



**BECAUSE EVERYONE
DESERVES TO BE HEALTHY.**

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Rebecca recently called the HIV/HCV Resource Center after having lanced her own wound.

She had been reluctant to go to the emergency room because she was afraid of being treated poorly.

The wound was healing, her fever gone, but she asked for clean needles so as not to get reinfected by using bacteria laden used needles.

She wanted help to get back on track, but was ashamed about her drug use, embarrassed about her appearance, and afraid of being treated poorly by medical personnel, as this has happened in the past.

The center offered her clean syringes, tested her for HIV and Hepatitis C, set her up with drug counseling at their office and with a medical appointment at a local health clinic, to which they accompanied her.

Fast forward several weeks and Rebecca is back in counseling and working with a physician around her medical problems and hopes soon to start Hepatitis C treatment.

Although Rebecca is still struggling with opioid use disorder, the HIV/HCV Resource Center thinks of this as a successful connection to care that addresses both her physical and mental health problems. Now she has a better chance of getting healthy.

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