

Did You Know?

You Can Get HIV, If You:

- Have unprotected sex of any kind (oral, anal, vaginal)
- Share tattoo needles or ink
- Share needles or drug injection equipment
- Take part in any activity that includes contact with infected blood, semen or vaginal fluids

You Cannot Get HIV From:

- Talking, shaking hands, eating or working with someone
- Hugs or kisses
- Coughs, sneezes or tears
- Water fountains or toilet seats

You Can Get Hep C, If You:

- Get a tattoo or piercing with unclean equipment
- Share needles or drug equipment
- Share toothbrushes, razors, nail clippers or nail files
- Take part in any activity that includes contact with infected blood

You Cannot Get Hep C From:

- Talking, shaking hands, eating or working with someone
- Hugs or kisses
- Coughs, sneezes or tears
- Donating blood



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Providing Education, Prevention
and Support Services
to Children, Youth and Adults



Blood
Borne
Infections

Prevention
Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The fundamental purpose of the Blood Borne Infections (BBI) Prevention Program is to alleviate the spread of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C and sexually transmitted infections; and to increase the overall health and safety of all community members.

Our BBI Prevention Program is based on a **population health approach**. The population health approach views health as a capacity or resource, rather than a state. This perspective focuses on the ability of individuals to pursue their goals, to acquire skills and education, and most importantly to grow. This broader concept of health acknowledges the range of social, economic and physical environmental factors that contribute to health.

It is with this perspective, that the BBI program seeks to develop an integrated approach (through collaboration, community participation and partnership building) to enhance our region's social, economic and environmental aspects that promote health.

Two key components of the BBI Prevention Program are:

1. Community dialogue
2. Community development

Our BBI Program services are available to **all** community members. This includes individual youth and adults, youth and adult groups, schools, service providers, businesses and non-profit organizations.

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For more information, please contact Jordan at (250) 392-5730 or prevention@bgcwilliamslake.com

PRIMARY GOALS & SERVICES

Goals

The following provides a summary of the program's goals and services available to Williams Lake and surrounding areas:

- Advance education and prevention of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and hepatitis C
- Increase community awareness and participation regarding the issues surrounding blood borne and sexually transmitted infections
- Facilitate a partner network of local service providers to ensure a continuum of services and the sharing of knowledge and resources
- Promote partnerships between residents, service providers, community groups, businesses and government
- Assist individuals in accessing testing, treatment and resources
- Improve the overall health and safety of individuals and our community through crisis intervention and harm reduction strategies

Services

In order to meet the needs of our community, the BBI Prevention Program provides the following key services to individuals and groups:

