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

Legend
- 6.9 to 11.0
- 11.1 to 13.5
- 13.6 to 16.0
- 16.1 to 18.5
- 18.6 to 21.0
- 21.1 to 57.0
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 can 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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