



# Public Health

*Current Climate and What's Next*

Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook



# Columbia County


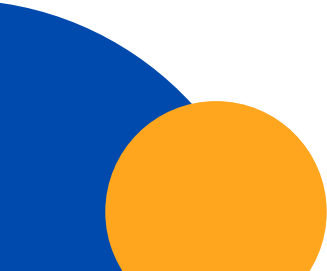
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# Programs

- **Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN)**
  - **Harm Reduction**
  - **Substance Use Prevention Coalition SUD Taskforce**
  - **Youth Prevention**
  - **Stigma Reduction**
  - **Opioid Settlement Funds**
  - **Overdose Prevention**
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# Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN)

**Boulder** 

**Boulder  
Care**



**Medicine Wheel  
Recovery Services**



**Youth ERA**



**Columbia Community  
Mental Health**



**Iron Tribe  
Network**



# Harm Reduction

Columbia Community Mental Health  
*Team HOW - Prime+ Peers*  
**2023**

*34,220 Syringes*

*848 Fentanyl Test Strips*

*62 Sharps containers*

*342 Narcan*

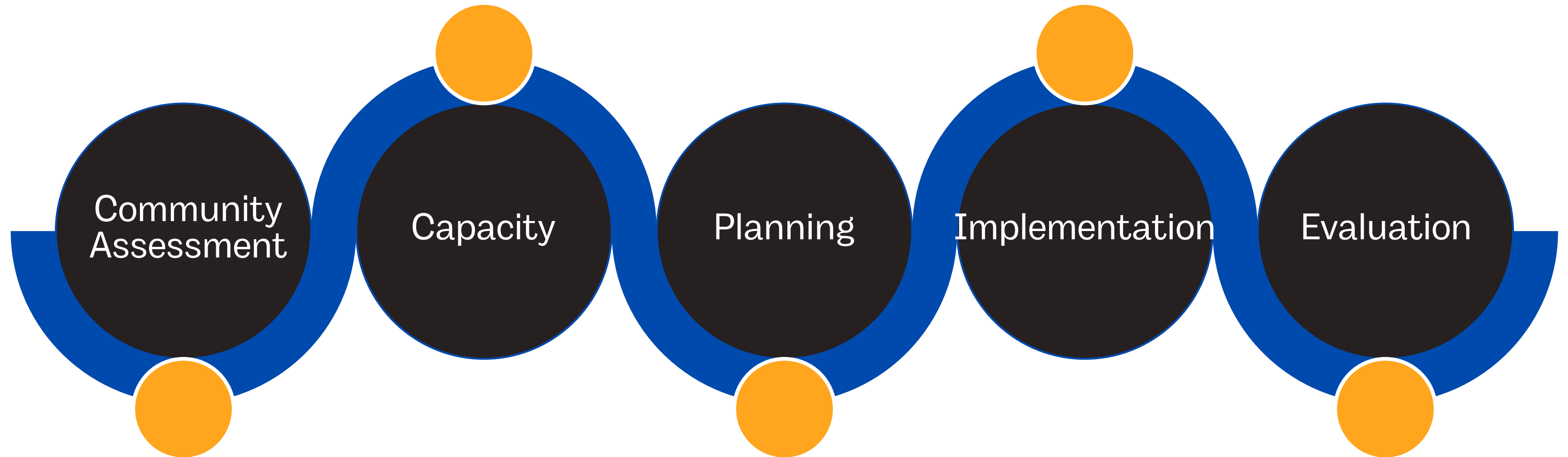
*86 Participants*

# Overdose Plan

## *Surveillance, Response, and Communication Protocol*



# Substance Use Prevention Coalition: SUD Taskforce



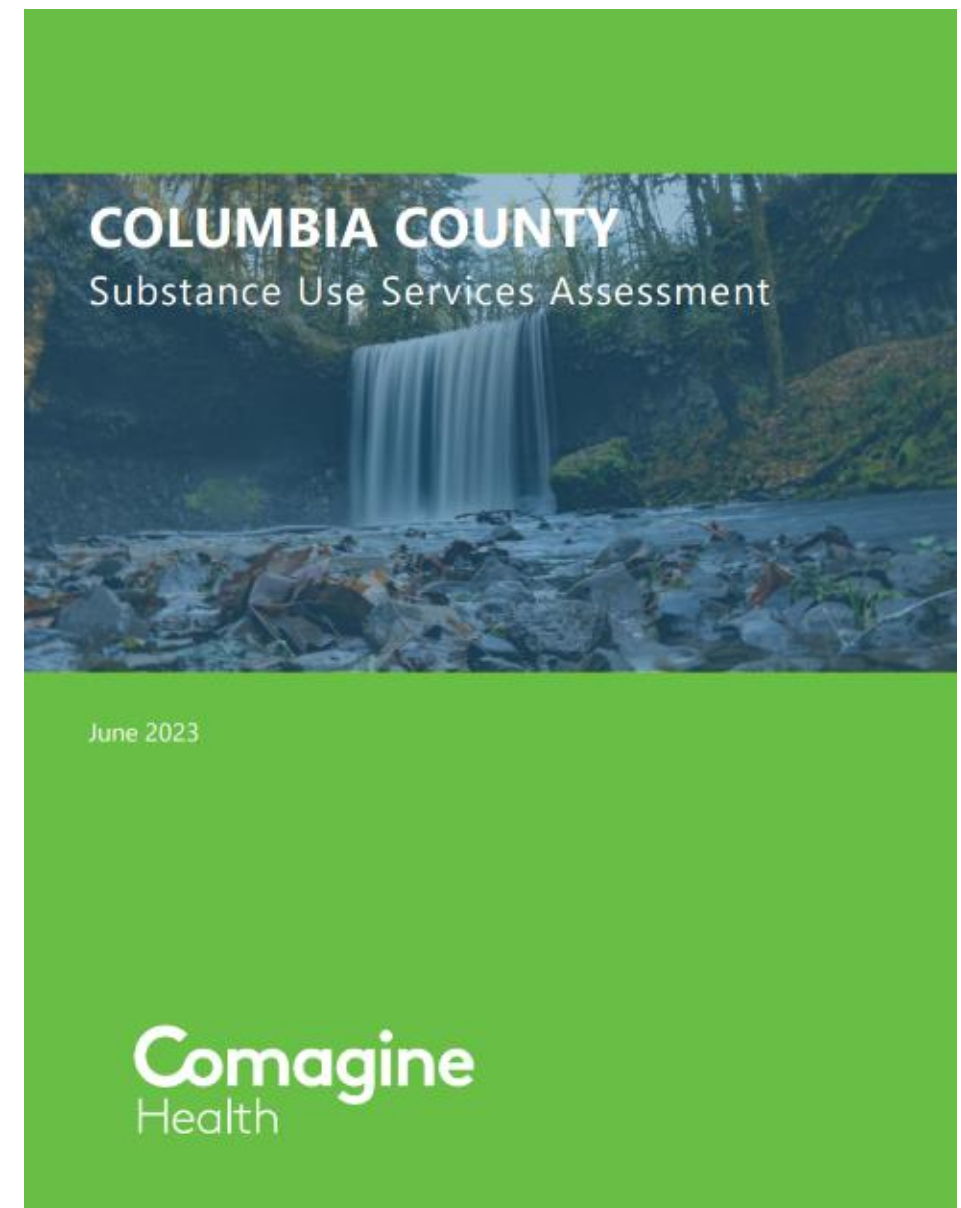
# Opioid Settlement

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### *Substance Use Services Assessment*

#### Priorities:

- Stigma Reduction
- Youth Substance Use Prevention





# Overdose Prevention

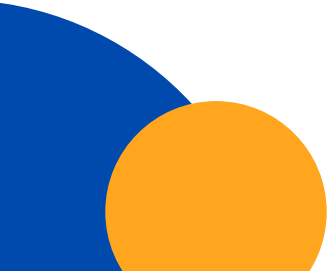
- 25 Community Based Overdose Prevention Trainings
- 452 of doses distributed
- 132 of people trained

## Training

- Stigma reduction
  - Data and trends
  - How Naloxone works in the brain
  - Training video
  - Storage
  - Local resources
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# **What's Next**

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  - **Youth Prevention**
  - **Opioid Settlement Funds**
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Prevention Coalition  
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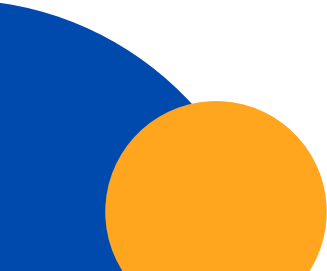


*Federally Qualified Health Center integrated with  
the Health & Human Services Department*

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- **Harm Reduction and Syringe Service Program**
  - **Overdose Prevention Trainings**
  - **Outreach and Events**
  - **MAT Services**
  - **Behavioral Health**
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# Harm Reduction & Syringe Service Program

Started in April of 2021, since:

*185 separate interactions*

*252 Naloxone kits distributed*

*73,670 syringes exchanged*

**Program is free and anonymous. Services include:**

- **1:1 Syringe exchange**
- **Safer use supplies**
- **Wound care supplies**
- **Naloxone training and kits**
- **Referrals and other wrap around services**
- **Peer support counselors onsite**





**TILLAMOOK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

## HARM REDUCTION 1:1 SYRINGE EXCHANGE

SERVICES ARE ANONYMOUS. Safe injection supplies. Wound care supplies. Naloxone training and kits. Referrals to resources and more!

**11 AM TO 1 PM**

**TILLAMOOK**

**1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY**  
**IVY WELLNESS CENTER; 1105 IVY AVE.**

**CLOVERDALE**

**2ND WEDNESDAY**  
**NESTUCCA RURAL FIRE & RESCUE STATION 87**  
**PARKING LOT; 30710 US-101.**

**WHEELER**

**4TH WEDNESDAY**  
**ABOVE NORTH COUNTY FOOD BANK; 278 ROWE ST.- UPPER PARKING LOT**

# Overdose Prevention Trainings

## Objectives:

- Stigma reduction
- Local overdose data & trends
- How to identify & respond to an overdose
- Naloxone safety & administration
- Local refills, storage and resources

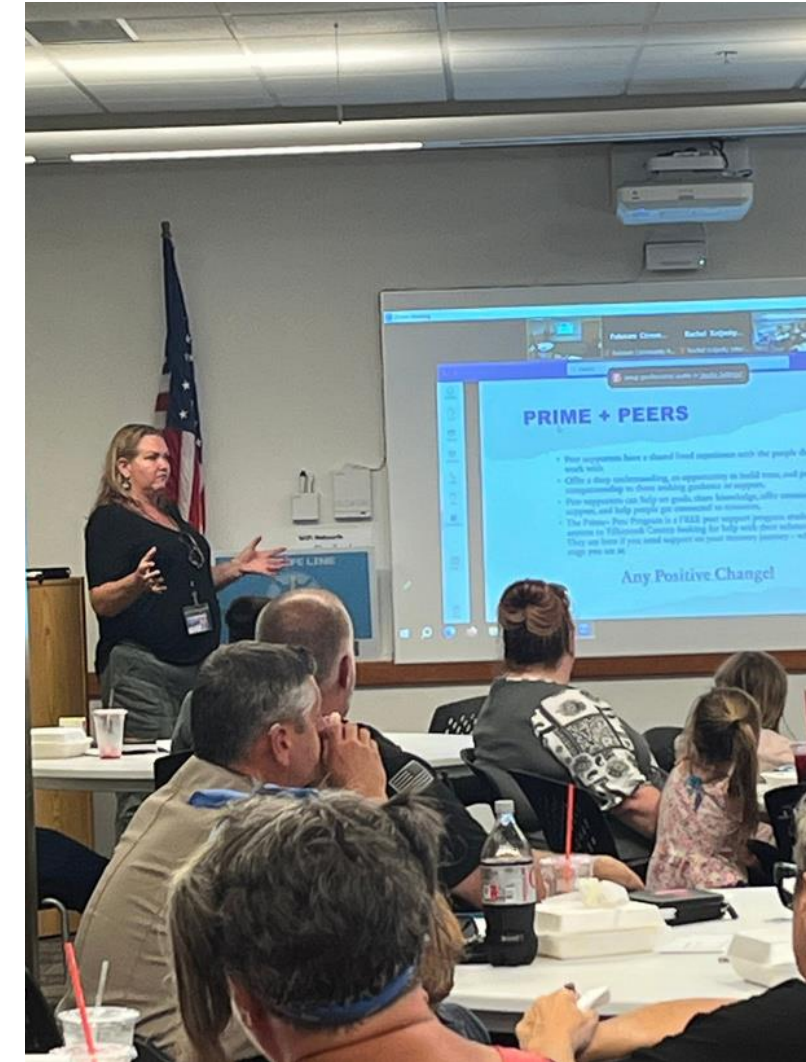
**In 2023, we have offered 30 trainings to almost 700 individuals.**



# Nachos & NARCAN

Collaboration of the ongoing quarterly Community Safety Conversations

**As part of the Fentanyl Aware Northwest campaign, we offered our overdose prevention training and had a food truck to offer folks a free meal of nachos. We had 80 folks in attendance and 8 different community partners tabling. NARCAN, sharps containers and prescription lock boxes were just a few of the items handed out.**



# Overdose Awareness Day

We had live music, free food and a resource fair with 14 local vendors. 115 folks in attendance and over 70 NARCAN kits given out between two vendors. Live NARCAN training given, County Commissioners spoke as well as Prime+ Peers.



# Outreach & Engagement

## Radio Interviews

*Invited onto the radio to speak about the campaign and our harm reduction program as well as Overdose Awareness Day*

## School Districts

*Invited Hazelden Betty Ford to lead some prevention efforts, some have followed up with local experts on supplemental trainings*

## Articles in Local News

*Articles range from reporters at our events to community members sharing their personal experience at our trainings*

## Law Enforcement

*Overall mostly supportive and show up at our events. Able to remind folks (and them) that we are all working together to save lives.*

# What's next?

- Rapid HIV and Syphilis testing at our exchanges
- Looking for funding opportunities for Harm Reduction staff FTE
- Increase the partnership between law enforcement and fire to encourage a leave behind program
- More engagement at the school districts
- Host quarterly Overdose Prevention Trainings like Nachos & NARCAN
- Partnership with our new no and low barrier shelters in Tillamook
- Create a County Overdose Response Plan



# Clatsop County

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# Clatsop County Harm Reduction at a Glance

- SLO/SVO: Harm Reduction Clearinghouse 
- HCV and the PATHS Program 
- Harm Reduction Syringe Service Program
- Naloxone distribution and Outreach
- Overdose Prevention Trainings

# Save Lives Oregon/Salvando Vidas Oregon Initiative

This SLO/SVO leadership team is a diverse group of harm reductionists who support people who use drugs.

We do this by activating our networks and sharing our expertise with organizations best positioned to expand the SLO Harm Reduction initiative across Oregon and Native communities- guiding them from awareness to partnership.

Outside In 

Oregon  
Health  
Authority

*Max's Mission*



Painted Horse  
Recovery



HIV  
Alliance



## How is all this accomplished?

- Technical Assistance
- Communications resources
- Supplies: Harm Reduction Clearinghouse

# Harm Reduction Supply Clearinghouse

Participating organizations include health clinics, community-based organizations, Tribal service providers, county public health agencies, EMS, firefighters, special districts, sheriffs, police, jails, prisons, and parole and probation offices.

## Supplies

### include:

- Naloxone
- Sharps Containers
- Wound Care supplies
- Syringes
- Hygiene/safer sex supplies
- **COMING SOON: Fentanyl Testing Strips**

# Applying to SLO Supply Clearinghouse



## Step 1

Are you Eligible?



## Step 2

Apply



## Step 3

Order Supplies



## Step 4

Receive Supplies  
& Support



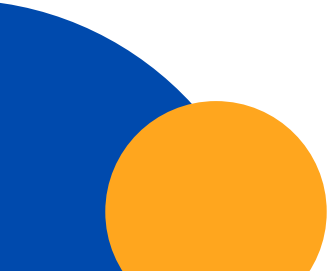
## Step 5

Distribute Supplies



# SLO: Since 2020



- Distributed more than 195,000 doses of Naloxone to 186 Organizations
  - More than 5,000 bystander Opioid overdose reversals were reported.
  - Over 200 organizations are now receiving supplies through the HR Supply Clearinghouse.
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# SLO Supply Clearinghouse & Clatsop County

- From 2020-2023 we more than doubled our encounters; from 800 encounters in December of 2019 to 2,264 encounters by Oct. 2023.
- Since 2020 provided nearly 9,000 doses of Naloxone
- Reversed over 600 Overdoses
- Provided 115 HR events providing Naloxone, training/education, distribution of safe use supplies, and testing for HCV.



# **Hepatitis C and the PATHS Program**





# What is Hepatitis C (HCV)?

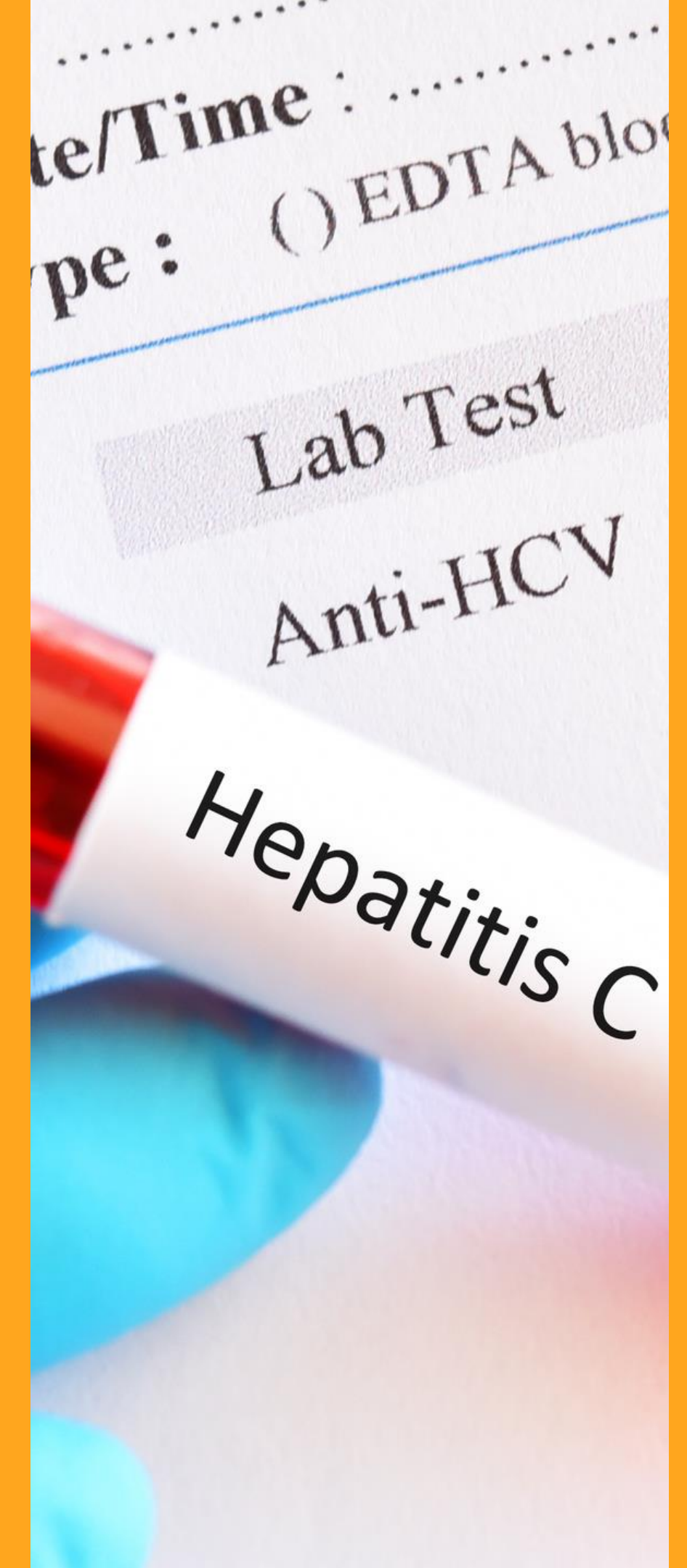
- A viral infection that causes inflammation of the Liver.
- Spreading of HCV happens when infected blood enters the bloodstream of a person who is NOT infected.
- HCV can range from a brief illness lasting a few weeks to a serious and life-long (chronic) illness.
- Approximately 75-85 percent of people infected with HCV develop a chronic infection. Untreated chronic HCV can result in cirrhosis, end stage liver disease and liver cancer



# HCV:

## Some common ways to contract and transmit HCV

- Sharing drug paraphernalia or equipment
- Childbirth
- Sexual contact
- sharing hygiene supplies
- needlesticks



# HCV: Facts at a Glance

HCV reporting began in 2005. By 2015 59,645 people reported having HCV.

Persons under 30 account for 1/2 of all NEW ACUTE HCV infections in Oregon.

Oregon rates of chronic HCV & HCV deaths amongst highest in USA.

Among Chronic HCV cases in Oregon, 2/3 are 45-64 years of age.

American Indians/Alaska Natives and Black persons in Oregon experience significant HCV related health disparities.



# **PATHS**

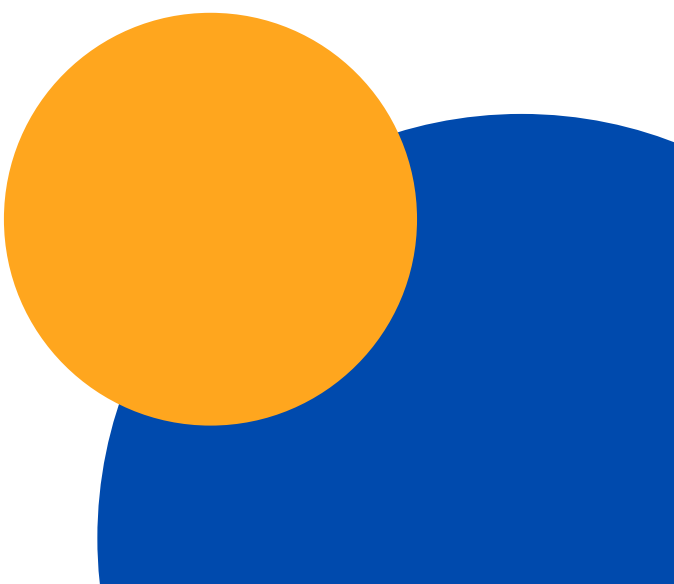
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**Peer Assisted Telehealth**

**For HCV, HIV and Syphilis**



# What is the PATHS Program?

- **Peer-facilitated model of Harm Reduction Support**
  - **The Oregon HOPE Study**
  - **Intervention relies on dedicated community-based peer outreach and support.**
  - **PATHS Program intervention expands their model to rural counties throughout Oregon.**
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**SCREENED AT  
CLATSOP COUNTY  
PUBLIC HEALTH**

**PRE-EXISTING  
CLATSOP  
BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH CLIENT**

HCV rapid P.O.C Screening  
by CCDPH staff

CCDPH Staff refers to  
CBH Peer Program

Known HCV Positive

Peer registers as OHSU  
Patient

Peer completes Lab order  
Determination form

Labs at private lab

Labs faxed to OHSU

OHSU communicates  
Labs to Peer

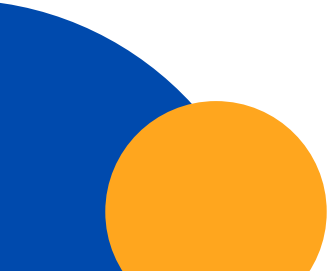
Peer calls OHSU Clinical  
Coordinator for virtual visit

Telemedicine Visit



# What's next?



- Increase testing and Treatment for HCV through the PATHS program.
  - Increase Naloxone distribution efforts and community trainings.
  - Engagement with schools regarding Substance Abuse Prevention and education.
  - Overdose Response Plan
  - Fentanyl Aware Campaign-- [fentanylawarenorthwest.com](http://fentanylawarenorthwest.com)
  - Reduce stigma through “Tipping the Pain Scale” viewing and community discussion.
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