***Hep Talk****: 1st Step in Linkage Continuum*

Topics Required for Clients Chronically Infected with HCV

* The importance of liver health
* Symptoms and disease progression of chronic HCV
* Transmission routes
* Prevention
	+ Strategies to protect needle or sex partners
	+ Tattoo guidelines
* Next steps
	+ A long journey
	+ 1st step: Primary Care – critical to a stable, healthy life in recovery
	+ Additional testing to “stage” liver disease, genotyping to determine the best medication for you
* Managing HCV
* Coping skills, stigma, and disclosure
* Evaluate eligibility for Medicaid or community support for care

Teaching Tools

* Desk top model of the liver
* *Understanding Hepatitis C –* power point ([www.hiveis.com](http://www.hiveis.com), CLICK: Hepatitis)
* *Take Action Against Hepatitis C* ([www.hiveis.com](http://www.hiveis.com), CLICK: Hepatitis)
	+ Booklet for client
	+ Power Point
	+ Trainer’s guide
* HepVu.com