

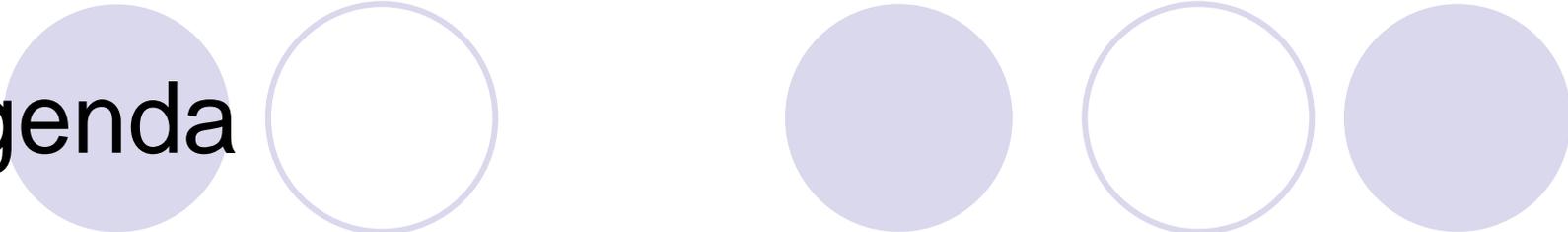
Incorporating HCV Counseling & Testing into existing HIV Counseling & Testing Services Among Injection Drug Users in California

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Agenda



- Overview of HCV Demonstration Project
- HCV High Risk Initiative
- Future Plans for HCV Integration

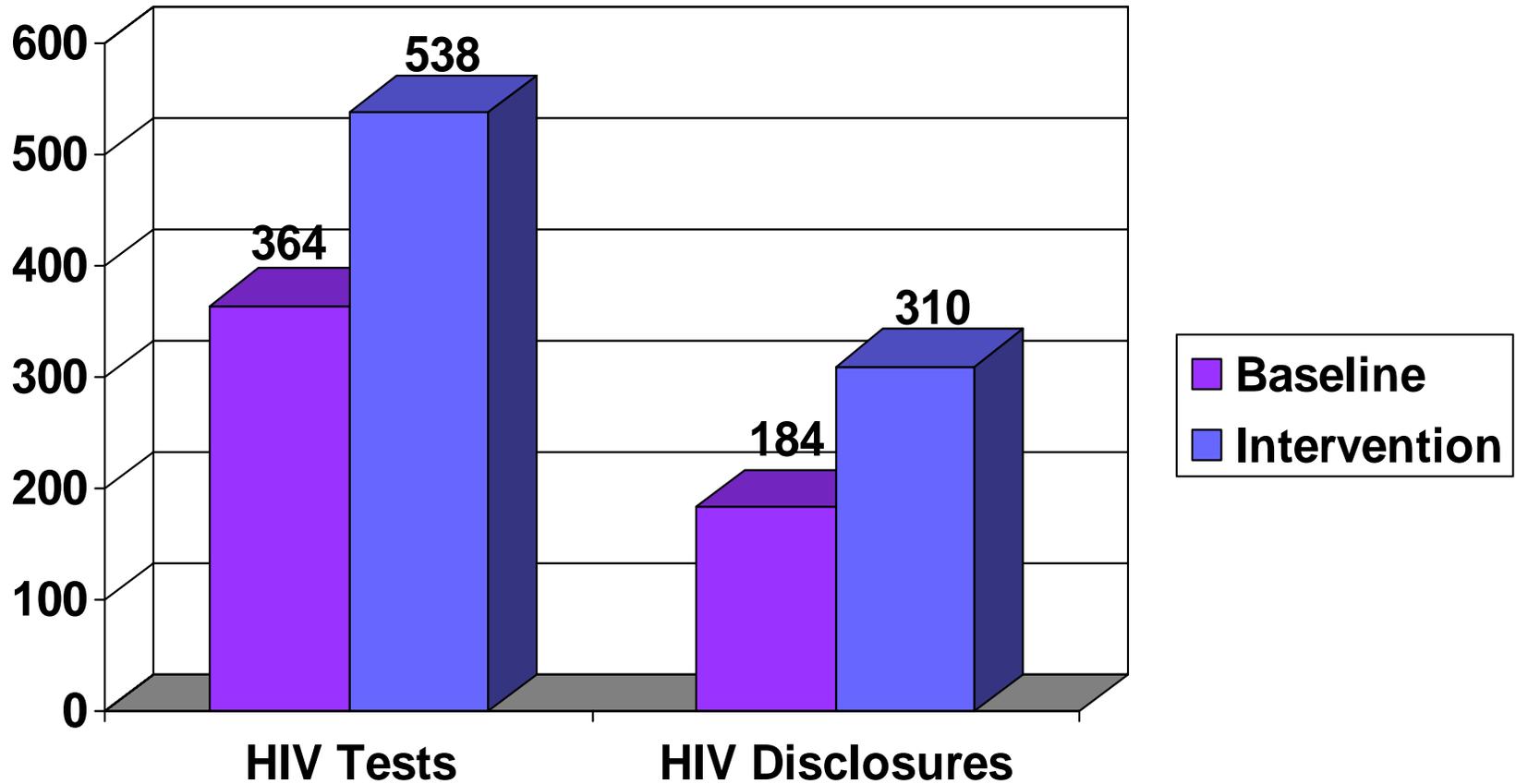
Overview of Demonstration Project

- Office of AIDS (OA) received funding from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct a Demonstration Project that would evaluate the use of HCV counseling and testing (C&T) as an incentive to attract increased numbers of Injection Drug Users (IDU) into HIV C&T services
- Riverside, Fresno, Humboldt, Berkeley, Solano

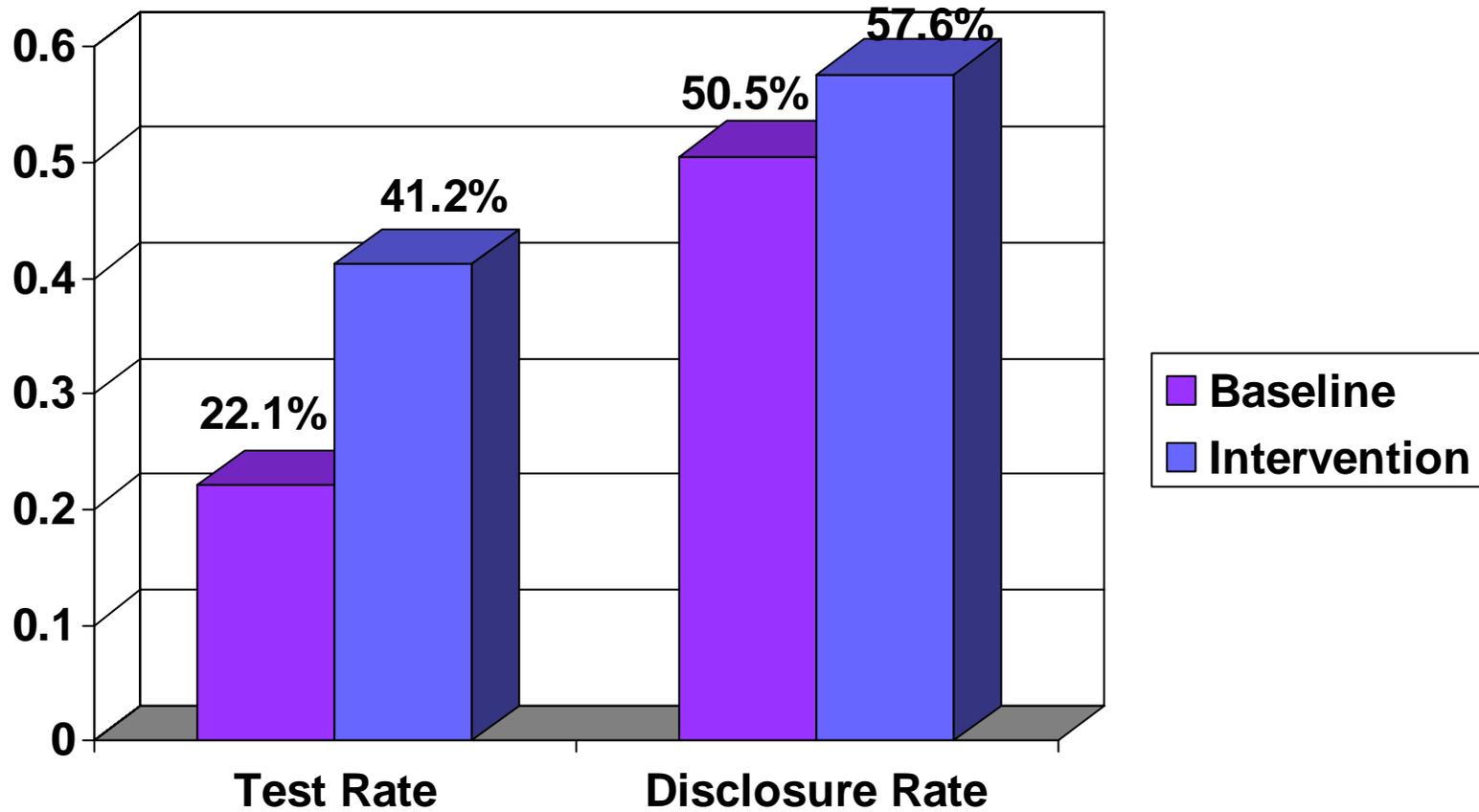
Intent of the Demonstration Project

- If IDUs are offered HCV C&T in coordination with HIV C&T, IDUs will test for HIV at an increased rate.
- More IDUs will return for HIV disclosure sessions when the sessions are integrated with HCV disclosure sessions.

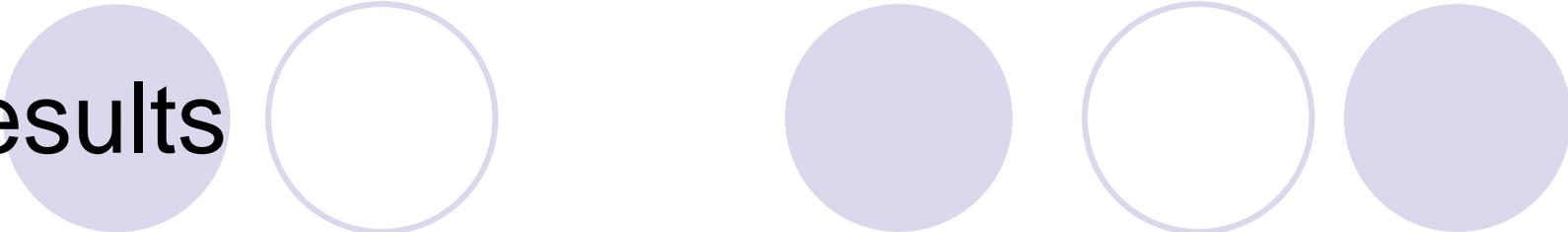
HIV Tests and Disclosures



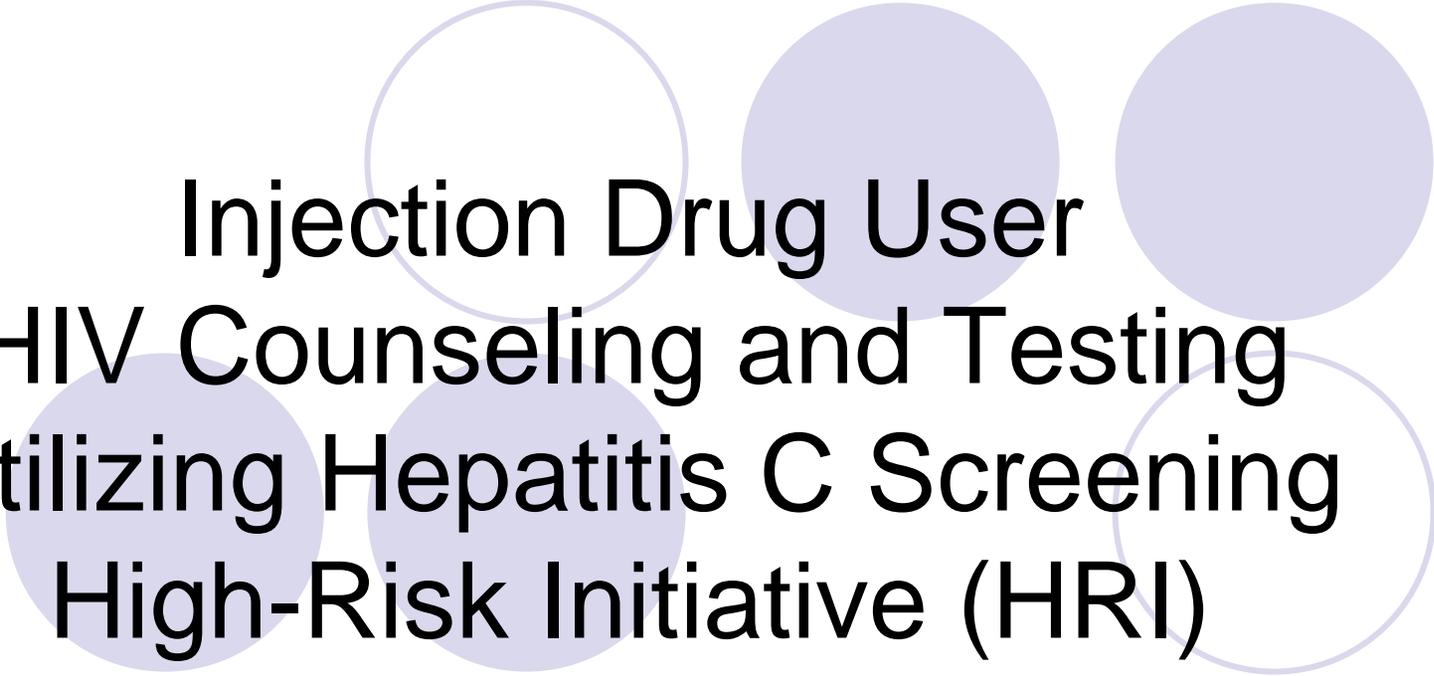
Test and Disclosure Rates



Results

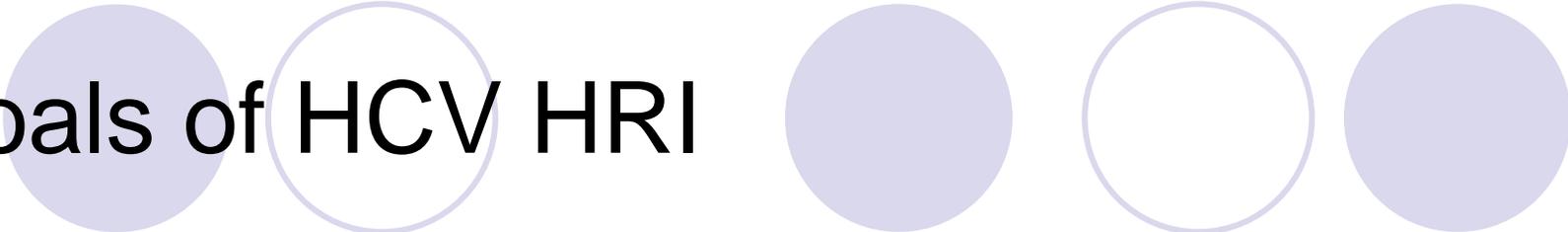


- HIV test rates among IDUs nearly doubled when HCV and HIV C&T were integrated
- HIV disclosure rates increased 33% when test results for HCV and HIV were integrated compared to baseline
- Integration of HCV and HIV C&T activities appeared to increase HIV testing and enhanced services provided to IDUs



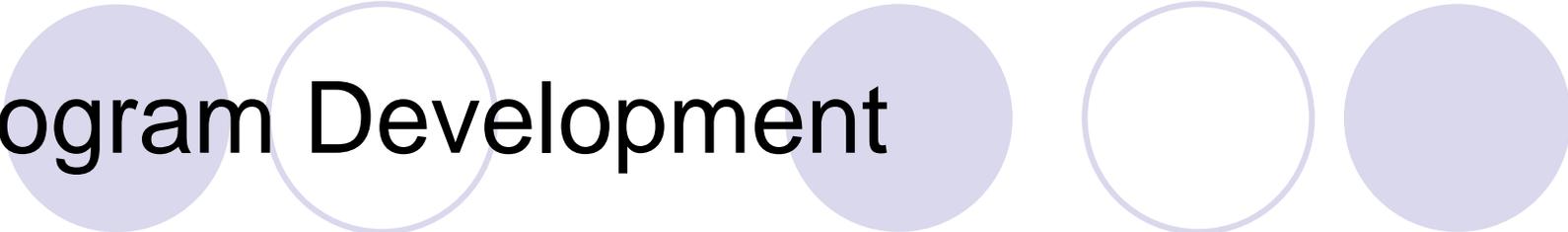
**Injection Drug User
HIV Counseling and Testing
Utilizing Hepatitis C Screening
High-Risk Initiative (HRI)**

Goals of HCV HRI



- **Primary Goal:** To increase the number of IDUs who receive HIV C&T services by offering HCV screening in coordination with HIV C&T.
- **Secondary Goal:** To increase the number of IDUs who know their HCV status, receive appropriate HCV prevention, and linkages to care and treatment services.

Program Development



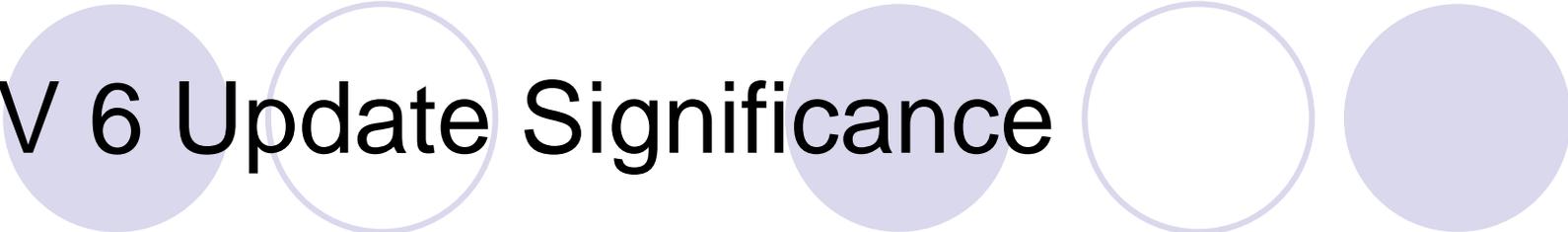
- Used 2000-2001 C&T Data
 - # of IDU receiving HIV C&T
 - % of IDU getting HIV testing
 - / \$480,000
- Sent out 33 non-competitive RFPs
- Received and funded 24 LHJs

Additional Services



- Training Needs Assessment
- Resource Needs Assessment
- Provided resources and referrals to
CA HIV/AIDS Hotline
- Providing HCV training to LHJs
- HCV/HIV Brochure and Palm Card
- Added 3 questions to HIV 6

HIV 6 Update Significance



- These questions will assist the DHS/OA in evaluating the effectiveness of HCV testing as an incentive for injection drug users to receive HIV counseling and testing.

HCV High-Risk Initiative



- Data

- In year 2 of a 3 Year Program
- Tested almost 1,600 IDUs
- Approximately 25% HCV positive

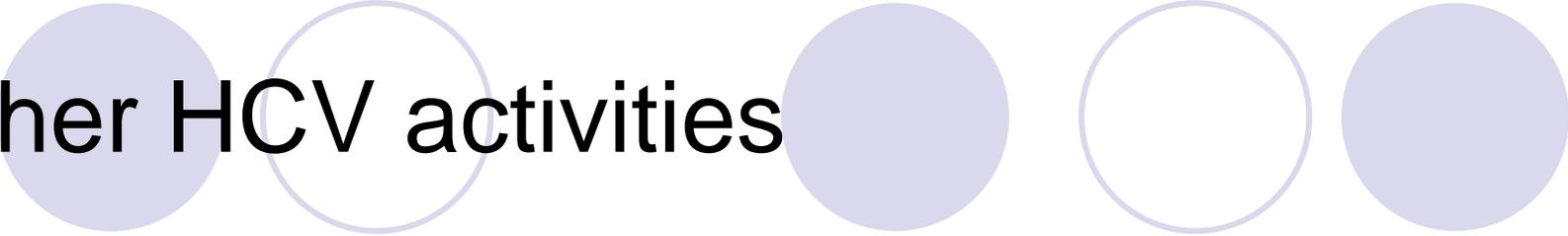
- Relevant Points

- Many IDU know they are HCV positive
- Increased time to screen
- Limited referrals

The Future for California...

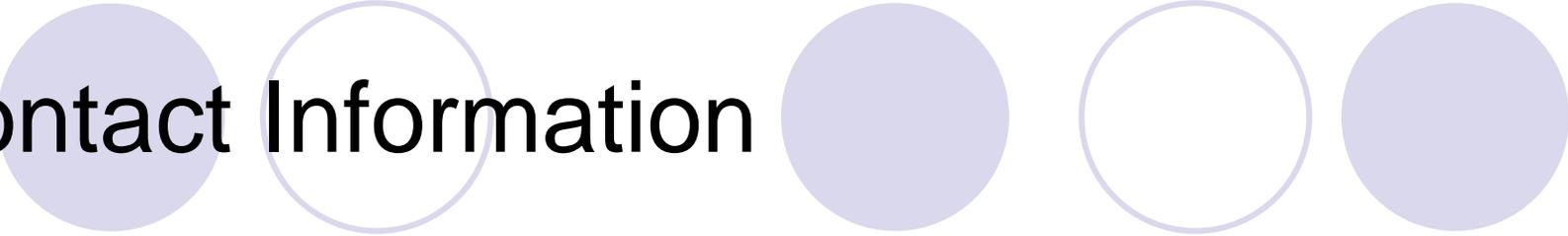
- Center for Health Improvement (CHI) to develop an Operational Plan to incorporate HCV services into the OA HIV prevention and care programs.
- Draft report to OA in June 2006
 - Key informant interviews
 - Examples of successful integrations projects in California and Nationally.
 - Include the cumulative history of HCV policy in CA

Other HCV activities



- SB 1159 – Pharmacy sales of Syringe Bill
- AB 296 - HCV State Jails
- State Government Task Force
- Operational Plan
- HCV Integration into other HIV Programs
- ADAP is evaluate the ability to add peg-interferon in 2006

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