
Rural and Frontier Recovery Mentors PRIME +

Peer Recovery Initiated in Medical Establishments + HBV/CV/HIV Testing and Linkage to Care

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The PRIME + Project

Syndemic approach

CDC supplemental funding (September 2019- August 2020)

Peers will reach out to persons who inject drugs who present to hospital emergency departments or are hospitalized with injection related infections

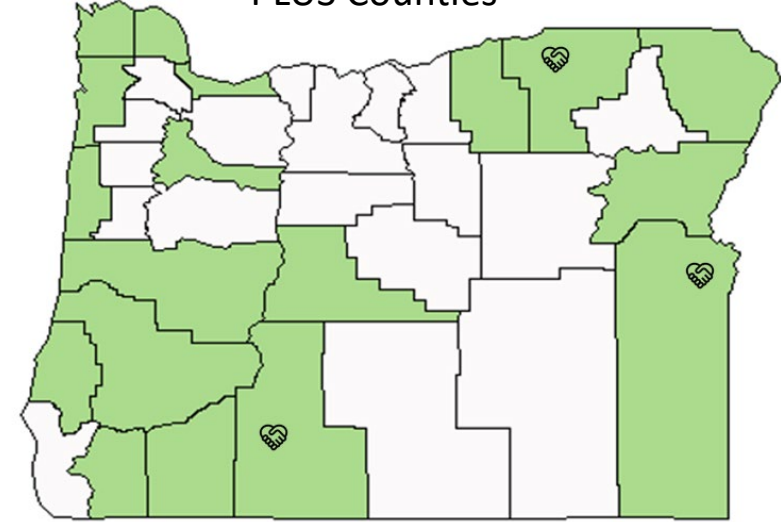
Participants will be screened for HBV, HCV, and HIV in the hospital emergency department or during hospital inpatient stay

After discharge, PRIME+ Peer will engage with clients to

- Enroll in Medicaid
- Find a medical home
- If hepatitis C positive, confirm and link to care
- Provide harm reduction counseling and support
- Support access to substance use treatment

PRIME+ Specific Goal: Find 141 people with undiagnosed HCV and link to care

PRIME Pilot, Expansion and PLUS Counties



The PRIME+ program adds capacity to communities and hospitals by providing peer-based harm education counseling and linkage to SUD, HIV and hepatitis testing and treatment

The PRIME + Project AIMS

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PRIMARY AIMS

- **Conduct Hepatitis B and C testing** among persons who inject drugs who present to hospitals for overdose, injection-related infections;
- **Provide peer support to persons who use drugs** to link to primary medical care, complete hepatitis B and C diagnostic tests and attend medical appointments to support hepatitis C treatment;

SECONDARY AIMS

- **Support participants to access preventive care** and testing, such as hepatitis A and B vaccinations, STD testing, family planning, HIV testing and HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- **Support participants to access substance use treatment** for opioid, methamphetamine or other substances
- **Provide harm reduction counseling and support** participant access to naloxone, and new syringes and injection equipment through pharmacies, health departments, local community-based organizations or syringe service programs.

The PRIME + Project Implementation

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- Align Community Supports by
 - Engaging with local and cross-site community advisory groups
 - Sharing program and evaluation data, outcomes and experiences with community stakeholders.
- Develop and implement the PRIME+ intervention with community partners
- Train PRIME peers across the state in harm reduction and infectious disease prevention
- Collect, analyze and share program and evaluation information with local stakeholders
- Support sustainability by integrating with existing programs (PRIME and CCO peer initiatives)

