

NACCHO Annual 2017 HIV, STI, & Viral Hepatitis Sessions

TUESDAY, JULY 11		
Time	Title	Overview
8:00a-10:00a	PC3 - Addressing High-Impact HIV Prevention Strategies: The HIV Testing, Navigation, and PrEP Prevention Continuum	Presenters will deliver an interactive workshop on the continuum of HIV testing, HIV navigation, and PrEP services to enhance the seamless provision of prevention services. The workshop will emphasize the role of local health departments in implementing HIV prevention by highlighting an innovative model of using peer and professional navigators to enhance PrEP uptake. The goal of this presentation is to provide an overview of the aforementioned high-impact prevention topics and build partnerships between Health Departments and healthcare organizations.
10:30a-12:00p	The Role of Local Health Departments in Preventing HIV/STDs among Adolescents through School-Based Approaches	This workshop introduces the CDC-developed school-based approaches for health education, health services, and safe and supportive environments to reduce HIV/STD infections and unintended teen pregnancies. Learn best practices from other local health departments about how to work with schools and improve adolescent health in your community.
7:00p-9:00p	The Impact of the Opioid Epidemic on City and Local Health Departments Combatting HCV and other Infectious Diseases	In this session, members from different health departments will discuss how they are dealing with the increase of infectious disease diagnosis due to opioid use and the actionable steps they are taking during this crisis. The panel presentations will be followed by open conversation with attendees to answer questions, discuss hot topics and network with other professionals. Food and beverages will be provided.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12		
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7:00a-8:00a	Leveraging Resources for PrEP: Ready, Set, Go!	During this session, NACCHO and its partners from the HIV Capacity Building Assistance Provider Network, will discuss the role of local health departments in increasing local capacity for the provision of PrEP, share information and resources to support local health department implementation of PrEP, and provide examples of how local health departments are working to increase PrEP access for the communities they serve. Breakfast will be provided.
10:15a-11:15a	C13 - Syringe Services Programs – More Than Needle Exchanges	The epidemic of prescription opioid misuse and abuse has led to increased numbers of people who inject drugs (PWID). Social and economic factors limit access to HIV prevention and treatment services among PWID. This session will describe FREE capacity building assistance services available to health departments addressing these challenges.

11:30a-12:00p	D10 - Bridging the Gaps in HCV and HIV Care: From Testing to Treatment	Greene County Public Health (GCPH)'s HIV Program and Equitas Health partnered together to address the need for HCV testing and Linkage to Care within the counties served by GCPH; specifically by implementing HCV testing by EH into a testing rotation/schedule already established by GCPH. This partnership has allowed us to make services more accessible and to address barriers and gaps in care within a rural community.
1:30p-2:00p	E6 - Integration of Clinic-Based, Opt-Out Testing for HCV into an Existing HIV Testing Framework at a Community Health Center in Chicago	What are the best practices for integrating Opt-Out Hepatitis C Testing into an existing framework for opt-out, rapid HIV testing in a community based health clinic?
6:30p-8:30p	Toward Hepatitis C Elimination: The Role of Local Health Departments in Increasing Access to Hepatitis C Care and Treatment	Hepatitis C virus (HCV) presents a significant and growing challenge for public health and healthcare systems. New infections have nearly tripled over five years, reaching a 15-year high. More than 3.5 million Americans are living with HCV, making it the most common chronic blood-borne infection in the U.S., and the highest rates of new infections are among young persons who inject drugs. This is primarily a result of increasing injection drug use associated with America's growing opioid epidemic. This event will provide an update on advances in HCV treatment, and highlight what local health departments can do to improve linkage to care and access to treatment for people living with HCV. The event will begin with dinner and refreshments followed by an educational program and Q&A. *There is no fee to attend, however, space is limited to 100 guests. Pre-registration is required. Please stop by the registration desk to request a ticket.*

THURSDAY, JULY 13

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1:30p-2:00p	J7 - Filling in the Gaps: Disease Intervention Specialists Participate in Strengthening Service Delivery	In sexually transmitted disease (STD) control programs across the country, including that of the New York City (NYC) Department of Health, staff known as Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS), play a key role in the prevention of STD/HIV. Their responsibilities include: locating patients, verifying treatment and eliciting the names and locating information for sex partners to persons infected with STD, including HIV. They assure HIV (re-) linkage-to-care, refer high-risk HIV negative patients to providers of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and provide risk reduction counseling. A process evaluation was conducted to identify strategies to enhance and improve DIS work.