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Site Overview & Mission:

Since the North Jersey's Community Research Initiative (NJCRI) started as a Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV) research organization, they have since expanded their services to address barriers to health and healthcare access.

Our Summer Program:

- Active Participation in Street Medicine
- Shadowed the 340B program
- Shadowed different providers in clinic operations

Key Services:

Same-day testing & treatment	Mobile healthcare delivery	Wound care & primary care	Harm reduction programs
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Target Populations:



Individuals Experiencing Homelessness



Injection drug users



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Understanding Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C (HEP C) is a viral infection that primarily affects the liver. Left untreated, chronic inflammation can lead to liver scarring (fibrosis), cirrhosis, and potentially liver cancer. Early detection and treatment are crucial for preventing long-term complications.

340B Program

This program enables eligible healthcare organizations to purchase covered outpatient drugs at significantly reduced prices, allowing them to provide:

- **Free testing** for Hepatitis C
- **No-cost daily treatment** with direct-acting antivirals
- **Comprehensive care coordination**
- **Follow-up monitoring** throughout treatment

6-12 Weeks Treatment Duration



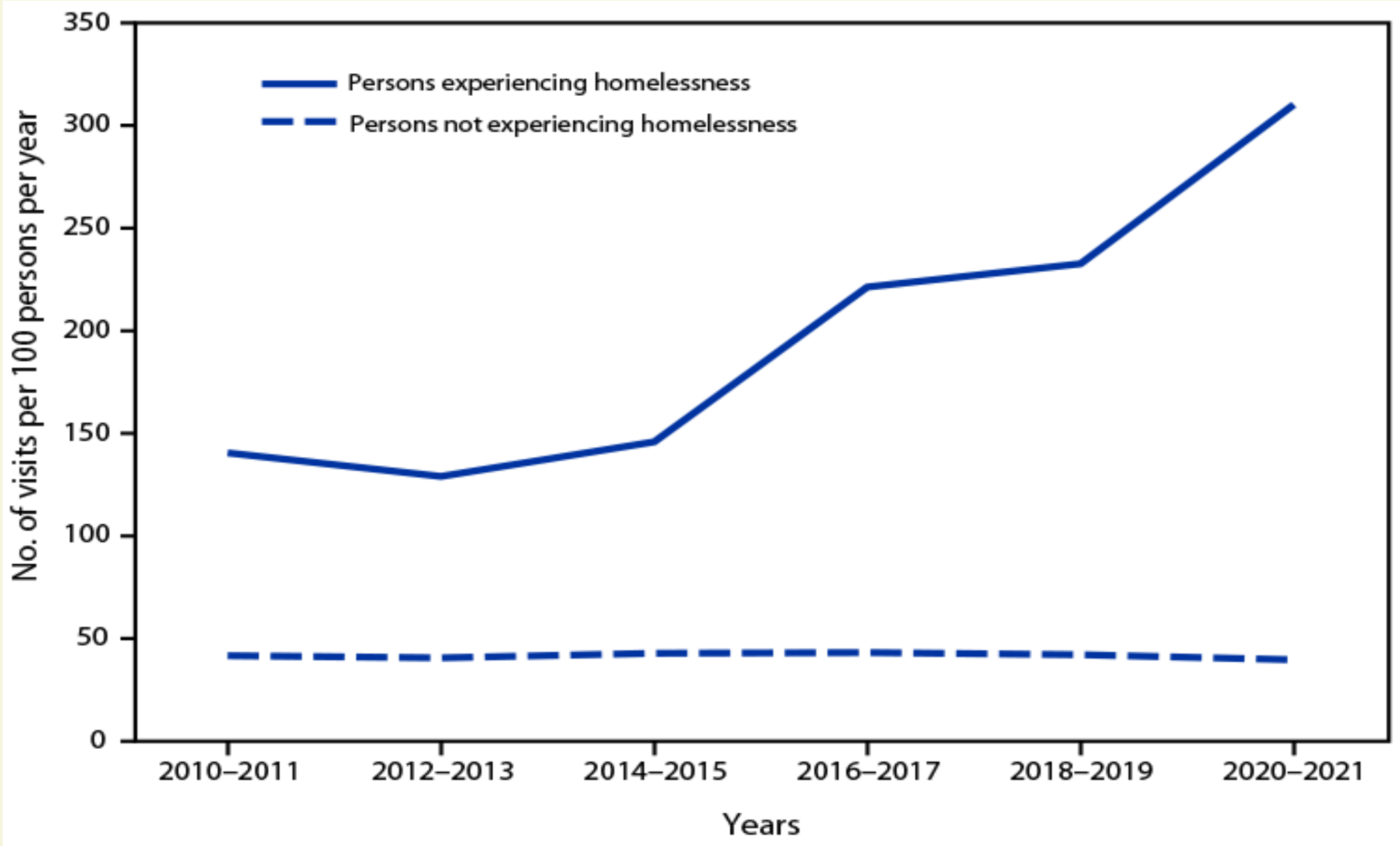
100% coverage Eligible Patients

\$0 cost to patients

95% Hepatitis C cure rate with Modern Treatment

Street Medicine Program:

Modeled after the program started at the University of Southern California, this service aims to reduce the amount of Emergency Department visits by the unhoused population. They provide wound care, food, water, clothing, and linkage to care.



QuickStats: Rate of Emergency Department Visits, by Homeless Status — National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, United States, 2010–2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2023;72:1153. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7242a6>



Interns packing bags filled with hygiene items to hand out to community members.

Understanding HIV:

If left untreated, HIV can cause Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, known as AIDs. This means that the immune system of a person who has AIDs is not as strong as a healthy person, which can cause them to get infections that are not common, and experience sickness in a way that is more severe.

Clinic:

This clinic provides longitudinal care of patients regardless of insurance status. While there, we saw a high volume of patients on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (known as PREP) for HIV. We learned a lot about HIV prevention and management.

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