

Project ABLE is a statewide coalition of AIDS service providers, advocates, and people living with HIV/AIDS & HCV mobilizing to advocate for the HIV line item in the Massachusetts state budget.

What are we asking of our legislators in FY19?

Level funding that the legislature approved in FY18: \$30.8 million

What does the HIV line item (4512-0103) fund?

HIV/STIs

Education, Outreach,
PrEP/PEP, Health
Navigation & Support
services

INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION SAVES LIVES & REDUCES COSTS

- ◆ \$1 spent = \$4 saved (in near-term health care costs).
- ◆ New HIV diagnoses are ↓ 47% (from 2000-2017) = \$1.7 Billion in savings.
- ◆ Preventable and treatable STIs have seen rate increases as high as 27.6% since 2015

HEPATITIS C (HCV) IS A WIDESPREAD BUT CURABLE INFECTION

- ◆ 200,000 - 300,000 people live with chronic Hep C in Massachusetts
- ◆ 60% - 70% do not know their status
- ◆ Hep C HAS A CURE: 97-99% effective, 8-12 weeks, minimal side effects

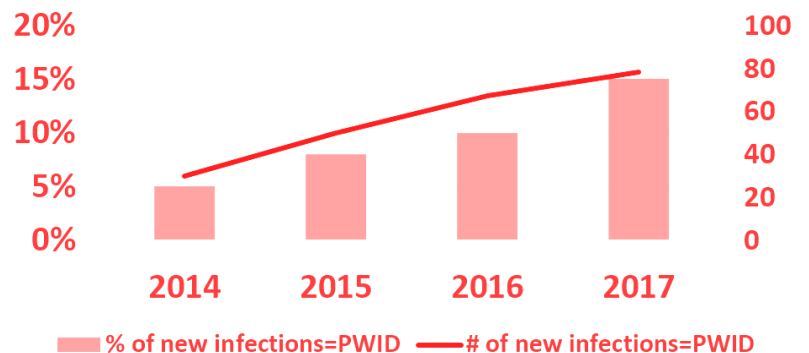
HEP C/HCV

Education, Outreach,
Health Navigation to
Treatment Completion

OPIOIDS

Safe Syringe/Drug User
Health Programs,
Treatment Access &
Recovery Programs

NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS (PWID) ARE ON THE RISE



“This is likely to be an early signal of a potential outbreak. And we really need to address it right now,” said Dr. Alfred DeMaria, medical director of the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences at the state Department of Public Health.

Data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

The Boston Globe 12/17/17

Please support \$30.8M for HIV/AIDS/HCV Line Item (4512-0103)

Getting to Zero in MA is possible with investment in programs that work!

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