

MODULE 3 – REFLECTION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR CABH POLICY

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Much like any academic discipline, the field epidemiologies has its own language and a way of looking at the world. Surveillance and other statistical data can one, increase our understanding of at risk populations, two, meet selected needs for addressing specific disease states or physical, mental substance use disorders, three, identifies services utilization and four, potentially drive policy.

Data, however, is difficult to integrate when using desperate sources. Effective use of data may be difficult due to missing data, hidden data, confidentiality concerns, no data reporting requirements, and, or, simply that a question was never asked or answered.