



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HEPATITIS C PREVENTION & COLLABORATION INITIATIVE HEPATITIS C VIRUS PREVENTION: ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES REPORT

Overview of local efforts and outcomes accomplished June 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

ANTIBODY TESTING

6 testing sites offered targeted/low barrier testing.

190 individuals at risk received a rapid antibody HCV test.

19% had a reactive result.

25% of clients with a reactive antibody test were connected to Hep C care.



CLIENT INCENTIVES/ENABLERS

Gift cards, nutritional supplements and enablers are strategically provided to support clients engaged in the care continuum to support successful completion of required labs and medication adherence.



LINKAGE & NAVIGATION TO CARE



CARe Team received 107 referrals for Hep C linkage and navigation.

82 individuals enrolled in linkage and navigation services, where they received support completing labs, medical appointments, medications, nutrition supplements, and referrals.

DIRECT-ACTING ANTIVIRAL TREATMENT

33 individuals were cured of Hep C with treatment navigation support.

39 individuals engaged in the Hep C care continuum, including

32 adhering to treatment.

Successful treatment involves care coordination with clinicians, pharmacies, counselors and clients.



TARGETED OUTREACH

CARe Team has partnered with the Street Medicine team, MAT programs and harm reduction service providers to outreach and locate Individuals living at encampments, shelters and other identified field sites. **Testing, linkage, referrals and warm hand-offs are coordinated through these partnerships.**

