



Hepatitis B Foundation Storytelling Project:

Information Packet for Storytellers

What is This Project?

The [Hepatitis B Foundation](#) recognizes that engaging community members in speaking out about obstacles to hepatitis B screening, prevention, and care is essential to reducing stigma, encouraging screening, and improving services for those living with hepatitis B. We are collaborating with [StoryCenter](#) on the *Hepatitis B Foundation Storytelling Project*, to make the real voices of every-day people living with / affected by hepatitis B a key ingredient of our prevention and advocacy efforts. We will first engage people in sharing their own stories as short videos, in a digital storytelling workshop. Then, we will train and support them to act as spokespeople in their local communities and nationally to help increase hepatitis B awareness and promote the importance of hepatitis B screening and care.

What is a Digital Storytelling Workshop?

StoryCenter's "Digital Storytelling Workshop" brings a small group of people together (approximately eight to ten participants) to share true *personal* stories from their lives, as short digital videos. The workshop is **participatory**: those who attend share a story verbally, in a group "Story Circle"; write a script for their story; record their story into a microphone; choose and take photos and video clips for the story; and collaborate with workshop facilitators to combine these materials into a short video. The workshop includes time for participants to talk about how their stories can be shared, to educate viewers and inspire action. To give you an example of the kinds of videos that are produced in digital storytelling workshops, [view](#) this powerful story from StoryCenter's work on HIV stigma with the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center.

The three-day digital storytelling workshop for this project will be held in Berkeley, California, on Fri. Jan. 20 - Sun. Jan. 22, 2017, from 9 am – 5 pm each day. You **MUST** be able to attend all three days. The Hepatitis B Foundation will cover all participant travel and lodging costs and will provide storytellers with a stipend, to compensate them for missed work time.

What Kinds of Storytellers Are Needed?

The Hepatitis B Foundation is committed to representing a diversity of people and perspectives with this project. We're looking for women and men 18 or older who are willing to attend the workshop, share a unique, personal story as a short video, and become a champion in their local communities to publicly share the collection of stories. Participants must be able to understand, speak, and write in English and should have a strong interest and commitment to raising hepatitis B awareness. We're seeking stories that can include:

- living with HBV - successes, challenges, stigma/discrimination, hopes, fears
- being a family member of someone living with HBV
- adopting a child with HBV (choosing a child with HBV)
- mother-to-child HBV transmission
- HBV-related liver cancer and/or a liver transplant
- vaccine success in preventing HBV (perinatal, child/teen, or adult)
- how HBV has impacted families across generations
- HBV-related treatment success and/or experiences with clinical trials

Please note, these are just examples. Specific story topics will be developed during the workshop!

What Will I Gain From Participating in the Project?

If you decide to participate in the *Hepatitis B Foundation Storytelling Project*, you will have the chance to:

- share a meaningful story from your own life, with a group of compassionate, like-minded listeners;
- build relationships with your fellow workshop participants;
- participate in a follow-up one hour webinar to identify key take-away points and strategies for publicly sharing the stories in local communities and online;
- receive online training and skill building on how to present the digital stories in public settings as tools for promoting screening and prevention, improving care, and reducing stigma; and
- develop public speaking skills to share the stories in your local area and to become a champion for hepatitis B.

How Can I Get Involved?

Please fill it out [this online Participant Information Form](#) no later than Friday, December 9, 2016. You are also welcome to send a message to Kate if you have any questions about this project.

Thank you for your interest!