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Hep B United National Coalition

PENNSYLVANIA HEPATITIS ELIMINATION SUMMIT

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The **Hepatitis B Foundation** is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide.

Our commitment includes funding focused research, promoting disease awareness, supporting immunization and treatment initiatives, and serving as the primary source of information for patients and their families, the medical and scientific community, and the general public.



Hep B United is a national coalition established and co-chaired by the Hepatitis B Foundation and the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO). It is comprised of more than 40 organizations in 20 states.

The coalition is dedicated to reducing the health disparities associated with hepatitis B by increasing awareness, screening, vaccination, and linkage to care for high-risk communities across the United States.



Hep B United: A National Coalition

40+ local coalitions & national organizations that focus on the Asian American & Pacific Islander communities.

Mission - Hep B United is a national coalition dedicated to reducing the health disparities associated with hepatitis B by increasing awareness, screening, vaccination, and linkage to care for high-risk communities across the United States.



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Goals of Hep B United

Awareness

Raise the profile of hepatitis B and liver cancer as an urgent public health priority.

Prevention

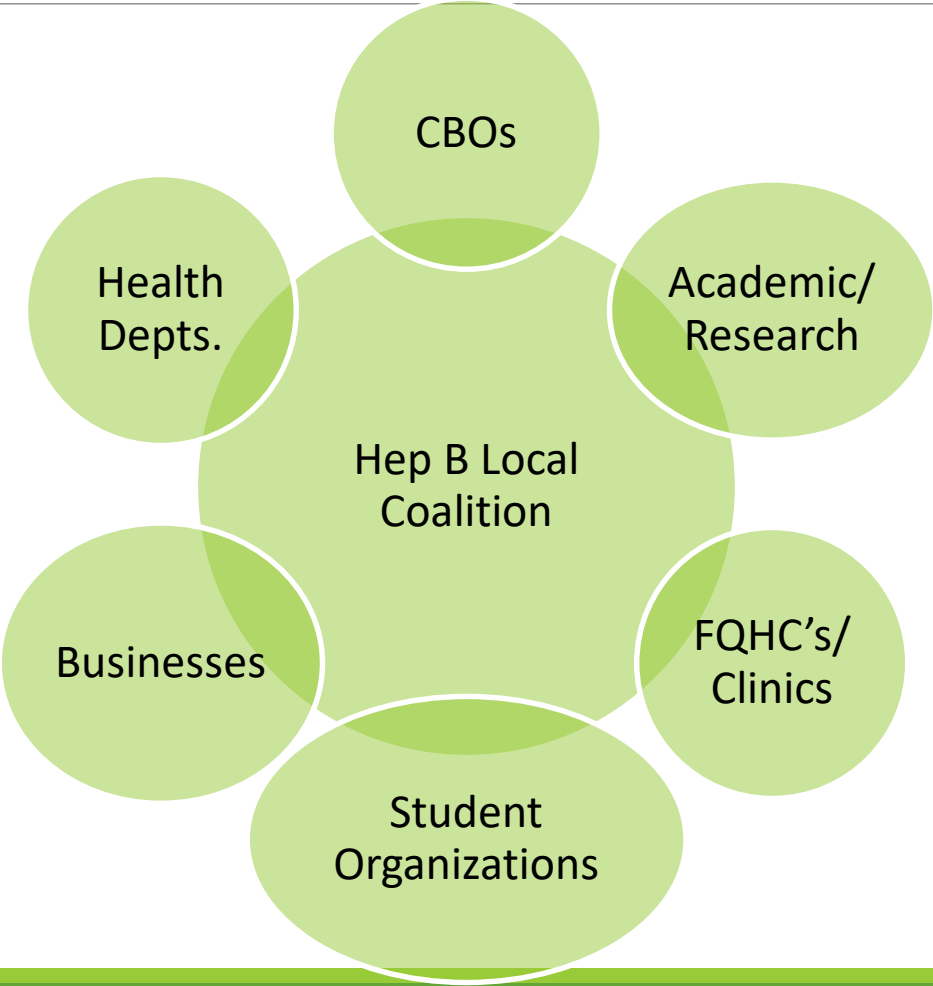
Increase hepatitis B testing and vaccination, particularly among AAPIs and other communities at higher risk.

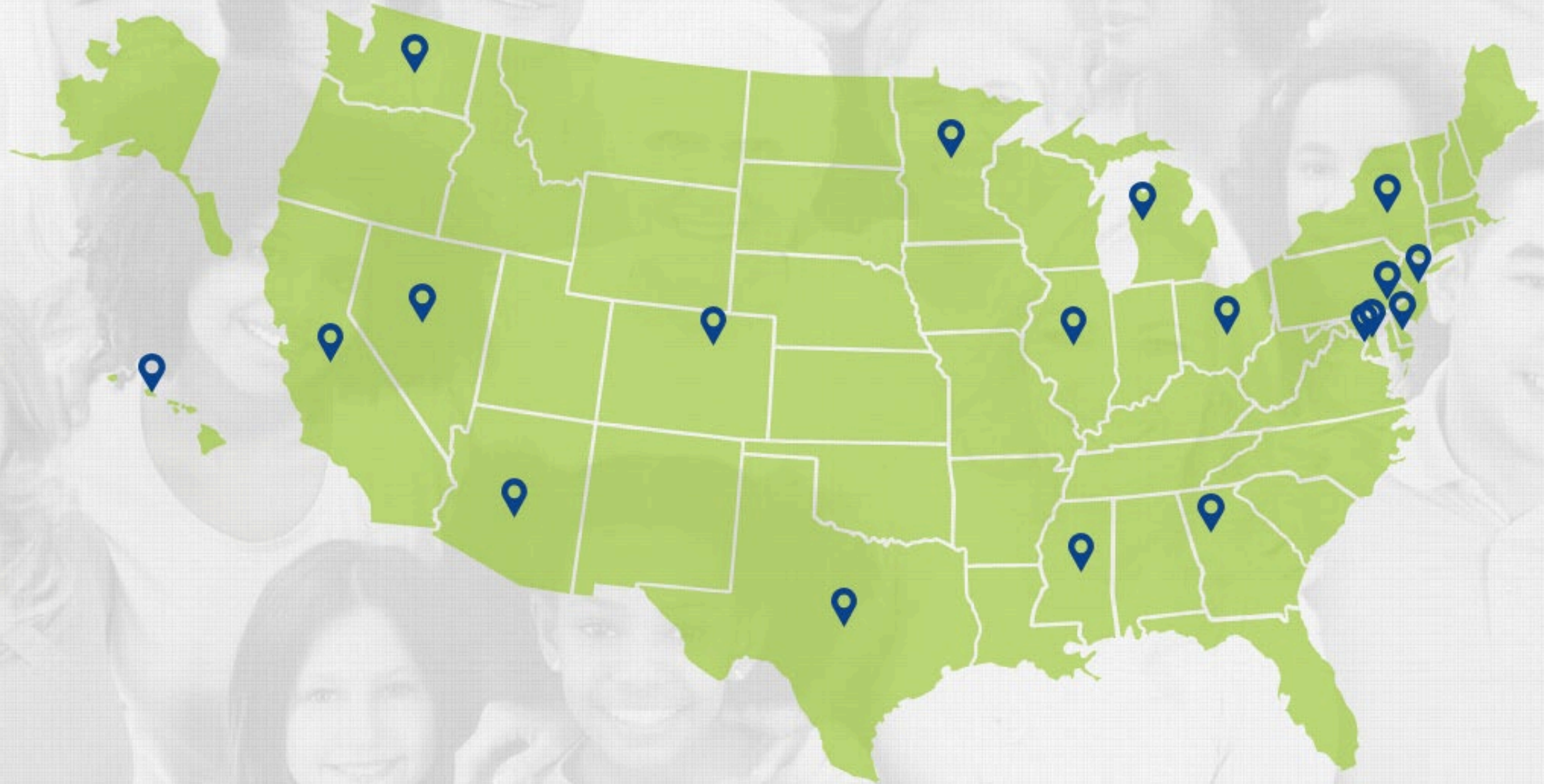
Intervention

Improve access to care and treatment for individuals living with hepatitis B to prevent end-stage liver disease and liver cancer.



Strategy: “National Coalition of Local Coalitions”







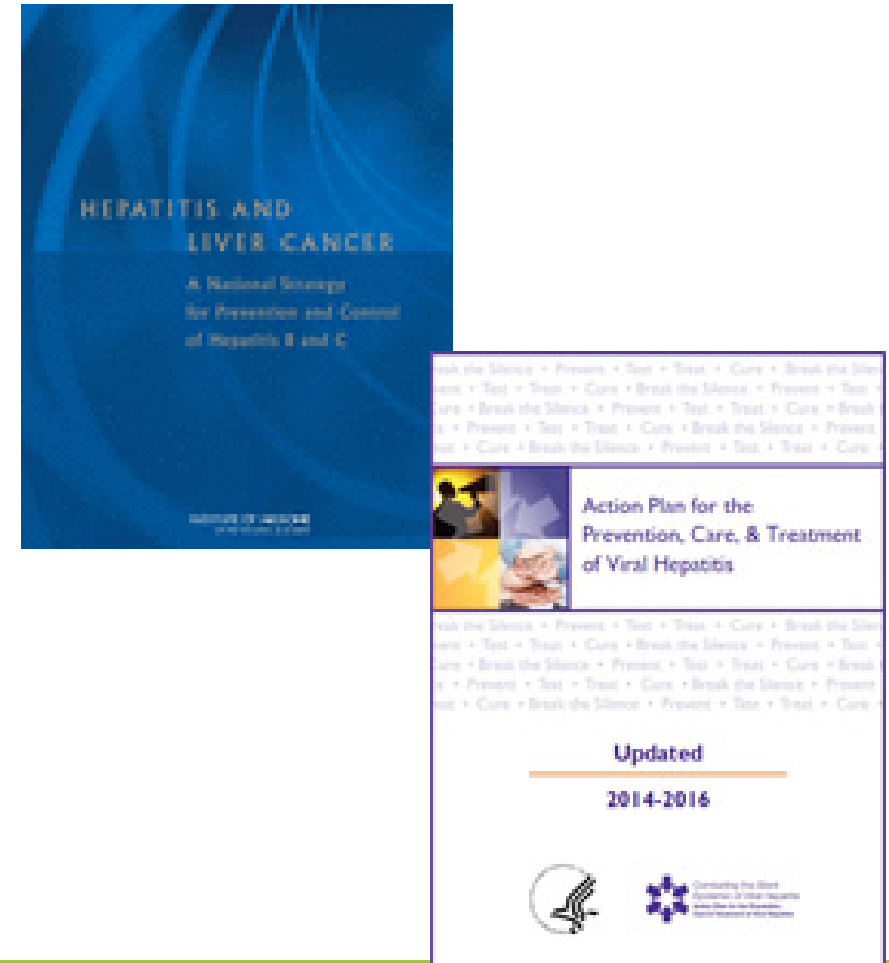
The Growing Momentum to Address Viral Hepatitis

2010 – Landmark Institute of Medicine Report

2011 - HHS Combating the Silent Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis: Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis

2012 – Hepatitis B Foundation & Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) developed **Hep B United** with the help of the HHS Office of Minority Health.

- **Purpose:** Elevating the profile of hepatitis B





2012 Hep B United Summit

Goal: Develop a Community Strategic Plan to Combat Hepatitis B

- ❖ Developed in alignment with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services *Action Plan for the Prevention, Care & Treatment of Viral Hepatitis*
- ❖ Responds to strategic priority areas established at the national level and coordinates activities of Hep B United member coalitions
 1. Educating Providers and Communities
 2. Improving Testing and Linkage to Care to Prevent HBV-Related Liver Disease and Cancer
 3. Eliminate Perinatal Transmission
 4. Strengthen Surveillance to Detect Viral Hepatitis Transmission and Disease



Capacity Building Strategies – HBF, HBU & CDC Partnership (2013)

Education and Training
Improve ability to manage, grow and sustain local coalitions

Capacity Development
Conduct/evaluate community-based HBV screening using best practices; collect, manage and share HBV-related data

Resource Dissemination
Enhance usage of linguistically and culturally competent materials, primarily those within the Know Hepatitis B campaign

Technical Assistance
Improve social media and overall communications presence



Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
Conference Calls
Mini-Grants
Webinars, Video Chats
Annual Summits
Toolkits





Successes and Barriers

SUCCESSES

- ❖ Collectively screen 20,000 to 40,000 for HBV annually
- ❖ Conducted over 72,000 educational sessions
- ❖ Improved capacity and infrastructure
- ❖ Network to share resources and culturally and linguistically appropriate patient navigation
- ❖ Foundation for mobilizing HBV national and grassroots advocacy

BARRIERS

- ❖ Small under-resourced CBOs with limited capacity
- ❖ w/ competing interests/time (other health disparities and grant requirements)
- ❖ Expanding HBV work in newer communities (finding local leadership)
- ❖ Integrating HBV testing, vaccination, education in harm reduction work (in the context of opioid epidemic and rise in acute HBV infections)

Thank You!



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