

Recovery Residences are an Innovative Site for HIV Prevention Interventions Targeting People Who Inject Drugs: Preliminary Data from Project HOMES



WHAT IS PrEP?

Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a medication that prevents people from sharing or getting HIV.

HOW CAN RECOVERY HOMES HELP PEOPLE GET PrEP?

Recovery homes are sober living places for people in recovery from substance use—including people who have injected drugs and are at risk for HIV.

WHAT DID WE DO?

We interviewed 184 people living in one of Project HOMES' 15 recovery homes across Texas.

We asked:

- "Have you heard of PrEP?"
- "Have you been tested for HIV in the last year?"
- "Would you take PrEP if it was free?"

WHAT DID WE FIND?

- 76% had injected drugs before
- 83% had an HIV test in the past year
- 54% had heard about PrEP
- 44% said they would take PrEP if it was free

Of those who were willing to take PrEP:

- 40% preferred a daily pill
- 40% preferred a monthly shot



In 2023, over 20.4 million adults in the U.S. had both a mental health condition and a substance use disorder.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Follow-up on people who've left recovery home living to support staying on PrEP and prevent relapse.
- Include HIV prevention and PrEP information in recovery home life-skills education.

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