

Expanding Mobile EHE HIV Interventions - COVID Vaccines, HIV and STD testing for PWID

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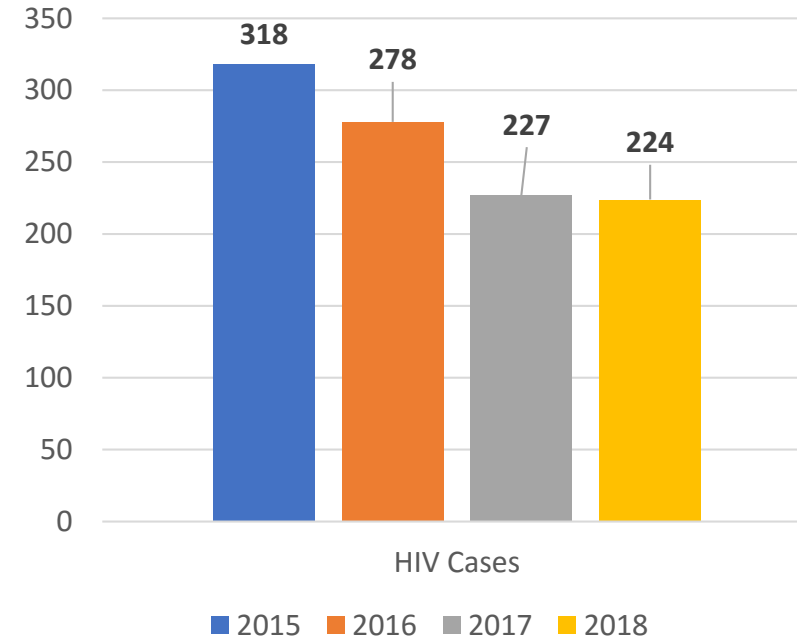
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The Time was Right for EHE in Baltimore

- Decreasing New Cases
- Increasing viral suppression

New HIV Cases in Baltimore City
2015-2018



Decreasing New HIV Cases



Pillars of the GTZ+ Plan



- Education/Capacity Building/Information dissemination for clinics
- CHW/DIS hybrid FTE support (responsive to concerns expressed in focus groups)
- Technical Assistance to Clinics
 - HIV Testing, Linkage to care
 - Navigator support training to use the IMB adherence model
 - Data management support
- Data Informed GTZ Provider Support
 - CAREWare database
- Robust evaluation of intervention effect

Clinic Flow

“Just because I shoot dope doesn’t mean I want to die from COVID.” – SSP Client

- Co-location of services an effective means to reach people who use drugs
- Clients were offered services through any partner, but SSP was the initial point of contact
- Encouraged clients to start with communicable disease testing then volunteers navigated to available services while waiting for test results

Location Determined the Setup



Ten Clinics Later...

Vaccines – 222

- From 2021 clinics (n=143)
 - 85% completed a primary vaccine series
 - 52% received a mRNA vaccine; 71% completing series
- Transportation for those coming to a different site

Ten Clinics Later... 2

- HIV tests – 156, 2 reactive, 1 known; PEP to 1 client
- HCV tests – 117 (~37% reactive)
- Chlamydia and Gonorrhea tests – 127, all sites
- Naloxone – 100 boxes
- Overdose rescues – 8, 2 before a clinic could begin
- Wounds – 23 treated on site, 6 referred to ER - 2 refused

Lessons Learned

- The EHE structure provided the ‘skeleton’ on which to build a response
- One stop care facilitated critical bridging of silos to meet need. CHWs provided support.
- Community partnerships and trust facilitated vaccine acceptance and medical testing/care.
- Clinically experienced providers, respectful nonjudgmental treatment enhanced participation.

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