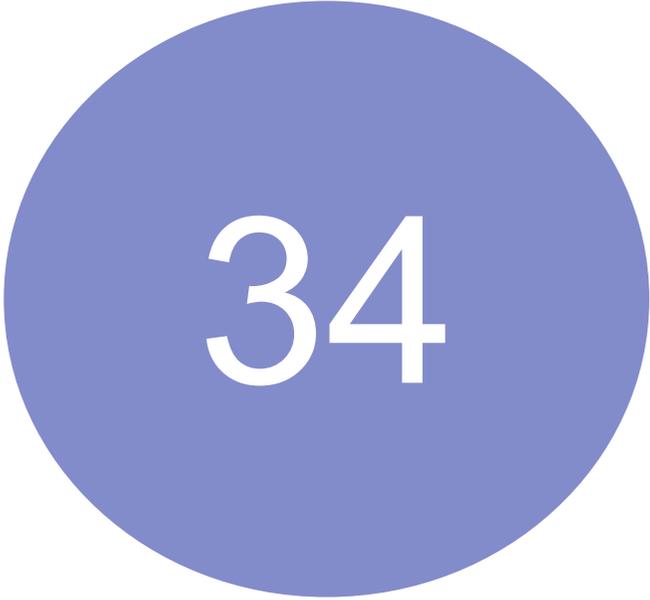


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1. **Sustain and Increase** Critical NYS Funding for Hepatitis C Elimination
 2. **Increase Funding** for Patient Navigation in Traditional and Non-Traditional Settings
 3. **Prioritize Investment** in Syringe Service Programs and Comprehensive Harm Reduction Services
 4. **Support Opt-Out Testing** in NYS Correctional Facilities for Individuals on Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
 5. **Expand Scope of Practice** for Nurse Practitioners to Provide HCV Care and Treatment

Civics 101: NYS Budget Cycle

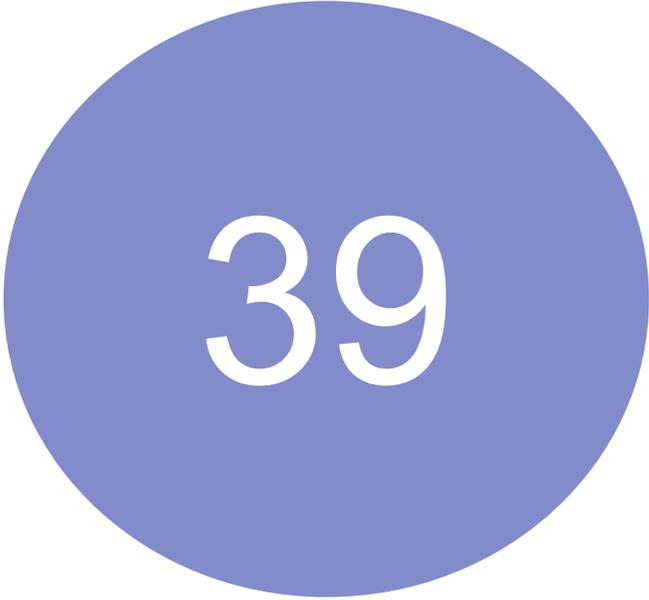


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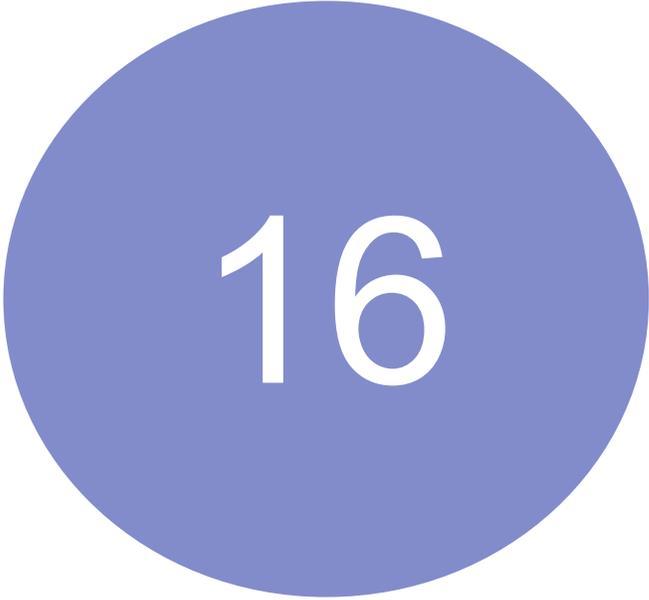
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Coalition Members



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Elected officials reached



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Meetings Held

We Rallied!

- We heard from coalition members, elected officials and AIDS Institute Staff including,
 - **AM Linda Rosenthal** (District 67)
 - **Divine Prince Allah**, COPE
 - **Colleen Flanigan**, Director for the Bureau of Hepatitis Healthcare and Epidemiology
 - **Jose Martinez**, NHRC
 - **Mary Raiti**, Community Member



We made our voices heard!

- Shirley Torho (Black Health) and Mike Selick (National Harm Reduction Coalition) spoke to David Lombardo (Capitol Pressroom) on our priorities and the importance of Hep C Elimination funding



Photos Courtesy of Megan Kapler, Housing Works

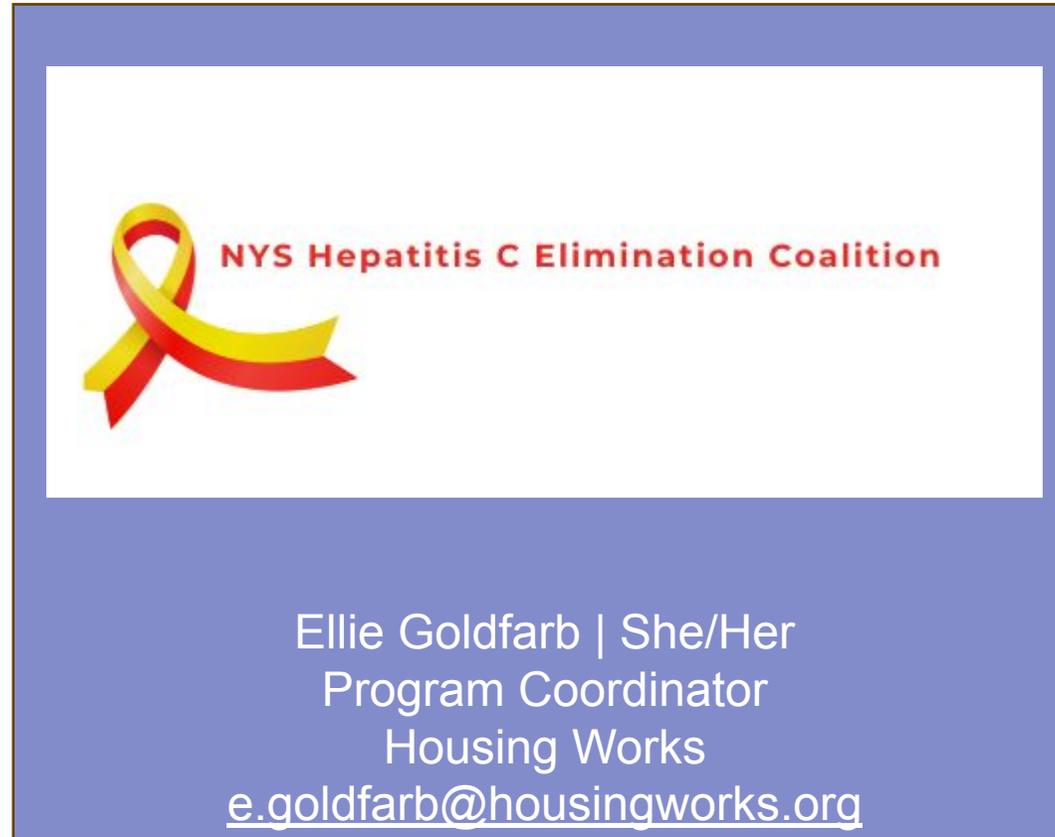
We made a difference!

- Representatives from **eleven organizations** across New York State came together
 - Pictured here: Coalition members from NHRC, Housing Works and COPE



Photo courtesy of Jose Martinez, National Harm Reduction Coalition

Have Questions or Comments?



Feedback is always valued! Please fill out this [form](#) to let us know what you would like to see in programming and mobilization efforts