

## Did you know?

- ◆ HIV, human immunodeficiency virus, is a virus which attacks your immune system. With proper treatment, one can put the virus to sleep and live a long healthy life.
- ◆ Hepatitis C is a virus which attacks your liver. New treatments cure over 95% of people living with Hepatitis C.
- ◆ Per capita, Saskatchewan has the highest rates of HIV and Hepatitis C diagnoses in Canada.
- ◆ An estimated 14% of people living with HIV in Canada are unaware of their infection.
- ◆ 44% of those living with Hepatitis C are unaware of their infection.
- ◆ Saskatchewan Health Authority encourages HIV testing to be considered at least once every five years and Hepatitis C testing should be considered for anyone born in Canada between 1945 and 1975. Testing should be done more frequently based on a person's risk factors.

Sources: Government of Saskatchewan, 2016; Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE), 2020; Saskatchewan Health Authority, 2019

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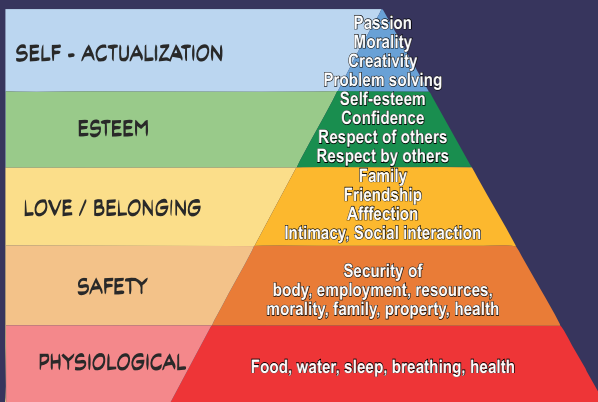
**Know your status.  
Get tested routinely.**

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**Positive Impact is dedicated to decreasing the stigma of HIV, hepatitis C and other STBBIs through community engagement and education. Together, we can increase supportive environments for those infected or affected.**

**Common supports, services and concerns include, but are not limited to:**

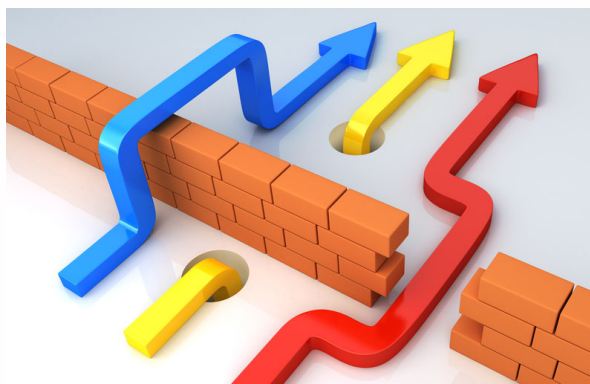
- **Income assistance**
- **Food security**
- **Stable housing**
- **Obtaining ID**
- **Navigating provincial and federal services**



We work with clients on basic physiological needs (food, shelter and clothing) and safety needs so they can then work on love and belonging needs and associated trauma which are often the sources of addictions.

## Positive Impact is focused on increasing supportive environments for people living with HIV and those at risk.

The Impact Social Worker provides support for individuals to reach their goals by addressing barriers and connecting clients to supports and services.



Support is provided through:

- Presentations
- One-on-one or small group meetings
- Home visits
- Community outreach events
- Partnerships with other services and agencies including:
  - Saskatchewan Health Authority HIV Strategy;
  - Stepping Stones Wellness Clinic in Kamsack;
  - Turning Point in Yorkton;
  - Indigenous Services Canada outreach nurse;
  - Local schools;
  - Other SIGN programs;
  - Local First Nations.

**Referral process:**

**Self referral;**  
**Agency referral** (Referral is available online; may be called in, or faxed to 306-542-3130)



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