

Interview guide and phone script – Correctional facilities

Hello, this is _____ with the Battelle Center for Analytics and Public Health.

Battelle has been retained by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct an assessment of local community-level implementation of the Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis (Action Plan). The Action Plan provides a comprehensive strategy for addressing viral hepatitis A and B. The assessment is intended to help better understand local community-level implementation of the Action Plan and any barriers that might be occurring. Our goal in this phase of data collection is to learn about the viral hepatitis activities that might be occurring in correctional facilities. You are being asked to participate because of your work in viral hepatitis. If you agree to participate in the interview, we will ask you a series of questions related to viral hepatitis. This interview will take about 30 minutes of your time.

Your participation is completely voluntary. You can decide whether or not to participate. If you do agree to participate, you may stop at any time. You may also chose to not answer any questions. Should you choose to participate, your answers will be maintained in a secure manner and you will not be identified by name or description in any reports.

Do you have any questions for me?

Would you be willing to participate in the interview?

We would also like to audio tape the interview for transcribing purposes only. Once the interviews have been transcribed, the tapes will be erased.

Would you be willing to have the interview audio taped?

Interview Questions

1. Are you familiar with the Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis (Action Plan)
 - If so, what do you know about the Action Plan?
 - What do you think about the Action Plan?
2. Can you talk about any viral hepatitis prevention, care or treatment programs that exist in your facility?

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- What viral hepatitis services are provided?
 - Are inmates screened for viral hepatitis upon entry?
 - Are inmates offered education about viral hepatitis, transmission, and prevention?
 - Are prevention messages/education related to shared drug injection equipment and/or tattoos available/provided to inmates?
 - Have any best practices been identified? If so, can you describe them?
 - How is this work being funded?
 - Can you describe how you (might) work with outside organizations to provide some of these services?
3. What are some challenges related to implementing viral hepatitis activities in correctional facilities?
 4. What are some ways that you think these challenges can be addressed?
 5. What are some ways that partners might help address some of these challenges?
 - What are some types of partners that might be particularly helpful to work with?
 6. Are re-entry care and treatment services available to help support former inmates? If so, can you please describe these services and/or programs?