

# Division of HIV and STD Programs



## 2025 Education and Skills Building Calendar (updated 4/28/25)

<b>January</b>  <b>7</b> PrEP 101 <b>9</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>14</b> STD 101 <b>15</b> Vicarious Trauma (virtual) <b>16</b> Addressing Implicit Bias <b>22-23</b> Motivational Interviewing <b>28</b> Partner Services <small>(rescheduled: April 29)</small> <b>29</b> HIV 101 <b>30</b> Social Determinants of Health	<b>February</b>  <b>3-7, 11</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>12</b> STD 101 <b>13</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>20</b> EOP Hubs (virtual) <b>CANCELED</b> <b>25</b> ABCs of Hep (virtual) <b>CANCELED</b> <b>26</b> HIV 101	<b>March</b>  <b>3-7, 11</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>11</b> PrEP 101 <b>12</b> STD 101 <b>13</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>25</b> Social Determinants of Health <b>26</b> HIV 101 <b>27</b> EOP Hubs (virtual)	<b>April</b>  <b>2</b> ABCs of Hep (virtual) <b>2-3</b> Medical Care Coordination <b>3</b> Vicarious Trauma (virtual) <b>7-11, 15</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>16</b> STD 101 <b>17</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>22</b> Addressing Implicit Bias <b>23-24</b> Motivational Interviewing <b>30</b> HIV 101
<b>May</b>  <b>5-9, 13</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>14</b> STD 101 <b>15</b> PrEP 101 <b>15</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>20</b> Social Determinants of Health <b>21-22</b> Group Facilitation <b>28</b> HIV 101	<b>June</b>  <b>2-6, 10</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>11</b> ABCs of Hep (virtual) <b>12</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>17</b> STD 101 <b>24</b> EOP Hubs (virtual) <b>25</b> HIV 101	<b>July</b>  <b>1</b> Vicarious Trauma (virtual) <b>1-2</b> Medical Care Coordination <b>8</b> Addressing Implicit Bias <b>9</b> STD 101 <b>10</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>22</b> PrEP 101 <b>23-24</b> Motivational Interviewing <b>28-29</b> Bridging Theory and Practice <b>30</b> HIV 101	<b>August</b>  <b>4-8, 12</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>13</b> STD 101 <b>14</b> EOP Hubs (virtual) <b>19</b> Partner Services <b>26</b> ABCs of Hep (virtual) <b>27</b> HIV 101 <b>28</b> Trauma-Informed Care
<b>September</b>  <b>3</b> Social Determinants of Health <b>14</b> PrEP 101 <b>8-12,16</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>17-18</b> Medical Care Coordination <b>23</b> STD 101 <b>24</b> HIV 101 <b>25</b> Trauma-Informed Care	<b>October</b>  <b>1</b> Addressing Implicit Bias <b>2</b> Vicarious Trauma (virtual) <b>6-10, 14</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>15-16</b> Motivational Interviewing <b>28</b> STD 101 <b>29</b> HIV 101 <b>30</b> Trauma-Informed Care	<b>November</b>  <b>3-7, 12</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>12</b> ABCs of Hep (virtual) <b>13</b> Social Determinants of Health <b>18</b> STD 101 <b>19</b> HIV 101 <b>20</b> Trauma-Informed Care	<b>December</b>  <b>2</b> Addressing Implicit Bias <b>3</b> Partner Services <b>3</b> EOP Hubs (virtual) <b>4</b> Trauma-Informed Care <b>8-12, 16</b> Basic I: HIV Test Counselor Certification <b>17</b> HIV 101 <b>18</b> STD 101

Note that trainings are targeted to specific audiences. Please see the next page for course descriptions and intended audiences.  
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# Training Descriptions

<p><b>ABCs of Hepatitis:</b> Focuses on the prevalence, transmission, diagnosis, treatment of viral hepatitis and liver related complications due to infectious hepatitis. Also include simple messages and counseling strategies for clients at risk of, or dually diagnosed with, HIV and viral hepatitis. [ <b>virtual, half-day, 8am-12:00pm or 12:30pm-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HE/RR* staff, HIV case managers, case workers, and other staff at community based organizations.</p>	<p><b>Motivational Interviewing:</b> This training introduces the guiding principles, strategies and skills for incorporating motivational interviewing techniques with clients, with a particular focus on creating opportunities for behavior change. Participants are introduced to the foundation, theories and framework for using motivational interviewing to build rapport with clients, engage them in treatment and/or intervention, explore clients’ ambivalence, motivate clients towards behavior change, and support efforts to reduce risk behaviors [ <b>2 days, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> Experienced HIV test counselors, HE/RR staff, HIV case managers, case workers, and clinic staff that have been working with patients for at least 6 months.</p>
<p><b>Addressing Implicit Bias, Medical Mistrust and Cultural Humility (Implicit Bias):</b> This training provides and overview of implicit bias, cultural humility and a historical perspective of how medical mistrust develops/developed among the Black/African American community in order to improve the quality of HIV service delivery to the Black/African American community. [ <b>1 day, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HE/RR staff, HIV case managers, case workers, and clinic staff working with patients/clients. This course is <b>REQUIRED</b> for DHSP-contracted providers. Call for locations.</p>	<p><b>OraQuick Advance Rapid HCV Test:</b> This training will certify HIV counselors who are already certified in HIV test counseling and collecting blood via finger stick procedures to read and interpret the OraQuick Rapid HCV Test. [ <b>1 day, 8am—5:00pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> Certified HIV test counselors working at DHSP-funded test sites using the OraQuick Advance Rapid HIV/HCV test. Call for schedule.</p>
<p><b>Basic 1 HIV Test Counselor Certification:</b> A State of California training that certifies staff as a HIV Test Counselor. Participants will develop and practice strong client-centered counseling skills, learn how to help clients assess HIV risks and work with clients to develop realistic steps towards reducing HIV risk(s). Participants will also be certified to perform finger sticks, operate rapid HIV and HCV tests, as well as read, interpret and deliver rapid HIV and HCV test results. [ <b>6 days, 8am-5:00pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors from DHSP or CDC-funded providers. (It is <b>REQUIRED</b> that participants complete DHSP’s HIV 101 and STD 101 trainings prior to taking this course).</p>	<p><b>Partner Services:</b> Designed to provide HIV prevention and care staff with an overview of disclosure assistance services. Focuses on the skills needed to effectively work with HIV positive persons to ensure that their sex and needle-sharing partners are notified of exposure. Participants will be able to support clients in making an informed decision about HIV disclosure. [ <b>1 day, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HIV case managers and HE/RR* staff.</p>
<p><b>Bridging Theory and Practice: Applying Behavioral Theory to HIV/STD Prevention:</b> For individuals planning, developing and implementing HIV/STD prevention programs. Provides an overview of behavioral science, factors that influence behavior change, and domains that influence HIV/STD risk-taking behavior. Highlights the importance of using theory in intervention planning. [ <b>2 Days, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HE/RR* staff, HIV test counselors, HIV case managers</p>	<p><b>Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) 101</b> - This training is designed for staff providing HIV health education and risk reduction services. The training provides participants with an overview of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) &amp; skills for integrating PrEP into existing prevention efforts. [ <b>1 day, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV counselors, HE/RR* staff, HIV case managers, case workers, and other staff at community based organizations working with individuals at high risk for HIV. Call for locations.</p>
<p><b>Engagement and Overdose Prevention (EOP) 101:</b> This training provides an overview of Syringe Service Programs (SSPs). Participants will gain a basic knowledge of policies and practices regarding SSPs. The topics discussed will prepare participants to offer effective assistance to people who seek syringe exchange services throughout the community. [ <b>Half-day, 8am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HE/RR staff, HIV case managers, case workers, and clinic staff working with patients/clients. Taking HIV 101 and ABCs of Hepatitis prior to this course is strongly encouraged.</p>	<p><b>Safer Sex, Drugs and Alcohol: A Training for Commercial Sex Venue Staff:</b> For managers and staff of commercial sex venues (CSV) licensed to operate in Los Angeles County. Covers the basics of HIV and STD prevention, how substance use contributes to HIV/STD risk, including all topics required by the City/County of Los Angeles ordinances licensing commercial sex venues (CSV).</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> CSV staff. Call for information.</p>
<p><b>Facilitation Skills for Group-Level Interventions:</b> For staff providing group-level HIV health education and risk reduction services. Provides information on how to deliver group level interventions effectively to at-risk clients. [ <b>2 days, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HE/RR* staff who facilitate group level HIV interventions/support groups.</p>	<p><b>Social Determinants of Health:</b> Introduces the essentials of social determinants of health, in order to more accurately provide culturally-appropriate and relevant client-centered harm reduction and HIV/STD services. The training will provide participants with tools to understand how social determinants of health influence client decision making regarding HIV/STD risk behaviors. [ <b>1 day, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HE/RR staff, HIV case managers, case workers, and clinic staff working with patients/clients. Call for locations.</p>
<p><b>HIV 101:</b> For employees of the County of Los Angeles and community based organizations funded by DHSP to assist them in obtaining the latest information on HIV and AIDS. Held in various locations throughout Los Angeles County. [ <b>1 day, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HE/RR* staff, case managers, others County staff that work with at-risk clients. This course is <b>REQUIRED</b> for Basic 1. Call for locations.</p>	<p><b>STI/STD 101:</b> For employees of the County of Los Angeles and community based organizations funded by DHSP who are working with people at risk for or affected by Sexually Transmitted Infections/ Diseases (STIs/STDs) a basic understanding of how STDs impact our community. [ <b>1 day, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HE/RR* staff, HIV case managers, others. This course is <b>REQUIRED</b> for Basic 1. Call for locations.</p>
<p><b>HIV Basics for Taxicab Drivers:</b> For taxicab drivers who transport clients with HIV to and from medical appointments. Includes basic information on HIV transmission and prevention, dispelling misconceptions about HIV and reducing anxiety around transporting clients with HIV. Offered one to three times per year. [ <b>2 hours, times vary</b> ] Call for schedule.</p>	<p><b>Trauma-Informed Care:</b> This training is designed for employees of the County of Los Angeles and community based organizations who work with people who experience trauma, Participants will receive an overview of trauma, ACES, collaborative healing, and resilience in order to understand and implement trauma-informed care strategies. [ <b>1 day, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> HIV test counselors, HE/RR* staff, HIV case managers, others. Call for locations.</p>
<p><b>Medical Care Coordination (MCC):</b> This two-day training provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to implement Medical Care Coordination services for HIV-positive patients. Participants will be required to read the MCC protocol prior to attending this training . [ <b>2 days, 8am-4:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> MCC team members from DHSP funded agencies.</p>	<p><b>Vicarious Trauma:</b> This training will provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and tools to recognize vicarious trauma, teach coping strategies and foster empathic resilience. Additionally, participants will learn ways to create a vicarious trauma-informed organization.[ <b>virtual, half-day, 8am-12:30pm</b> ]</p> <p><b>Audience:</b> Staff working with people who experience trauma, or working with potentially traumatic material and information.</p>

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