

HIV, Hepatitis C, & Opioid Overdose Resources

I. Medication for Opioid Use Disorders

For Individuals:

Choose Change California: California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website designed to provide an easy pathway for people affected by opiate use disorder to get help. Includes a treatment locator for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) by zip code, and information materials for use by local health and behavioral health departments. Available in Spanish and English.

Non-Emergency Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Referral Line: **1-800-879-2772** - This DHCS referral line asks callers to select the county they are seeking services in and automatically connects them to the local County Alcohol and Other Drugs Program office for resources and services.

Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator: A national treatment facility locator from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

For Clinicians:

Buprenorphine Waiver Training: Resources for physicians seeking information about the eight-hour buprenorphine waiver training courses required to prescribe and dispense buprenorphine.

National Substance Use Warmline: **1-855-300-3595** - Office-based phone consultation from 6 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Friday from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Clinician Consultation Center. Non-urgent requests are directed to addiction-certified physicians or clinical pharmacists who can provide same-day responses. The Warmline is open to questions from internal medicine, surgery, pharmacy, anesthesia, primary/ambulatory care, obstetrics, and other specialty care.

The California Substance Use Line: **1-844-326-2626, Open 24/7, Daily** - A free, 24/7 teleconsultation service for California clinicians working in emergency rooms with questions about substance use disorder treatment--offered through a collaboration between the Clinician Consultation Center and the California Poison Control System.

Poison Control Hotline: **1-800-222-1222, Available 24/7** - Support for emergency department clinicians to help with identification of opioid withdrawal, dosing of buprenorphine to treat opioid withdrawal, and treatment of opioid withdrawal in special populations (e.g. pregnant women, adolescents) and related questions.

Buprenorphine Hospital Quick Start: Provides a practical framework for using buprenorphine as an effective short-term treatment for pain

For Clinicians
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and opioid withdrawal, and a bridge to long-term treatment of opioid use disorder. The [California Bridge Program](#) website also includes resources to support hospitals and emergency rooms to become primary access points for the treatment of acute symptoms of substance use disorders.

TIP 63: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder - Executive Summary:

SAMHSA Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) reviews the use of the three Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications used to treat OUD - methadone, naltrexone, and buprenorphine.

MAT Webinar Training Series: The California Society of Addiction Medicine produced these webinars on a range of topics from the practical (induction on buprenorphine) to the administrative (understanding the regulatory and legal environment). Continuing medical education credits available.

**For Health,
Mental Health,
and Behavioral
Health
Departments:**

Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP): DHCS webpage with an SUD Provider Directory organized by county.

DHCS Substance Use Disorder Service Directory: Local alcohol and drug program administrators that can be used to identify resources for referral networks in vulnerable counties.

National Opioid Prevention Network: Shares resources, news, webinars and funding opportunities with local opioid safety coalitions.

Indian Country Opioid ECHO: Aims to expand access to integrated primary care, behavioral health, and recovery support services to American Indian/Alaska Native people. Resources include materials for patients, clinicians and public health providers.

- ▷ [Northern Portland Area Indian Health Board Tribal Opioid Response Consortium](#)
- ▷ [Indian Country ECHO – Substance Use Disorder](#)
- ▷ [Indian Country ECHO – Hepatitis C](#)

California MAT Expansion Project: Aims to increase access to MAT, reduce unmet treatment need, and reduce opioid overdose related deaths. This webpage includes resources such as flyers, toolkits, newsletter video trainings, treatment locators, funding opportunities, events, and more.

National Harm Reduction Coalition (NHRC): Provides capacity building to support organizations working to improve the health and wellbeing of people who use drugs, including through in-person and online training. NHRC's [Overdose Training and Response](#) online module is available for free to California programs by creating an account and using the access code **CASSP100**.

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California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS):

Offers consultation and technical assistance to counties to assist with applications for funding for affordable housing and homeless and supportive housing programs. Additionally, CIBHS works with counties to create or strengthen critical partnerships between behavioral health, homeless and services providers, housing developers and property management companies.

II. Naloxone Distribution

For Local Health
Jurisdictions,
Behavioral Health
Organizations,
Community
Health Centers,
Hospitals,
Community Based
Organizations,
and Others:

Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP): Provides free nasal spray naloxone to organizations throughout California. This DHCS webpage has links to the NDP application and overview, FAQ and other resources.

Naloxone Access Options in California: Short guide on how to obtain free or inexpensive naloxone, by the California Health Care Foundation.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Naloxone

Information: Provides information about naloxone distribution-related laws and regulations, [training](#) for staff and program managers, and how to obtain naloxone through the Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone.

Prescribe to Prevent: The original medical and public health provider education website on naloxone, and offers a range of useful tools. Additional information for pharmacists may be found at the affiliated [Prevent and Protect](#) website.

III. Syringe Services Programs

For Local Health
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and Others:

Syringe Access and Harm Reduction: CDPH, Office of AIDS webpage with syringe exchange fact sheets, issue briefs, summaries of California law and regulations, guidelines for syringe exchange programs, information on the CDPH Syringe Services Certification program, and general resources.

Harm Reduction Coalition: Resources include fact sheets, issue briefs and online trainings including [Foundations of Harm Reduction](#) and [Engaging People who Use Drugs](#). Californians can access these trainings for free by creating an account and using the access code **CASSP100**.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s SSP

Webpages: Materials highlighting the efficacy of SSPs in addressing HIV, HCV, overdose and other issues affecting the health and wellness of people who inject drugs. The materials include [fact sheets](#), an [infographic](#), [frequently asked questions](#), and a [Safety and Effectiveness Summary](#).

For Local Health Jurisdictions, Behavioral Health Organizations, Community Health Centers, Hospitals, Community Based Organizations, and Others
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Peer Reviewed Research About Syringe Services Programs: A compilation of peer-reviewed research about the public health impact of SSPs from the Washington State Department of Health.

Tools and Resources for Health Departments and Syringe Services Programs: CDPH document of resources that may be helpful to local health officials and other partners engaged in planning, designing, and implementing SSPs in their jurisdictions. The resources include national and international guidelines, sources for technical assistance and program supplies, and strategies for working with law enforcement and for building strong community relationships.

Directory of Syringe Services Programs: CDPH directory of syringe services programs in California, by county. Website links, city, and phone number are included for each resource.

IV. Hepatitis C and HIV Prevention, Testing, Linkage to Care, & Treatment

For Individuals:

Get Tested: CDC web page allows people to search by zip code to find free, confidential HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis testing and hepatitis A/B vaccination services.

Please PrEP Me: An interactive map and search function for finding local providers who prescribe HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

For Clinicians:

California Department of Public Health Issue Brief: CDPH guidelines for hepatitis C treatment among people who inject drugs.

DHCS Hepatitis C Treatment Policy: Provides information on the most recent guidelines for treating hepatitis C among people with Medi-Cal.

Project ECHO – Hepatitis C: UCSF ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) trains primary care providers to treat hepatitis C through in-person and video-conference based mentoring and training.

Hepatitis C Online: Free online continuing medical education regarding hepatitis C diagnosis, monitoring, and clinical management from the University of Washington.

HCV Guidelines: Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C: Up-to-date guidelines on hepatitis C clinical management from the Association for the Advanced Study of Liver Diseases and the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Recent HIV Clusters and Outbreaks Across the United States Among People Who Inject Drugs and Considerations During the COVID-19 Pandemic: This CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) provides guidance for preventing, identifying, and responding to HIV among people who inject drugs. It also provides considerations for delivering services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.