

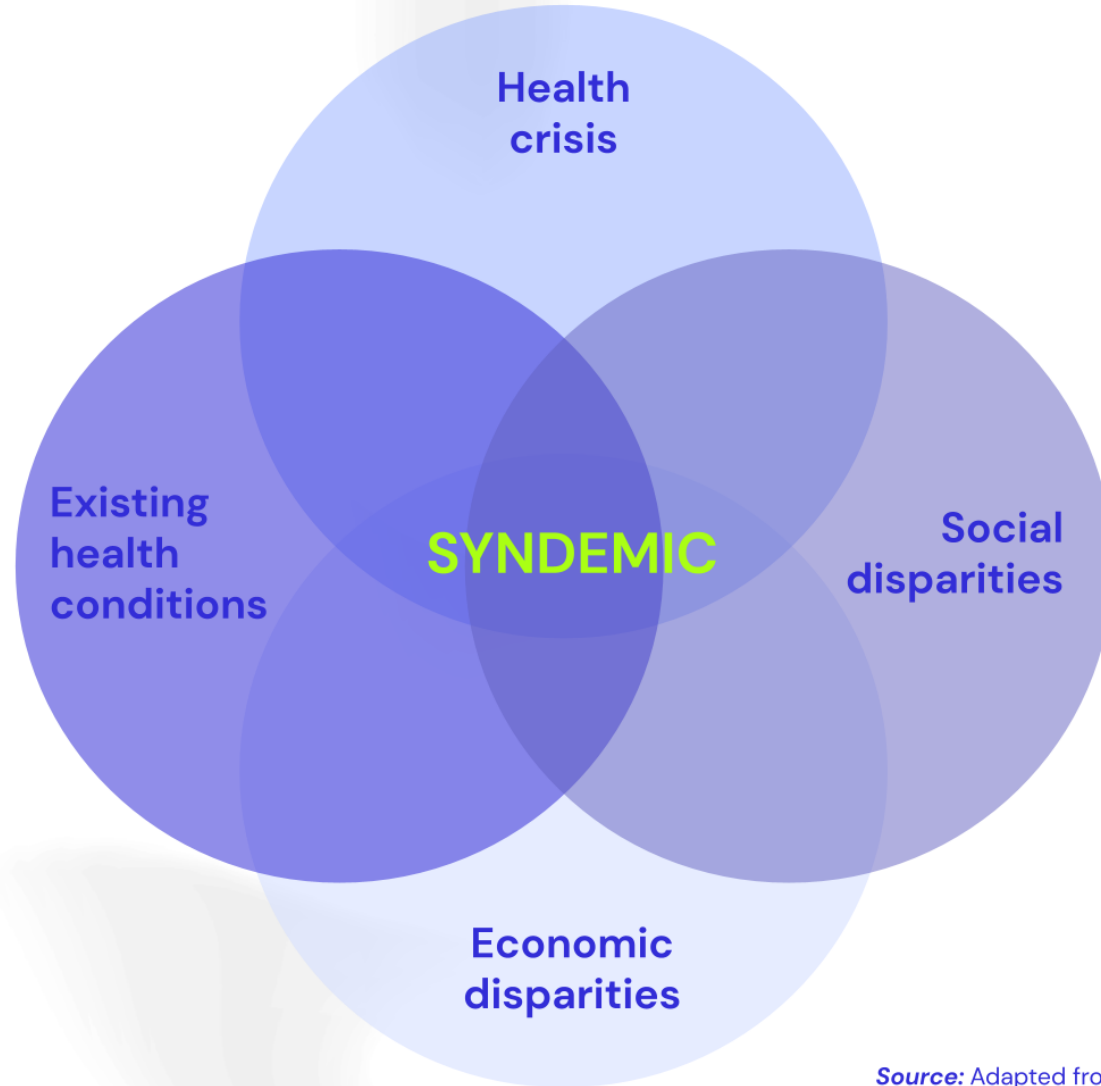
HIV Outbreak in Bangor Area: A Collaborative Approach

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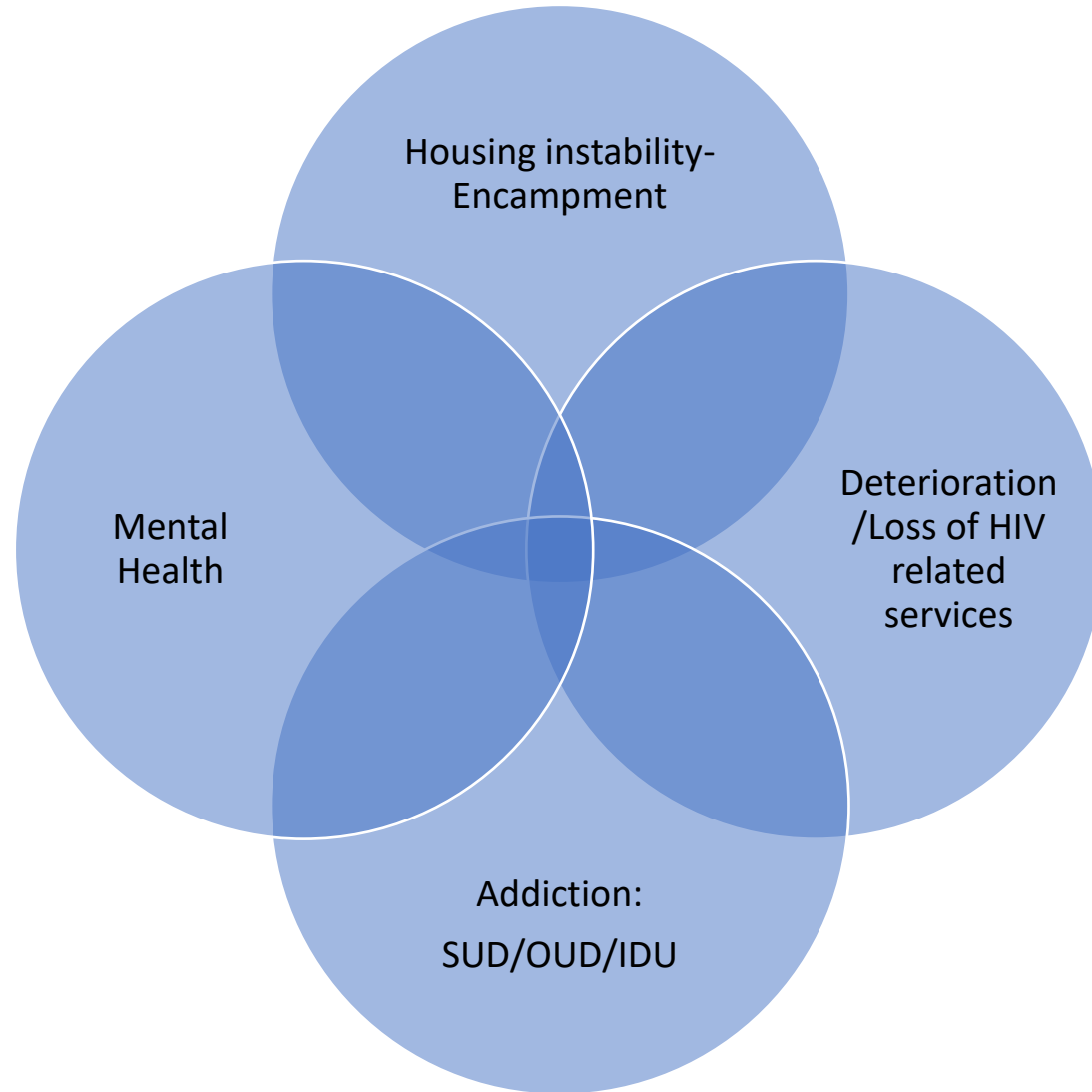


What is a SYNDEMIC?



*Source: Adapted from Fishbein, D. (2020),
The Pivotal Role of Prevention Science in this
Syndemic.*

Bangor Area



Response Landscape

Strategy	Organizations
Outreach Screening/Testing	Penobscot Community Health Center, Maine Family Planning, Bangor Public Health and Community Services, Needle Point Sanctuary, Wabanaki Public Health
ED screening	St. Joseph Hospital, Northern Light EMMA provide self tests and incentive cards
Self Test Distribution	Community Partners plus shelters, recovery centers, etc.
Syringe Service Provider	Wabanaki Public Health Needlepoint Sanctuary
Education	Bangor Public Health and Community Services created materials with resources; providing HIV101 to area organizations

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PrEP- Low Barrier	Penobscot Community Health Center Maine Family Planning
HIV Medical Case Management	Bangor Public Health and Community Services MaineGeneral Horizon Community Choice Frannie Peabody
Treatment	Northern Light/EMMC Infectious Disease Penobscot Community Health Center
Housing	Community Health and Counseling (CHCS) PATH Team Penobscot Community Health Center HOME Team
Other Support	CHCS OPTIONS

HIV CARE CONTINUUM:

The series of steps a person with HIV takes from initial diagnosis through their successful treatment with HIV medication



HIV Care Continuum

Challenge

Diagnosis: Screening and Testing	- Double consent, particularly for ED - Not going to traditional health care, i.e. primary care - Screening plateau - Confirmatory testing
Linked to and Engaged/Retained in Care	- Delay in HIV case management - Population in survival mode, significant trauma
Treatment	- Only 1 HIV treatment provider office for most of Northern Maine - Oral medications being lost, stolen
Primary Prevention	- Loss of the major Syringe Service Provider - Limited use of PrEP
Stigma, Reductions in funding, Drug supply & overdoses, Encampment closure, Young demographics (pregnancy concerns)	

Solutions

Diagnosis

- Outreach
- Incentives & Coupons
- Self Tests
- 3rd Trimester Testing

Treatment

- EMMC-PCHC partnership
- Street Medicine
- Injectable treatment
- Medication Adherence Program

Prevention

- Wabanaki expanded services
- NPS obtained brick and mortar and UU Church
- Testing Tuesday with PrEP incentive Program