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Philadelphia FIGHT includes the John Bell Health Center, the Jonathan Lax HIV/AIDS Treatment Center, the Pediatric and Adolescent Health Center, Y-HEP Adolescent and Young Adult Health Center, FIGHT Family Dentistry, MAT and Harm Reduction Services, Project TEACH, Critical Path Learning Center, the Institute For Community Justice and more, including community partnerships.

FIGHT began as an AIDS clinic in 1990 and has since expanded to include a multitude of community services.

[fight.org](http://fight.org)

## PROJECTS

My program focus was working to increase awareness of Hep C treatment options. FIGHT's 'C a Difference' provides testing, education, and counseling. I assisted in this communication effort via printed materials. I created and hand distributed a postcard to various sites.

I created an oral health education card, targeted to accompany the FIGHT care packs distributed during weekly outreach days in Kensington. These care packs also contained oral care products, condoms, bandages, socks, antiseptic pads, and feminine products

I participated in client outreach via phone. The goal was to reach clients who had begun their Hep C drug treatment in the last year, but hadn't yet had their followup test. Appointments were made when appropriate.

## PROJECT RESULTS



Above: Oral health cards in care packs  
Left: Oral health card printouts

## REFLECTION

A singular impactful experience began during our first outreach day in Kensington. I was apprehensive about walking through the neighborhood because of its reputation as a dangerous drug market. Walking the street—with two seasoned professionals on the FIGHT Hep C team—I saw many people struggling with opioid addiction. But I also saw people trying to help each other as best they could. Many were alone, but, more often than not, people were in groups, and it did make me reflect that this is a community. They are having a shared experience, and that binds them, and there is a brotherhood among them. We met a woman who was trying to create a safe community space in an open lot. She had cleaned out the lot, and there was some grass, a picnic table, and some chairs. She was collecting as many supplies as she could, and hired people from the community to assist her. She did this all with her own money. I interviewed her and learned that her husband (who had an addiction) had recently died. She was putting all of her energy into this project to help others.