



## **Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program**

### **June 2014**

The Infectious Disease Prevention Section (IDPS) Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program provides leadership and support for effective community and clinic-based prevention services. We work in partnerships with local health jurisdictions, community-based organizations and, increasingly, the healthcare delivery system to offer screening and testing services to identify persons who are unaware they are living with disease and other services aimed at keeping persons free from disease. We work closely with community partners to raise awareness about chronic hepatitis B (HBV) and chronic hepatitis C (HCV), to promote health behaviors and to provide information for sound public health policies. IDPS has fully aligned its service delivery system with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, the federal Department of Health and Human Services Viral Hepatitis Action Plan and is positioning its services to leverage new opportunities available through the Affordable Care Act.

In Washington State, HBV and HCV have been reportable conditions since 2000. To date, approximately 16,500 cases of chronic HBV and 61,200 cases of chronic HCV have been reported. These numbers underestimate the burden of disease due to inconsistent screening and reporting. We estimate that actually 30,000 people are infected with chronic HBV and as many as 113,000 infected with chronic HCV. HBV and HCV are the leading causes of liver cancer. HBV and HCV are preventable. There has been a vaccine for HBV since 1982. Although there is no vaccine to prevent HCV, it can be prevented through infection control procedures and access to sterile injection equipment. HBV and HCV can cause serious, life-threatening health conditions that can result in lost work days, hospitalization, expensive treatment, cancer, and death.

### **Services**

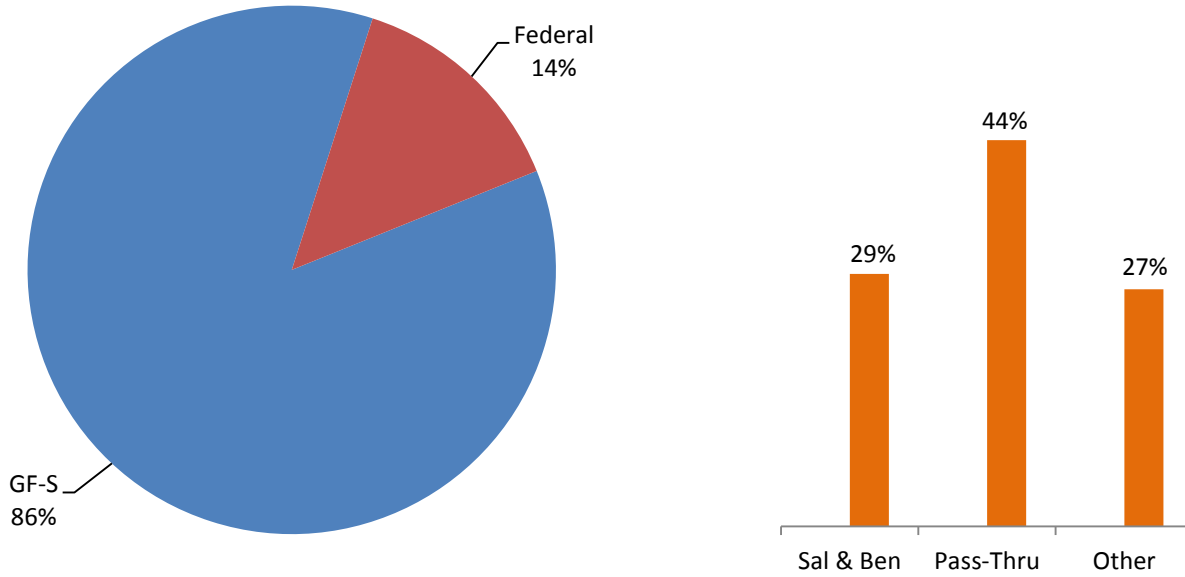
- HCV screening and testing – identify persons living with HCV who are unaware of their status; link newly diagnosed persons to quality care and treatment services
- HBV vaccination – provide vaccine to adults who are at-risk for HBV exposure
- Syringe services programs – provide clean needles and syringes and referrals to care and treatment for persons who use injection drugs
- Evidence-based interventions – provide education for persons at-risk for HBV and HCV
- Integration of HIV, adult viral hepatitis and STD services at the client-level

### **Stakeholders**

- Community-based organizations including, but not limited to, the Point Defiance AIDS Project and the Hepatitis Education Project
- Community coalitions including, but not limited to, the Washington State HIV/AIDS Community Advocacy Network
- The University of Washington
- Local health jurisdictions
- Federal agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Services and Resources Administration
- National organizations such as the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors and the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
- Industry partners such as diagnostics and pharmaceutical manufacturers

**2013-15 biennium**

**Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program Fiscal Information**



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	976,000	158,000	0	0	1,134,000	327,000	500,000	307,000

**Recent Funding History**

- There have not been any budget changes to the program since the 2007-09 biennial budget.