

Hartford Transitional Grant Areas Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS Plan for 2015

The charts below describe the specific objectives of each component of the Hartford Transitional Grant Areas Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS, (EIIHA). The objectives is to ***Identifying*** individuals with HIV are targeting Men Who Have Sex with Men and Individuals Over 50, Black and Hispanic Heterosexuals and its subset, West Indians in Greater Hartford.

The objectives is ***Informing*** persons of their HIV positive diagnosis, ***Referring*** persons who test positive to services, and ***Linking*** them with medical care and medical case management.

The ***planned outcomes*** of the EIIHA Plan are the identification of HIV positive individuals in each of the target groups. These individuals will be linked to HIV primary care and medical case management and their retention in medical care will be carefully monitored. Efforts ***must*** be made to connect persons testing positive with Partner Services and other HIV prevention services.

Men Who Have Sex with Men			
1. Identify			
Objective	Measurable Activity	Responsible For	Timeline
1.A Educate and encourage medical providers to target this population for HIV testing	Offer training to private providers on Ryan White services	AETC, DPH, EIIHA Staff	9/30/15
	Educate and encourage medical providers to discuss Partner Notification, obtain names, and refer patients to Partner Notification program	AETC, DPH, EIIHA Staff	9/30/15
1.B. Raise HIV awareness and provide HIV services through clubs, events, bookstores, and/or on the internet	Distribute information regarding HIV testing at gay community events, such as the twice yearly Gay and Lesbian Film festival, the annual Gay Pride Parade, and in gay bars	EIIHA Staff	4/30/15
	Train staff to use internet, social networks, and texting as means of communication	EIIHA Providers	6/30/15
	Implement Social Network Strategies to have MSM's testing positive help identify others in their social networks	EIIHA Providers, EIIHA Staff	6/30/15
	Develop youth appropriate messages	EIIHA Staff	4/30/15
	Publicize the availability of anonymous testing	EIIHA Providers	4/30/15
	Develop joint programs with agencies that provide services for the target populations	EIIHA Providers	6/30/15

Individuals Over 50			
1. Identify			
Objective	Measurable Activity	Responsible For	Timeline
1.A Educate and encourage medical providers to target this population for HIV testing	Offer training to private providers on Ryan White services	AETC, DPH EIIHA Staff	9/30/15
	Educate and encourage medical providers to discuss Partner Notification, obtain names, and refer patients to Partner Notification program	AETC, DPH, EIIHA Staff	9/30/15
1.B Develop joint programs with agencies that provide services for the target populations	Develop memoranda of agreement with key points of entry, such as shelters and detoxification facilities	EIIHA Providers	4/1/15
	Promote HIV education and testing in health and wellness programs in workplaces	EIIHA Providers	4/1/15
	Meet clients at locations where they access basic needs such as food pantries	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Educate front line staff at key points of entry	EIIHA Staff	6/30/15
1.C Offer medical assessments, and HIV testing at high drug traffic sites and homeless shelters using mobile health van	Provide services at non-traditional hours, including late evenings	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Coordinate activity with Needle Exchange Van	EIIHA Staff	4/1/15
	Use OraQuick or Clearview rapid test in order to provide test result on site	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
1.D Exploit opportunities to identify individuals through current programs	Encourage all Ryan White clients to bring partners in for testing	EIIHA Staff MCM's	3/1/15
	Discuss Partner Services with all Ryan White clients	EIIHA Staff MCM's	3/1/15
	Expand relationships and referrals network with agencies with expertise in providing services to target population	EIIHA Providers	6/30/15

Black and Hispanic Heterosexuals and West Indians in Greater Hartford			
1. Identify			
Objective	Measurable Activity	Responsible For	Timeline
1.A. Provide pretest counseling and testing in community setting, such as fairs, parades, and clubs	Conduct HIV Health Fair with high IDU visibility	Planning Council, EIIHA Staff	9/30/15
	Coordinate minority HIV health events for National Black HIV/AIDS and National Latino HIV/AIDS; AIDS Awareness Days	Caucuses, EIIHA Staff	6/30/15

	Offer medical assessments, and HIV testing at high drug traffic sites and homeless shelters using mobile health van	EIIHA Staff	4/1/15
	Provide services at non-traditional hours, including late evenings	EIIHA Staff	4/1/15
	Partner with health clinics that are not offering prevention funded HIV testing	EIIHA Providers	6/30/15
	Use OraQuick or Clearview rapid test in order to provide test result on site	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
1.B. Develop joint programs with agencies that provide services for the target populations	Develop memoranda of agreement with faith based organizations regarding HIV education, pretest counseling, confidentiality, testing and referrals	EIIHA Providers	4/1/15
	Develop memoranda of agreement with key points of entry, such as shelters and detoxification facilities	EIIHA Providers	4/1/15
	Coordinate activity with Needle Exchange Van	EIIHA Staff	4/1/15
	Encourage all Ryan White clients to bring partners in for testing	EIIHA Staff MCM's	3/1/15
	Educate front line staff at key points of entry	EIIHA Staff	6/30/15
1.C. Educate and encourage medical providers to target this population for HIV testing	Offer training to private providers on Ryan White services	AETC, DPH, EIIHA Staff	9/30/15
	Educate and encourage medical providers to discuss Partner Notification, obtain names, and refer patients to Partner Notification program	AETC, DPH, EIIHA Staff	9/30/15
1.D. Ensure that services are provided in a culturally appropriate manner	Provide services in English and Spanish	EIIHA Providers	3/1/15
	Cross train staff to work with various subpopulations	DPH	6/30/15
	Respect cultural difference and attitudes	EIIHA Staff MCM's	3/1/15

Men Who Have Sex with Men, Individuals Over Fifty, Black and Hispanic Heterosexuals, West Indians in Greater Hartford			
Objective	Measurable Activity	Responsible For	Timeline
2. Inform			
2.A. Educate clients about the importance of medical care and how to integrate care for HIV into their lives	Offer treatment options at alternative service locations	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Provide practical information about the availability and use of treatment therapies	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
2.B. Provide HIV prevention and risk reduction information	Provide counseling to newly diagnosed individuals to assist them in living with HIV and to modify	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15

	their behaviors		
	Obtain release for referral to Partner Notification	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Refer to Healthy Relationship group intervention	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
2.C. Encourage clients to visit one of the TGA's HIV Wellness Centers for a safe, supportive environment and access to support groups	Provide initial introduction to Wellness Center staff	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
3. Refer			
3.A. Make appropriate referrals to ensure that clients get the care they need	Refer to Medical Care and Medical Case Management	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Refer to appropriate support services	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Schedule appointments	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Follow protocols to track clients to medical and case management appointments	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
3.B. Educate staff regarding referral network and continuum of care	Expand relationships and referral network to include agencies with expertise in providing services to target population	EIIHA Providers	6/30/15
	Develop and implement protocol to insure that referrals are made and tracked	EIIHA Providers	3/30/15
4. Link			
4.A. Facilitate linkage to care	Accompany clients to appointments	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Arrange transportation	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
4.B. Remain engaged with client for a minimum of 3 months to ensure clients are engaged in care	Ensure clients are followed up and tracked to medical care and medical case management appointments	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15
	Establish protocols for follow-up on missed appointments, including releases for re-engagement services	EIIHA Staff	3/1/15