



NIEHS WTP Spring Grantee Meeting

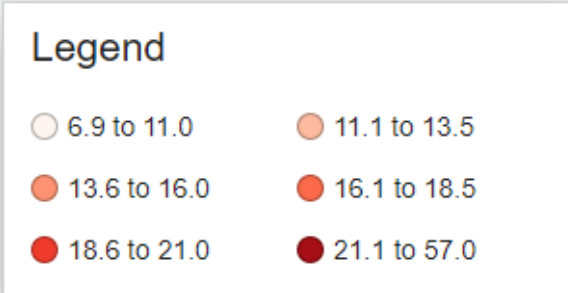
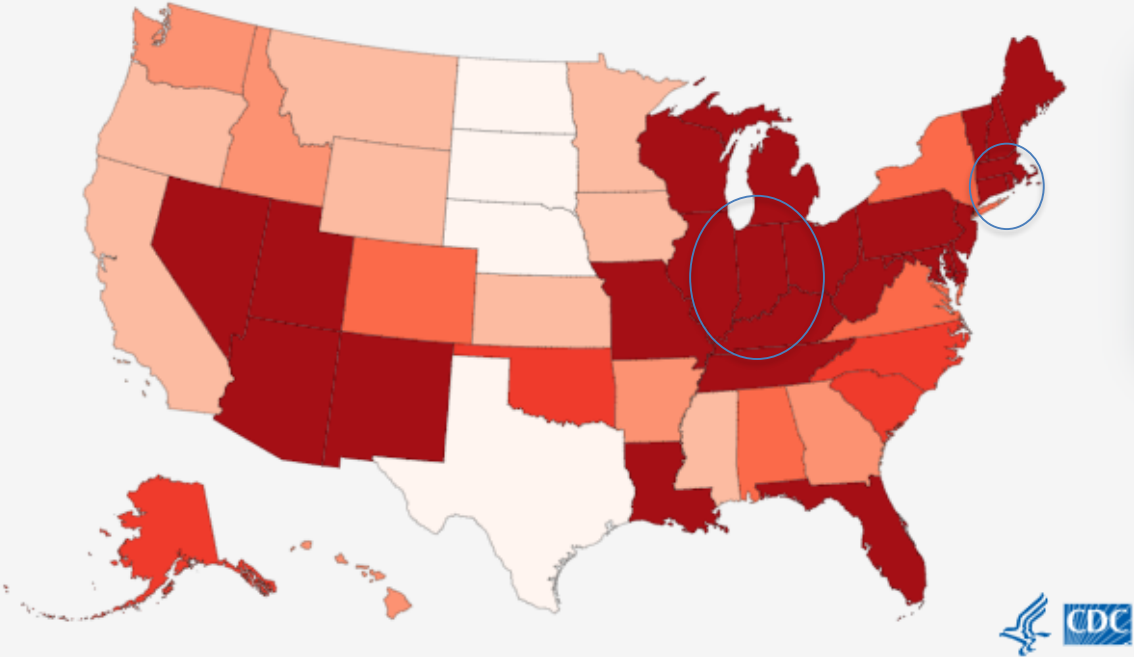
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**The Biosafety and Infectious Disease
Training Initiative (BIDTI):
Homeless Outreach, Vulnerable
Populations, and Substance Abuse
Prevention Workers**

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BIDTI Coverage

Number and age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths by state, US 2017



Accomplished Training Events

Homeless Outreach

Homeless & Re-Entry Helpers, Inc. (Community-Level) April 2017, Indianapolis, IN
Coalition for Homeless Intervention & Prevention (Community-Level) June 2017, Indianapolis, IN
St. Francis House (Community-Level) October 2017, Boston, MA

Vulnerable Populations

Casa Myrna (Community-Level), June 2017, Boston, MA
Refugee Empowerment Center (Community-Level) December 2017, Omaha, NE
South Middlesex Opportunity Council (Community-Level) April 2018, Framingham, MA

Substance Abuse Prevention Workers

Porter County Substance Abuse Council (Community-Level) January 2017, Valparaiso, IN
American Society of Safety Professionals Louisville Chapter (Awareness-Level) August 2018, Louisville, KY



Topics Covered

- Principles of disease transmission
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis C
- HIV
- HCV/HIV Co-Infection
- Hand hygiene practices
- Personal hygiene considerations
- Disposable glove donning and doffing
- Encountering needles and drug paraphernalia, safe disposal
- Resources for finding up-to-date infectious disease information



Existing Gaps

Needle/Sharps Management

- What protocols should an organization have in place for accidental needle sticks if they are not legally required to have BBP training?

Sanitation and Containment Considerations

- What operational changes should be made to protect staff and clients during HHCD outbreaks?
- What do they do if one a client becomes ill with a suspected HHCD?

Education for Clients and Volunteers

- What information is important to share with clients about communicable disease?
- What items (i.e., soap, hand sanitizer, masks, needle exchange) could an organization have on-hand to help prevent the spread of infections in communities?
- How an we ensure that all workers and volunteers at the organization are getting consistent training and education when turnover rates are high?



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Q&A

Thank you for your time and attention. Any questions?

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