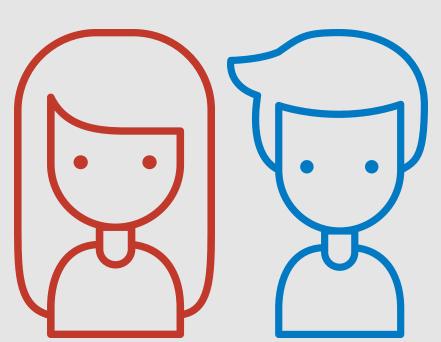
What do we know about young people in California with hepatitis C?

Of people 15-29 years of age with hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in 8 California counties in 2018:



Females and males were similarly likely to have ever injected drugs (73% vs. 69% of drug users) ...but males were 37% more likely to have ever shared injection equipment



27% had a history of incarceration for more than 24 hours



Only 2% received antiviral **treatment** for their HCV



Just one in three thought they were at risk for HCV prior to diagnosis

Injection drug use was the most commonly reported risk factor

44%

reported meth as their drug of choice

Among those who ever injected drugs...

83%

witnessed an overdose

63%

ever had access to **naloxone** while injecting

44%

needed naloxone during an overdose but did not have it

How can we help people at risk for HCV?

Sterile syringes at local pharmacies or syringe programs

bit.ly/findsyringes

HCV testing and referrals to care

calhep.org/referral-guide

Naloxone and overdose prevention training

bit.ly/HRCoalition

