



Community Health Equity & Promotion (CHEP) Branch Updates

HIV Community Planning Council Meeting on May, 19 2025

Celebrating Community and Wellbeing

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) Heritage Month

- May honors the contributions of AANHPI communities, with the LOTUS Project Health Access Point providing a safe space for AANHPI 2SLGBTQ+ individuals in San Francisco. This initiative, offering critical health services, fosters connection, healing, and cultural identity, aligning with AANHPI Heritage Month's focus on inclusion and wellbeing. Learn more about the LOTUS Project and their services [here](#).

Mental Health Awareness Month

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of mental health and access to care. In San Francisco, resources are available to connect individuals to mental health and substance use services, with support accessible through the 24/7 access line at 888-246-3333.

Program Highlights

May is Viral Hepatitis Awareness Month, with **May 19th** marking Hepatitis Testing Day, encouraging testing and treatment for hepatitis A, B, and C.

- On **May 13th**, we hosted a free testing event at **The Gubbio Project**, offering **rapid Hep C and HIV tests**, food, games, and prizes.
- The event, supported by WISHES, GLIDE, The Gubbio Project, Shanti Project, and End Hep C SF, helped participants get tested and connect to treatment.

SFDPH's **Harm Reduction Training Institute (HRTI)** continues to support staff working with people who use drugs by promoting harm reduction principles and reducing stigma. In May, the following trainings will be provided:

- Harm Reduction 201
 - Safe Use and Safety and Safety Planning
 - Substance Use Treatment with Young Folx: Harm Reduction Healthy, Safe, and Alive when 'Just Say No' Isn't Working
 - Abstinence is part of Harm Reduction: The Umbrella of Harm Reduction
- For more information, visit sf.gov/information--harm-reduction-training-institute-hrti.