

HCV Integration into the
*Diffusion of Evidence Based
Interventions (DEBI's)*

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DEBI's

- Community PROMISE
- Healthy Relationships
- Many Men, Many Voices
- Holistic Health Recovery Program
- Street Smart

HCV Prevention

*#1 way to prevent new cases of HCV is to
intervene among people who are sharing
IDU equipment*

How Do that in an Evidence Based Way?

- Coordinate best evidence in research/practice literature
- Develop evidence base for each step of outreach & harm reduction work
- Integrate into a practice manual for front-line workers

Oregon Harm Reduction Outreach & Care Services

OHROCS Core Elements:

- ◆ Syringe Access and Disposal
- ◆ Risk Reduction Counseling
- ◆ Delivery of Harm Reduction Materials and *Care Services*
- ◆ Referral to HIV-Specific Counseling Testing and Referral Services (CTRS) and HCV Screening

HOW?

- Utilize current HIV prevention/outreach infrastructure
- Coordinate outreach efforts according to what is *already occurring*
- Be target group specific – get buy-in where already exists!
- Don't recreate the wheel

Bottom Line

Working smarter rather than harder ~
Tapping into the strengths of those
who've gone before us!