



Community Health Equity & Promotion (CHEP) Branch Updates

HIV Community Planning Council Meeting on June 22, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

HRTI (Harm Reduction Training Institute)

- **Frontline Worker Support Group** — June 25, 2:00–3:30 PM | Register [here](#)
- **Drop-In TA Sessions:**
 - June 29, 10:00–11:30 AM — [Conflict Management and Boundaries](#)
 - June 30, 10:00–11:30 AM — [Outreach and Meaningful Engagement of People who Use Drugs](#)

Frontline Worker Symposiums — In Planning

OnBoard SF (Summit — August 11)

Goals:

- Welcome new workers to SF's HIV/HCV/STI, sexual health, and drug user health systems of care.
- Strengthen onboarding so frontline workers have the tools to succeed in client-facing roles.
- Stimulate cross-agency networking, collaboration, referrals, and service integration.

HIV/HCV/STI Testing Event

- **Date:** 6/12/26
- **Location:** Tenderloin Housing Clinic at the Drake Hotel x BADD (Brothers Against Drug Deaths)
- **Audience:** Communities facing disparities in HIV/HCV/STI health access, people in permanent supportive housing, and people who use drugs
- **Event hosts:** CHEP/WISHES, LINC, Glide, Tenderloin Housing Clinic (THC), Brothers Against Drug Deaths (BADD), BHS BEAM
- **CHEP team's role:** Organized the event and provided tabling; collaborated with Glide for HIV/HCV/STI testing, with LINC for HIV/HCV/STI navigation services (for clients returning with reactive results), and hosted by THC

The WISHES team organized this HIV/HCV/STI testing and navigation event in collaboration with BADD and Tenderloin Housing Clinic at the Drake Hotel, a permanent supportive housing site. Partner organizations included Glide's testing team, THC, BHS BEAM for medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), and LINC for HIV/HCV/STI treatment navigation. WISHES provided overdose prevention education, hospitality services, and treatment referral resources throughout the event. These partnerships significantly reduced barriers to care and improved opportunities for sustained engagement.



PAST EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Test Counselor Certification

- Training took place the week of April 27 – May 1, drawing trainees from multiple organizations including those as far as Alameda County.
- Sol Rodriguez from STAHR CBA facilitated the SOGIE lecture alongside colleague Dani Heringer.
- A panel of test coordinators from Glide, SFAP, and Lotus HAP shared knowledge and experiences on the certification process and test counseling at their sites.
- A training previously scheduled for July 27–31 has been postponed to fall 2026 to support SFAP's Clinical Assistants Program amid expected funding reductions in FY 2026–27.

Cultivate: Spanish-Language Leadership Development Training

- Held May 19, 2026, facilitated by CHEP staff member José Velásquez (LHAP Program Liaison).
- Focused on empowering participants to leverage their HIV knowledge and lived experiences to better serve their communities.
- Participants expressed interest in future sessions on PrEP, STIs, mental health, and harm reduction.

ETE Leadership Meeting — May 26, 2026

- Arpi Terzian (HIV Epidemiology Unit, ARCHES Branch) presented SFDPH Preliminary 2025 HIV Data. Note: the full Epidemiology Report will not be available until fall 2026.
- Topics covered included:
 - History of the HIV Epidemic in San Francisco, 2006–2025
 - Overall and demographic diagnosis trends (cis men, cis women, trans women, MSM, Latine/x)
 - HIV care continuum, new diagnoses (Jan 2024–June 2025), top reporting facilities, and persons living with HIV
- Discussion highlights:
 - Late diagnoses and their relationship to healthcare access and engagement
 - Age trends and the significance of facility-level patterns
 - Specific concerns around engaging the Latino community, particularly those new to the U.S.
 - Expanding PrEP counseling capacity and addressing gaps in prevention literacy
- **Next meeting:** June 23, 2026 — highlights will be shared at the next HCPC meeting.

HCV (Hepatitis C) Awareness Day — May 15, Gubbio Project

- Testing provided by Glide:
 - HIV rapid tests: 15
 - Hep C rapid tests: 17
 - Syphilis rapid tests: 16
 - GC/CT swabs: 18
 - HIV viral load blood draws: 2
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- Treatment navigation: WISHES (a CHEP program) navigator conducted 3 intakes (1 HIV, 2 HCV).
- Educational activities included interactive games: *Hepardy* and *Pin the Liver*.



L.A.T.I.D.O.S. (*Latinos Americanos Trabajando por la Inclusión, Diversidad, Organización y Salud*)

- The 2026 event was held June 3 and expanded from 3 to 6 participating counties — Santa Clara County joined for the first time, and Getting to Zero SF solidified its role as a key regional partner.
- Attendance grew from 75 to 210 participants.
- Spanish-language sessions included: STIs 101, Regional STI Data, a Regional Community Panel, and workshops on mental health, sexuality, prevention, LGBTQ+ inclusion, and family safety.
- Participant reflections:
 - *"Somos Familia me recordó el papel clave que juega toda la familia al apoyar a una integrante LGBTQ+." / "Somos Familia reminded me of the important role the whole family plays in supporting an LGBTQ+ family member."*
 - *"Aprendí a apoyar mejor a mi comunidad y conectar a las familias con recursos." / "I learned how to support my community better and connect families to resources."*
- The event reinforced SF's leadership in culturally and linguistically responsive public health and strengthened Bay Area regional collaboration for Latino health equity.

June 2026 Test Coordinators' Monthly Meeting

- Montica Levy (Manager, STI/HIV Health Education and Evaluation) provided updates on SFPD doxy-PEP recommendations, including:
 - Eligibility expansion for cisgender women and others assigned female at birth
 - Enhanced efforts toward congenital syphilis prevention
- Review of new PrEP patient education materials.
- Overview of City Clinic walk-in access process for patient referrals.