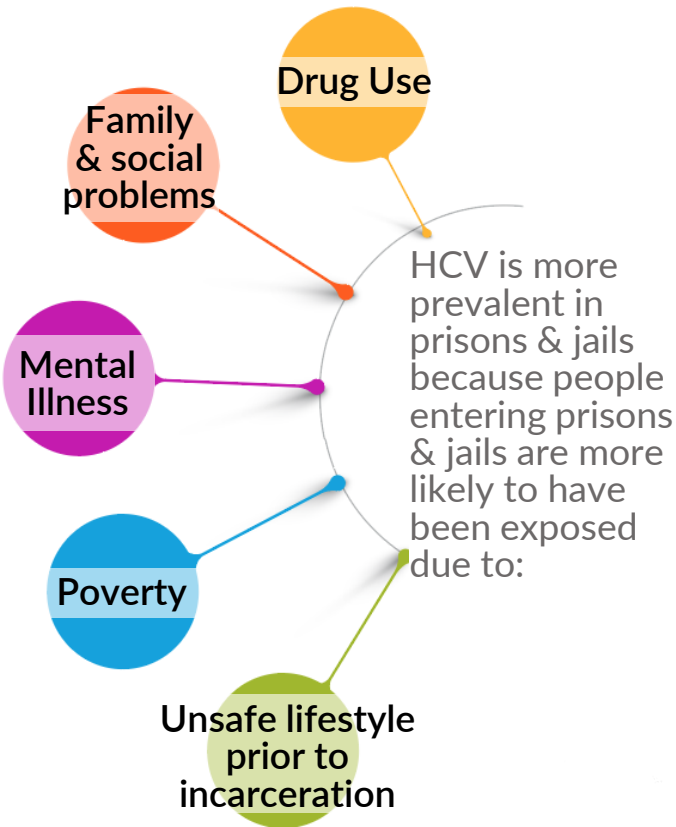


The Role of Reentry Service Providers in Hepatitis C Elimination

Exposure to hepatitis C virus (HCV) occurs through blood-to-blood contact with an HCV-positive person. Hepatitis C is VERY infectious and can live outside the body for up to several weeks.



The disease is widespread among incarcerated people; the CDC estimates that **16%-41%** of inmates in the United States are exposed to HCV, and **12-35%** have chronic infection.

30% About 30% of people living with HCV spend at least part of the year in prison

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Blood is the **ONLY** bodily fluid that transmits HCV

Assist your clients in curing or preventing HCV following release:

- 1 Identify a healthcare provider who treats HCV and develop a relationship
- 2 Educate yourself and others on HCV prevention and reinfection
- 3 Discuss ways to maintain or improve liver health
- 4 Encourage HCV+ clients to get curative treatment
- 5 Identify options or assistance programs to access HCV curative treatment for uninsured clients
- 6 Share the benefits of an HCV cure: Reduced risk of liver cancer and HCV transmission, and improved overall health



Cure does not prevent reinfection. You can get HCV again.