

# Nurse Practitioner-led Hepatitis C Outreach Clinic



Peer workers engaged people at risk of hepatitis C and linked them to nurse practitioner-led testing and treatment services.

Project participants were provided with cash incentives to support them through their treatment journey.

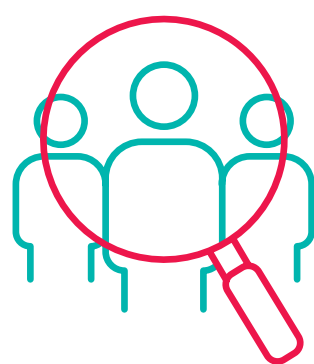


*Images: Kerrie, a peer educator from Hepatitis ACT, and Louise, a peer worker from CAHMA, both provided education and supported people through hepatitis C testing and treatment.*

## Outcomes

# 994

participants approached for **screening.**



# 95

**people tested** for hepatitis C over 9 months.



This peer-led community-based project demonstrated the value of peer support, incentivising participation and using healthcare professionals for in-reach services. All services offered in this project focused on increasing access to hepatitis C testing and treatment in the community.



Successfully engaged **9 community services** and 24 clinicians in hepatitis C care.



Supported 10 people **through treatment.**



Participant feedback was positive, with appreciation for the flexibility in liaising with pharmacies to enable the dispensing of hepatitis C treatment with their daily dose of opioid substitution therapy (OST).

## Applying our Learnings

✓ The pilot project is now in its next phase as **'Reach, Teach, Treat, Thrive'**, fully funded by ACT Health until June 2024.

✓ We have added **point-of-care testing** to our suite of services.

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