



NASTAD Technical Assistance (TA) and Mentoring Opportunities

NASTAD provides domestic and global TA in the planning and delivery of effective HIV prevention and care programs, HIV surveillance and epidemiology, capacity building, HIV/AIDS program evaluation, viral hepatitis program development, and HIV, STD, viral hepatitis program integration, as well as mentoring for new AIDS directors.

NASTAD's TA is:

Consumer Driven – based on the expressed need of the health departments requesting it.

Flexible - delivery mechanisms for TA vary based on the needs identified by the recipient.

Peer-based – delivered by health department (public sector) staff with “real world experience” and expertise in specific aspects of HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis programs.

Supported – NASTAD's TA Programs fund the participation of peers, staff, and/or consultants in the TA it supports.

Comprehensive- NASTAD facilitates peer-to-peer exchange enabling health department staff to consult with their colleagues on a range of issues.

NASTAD Peer TA and Mentoring are Unique:

NASTAD's philosophy is that some of the best assistance comes from those who have direct experience with a particular question or problem related to administration of HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis programs.

Top 5 Reasons Why AIDS Directors use NASTAD TA:

1. Availability of peer TA providers
2. Availability of tools from other health departments
3. Availability of expert NASTAD staff
4. Desire to hear national perspective
5. Quality of NASTAD TA

Source: 2005 NASTAD Member Services & TA Needs Assessment

Peer-to-peer exchange is often the best way to evaluate and improve programs. Peers from health departments have first-hand experience in understanding HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis program design and implementation and may have created innovative strategies that can be adapted by those facing a similar challenge in their jurisdiction.

<p>Prevention and Surveillance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance Systems • Behavioral Surveillance • Community Planning • Program Management • Testing, Rapid Testing, Testing in Medical Settings, 07768 • Partner Services • Effective Interventions • Program Evaluation 	<p>Global</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinning • Capacity Building • Community Planning • Evidence-Based Planning • Surveillance • Program Evaluation • Program Management
<p>Care and Treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADAP • Part B • Medicare Part D 	<p>Viral Hepatitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Viral Hepatitis Programs • Program Collaboration and Service Integration • 317 Programs/Immunizations
<p>Health Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Gay Men • African American Women • Latinos • Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian/Native American and Alaska Native Populations • Youth • Research and Data Issues • Leadership Development • Effective Interventions 	<p>Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Stakeholders Collaborative • Effective Strategies for Youth Involvement • Effective Interventions <p>Specific Initiatives: Effective Strategies for HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis programs in/for...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gay Men/Men who Have Sex With Men • Correctional Settings • Mental Health Programs • Those who Inject Drugs • Women
<p>NASTAD Mentoring</p> <p>Customized, peer-based mentoring for new AIDS directors who are paired with a veteran AIDS director to help them rapidly acclimate to their new role and discuss the necessary skills/knowledge for serving as an AIDS director. Mentors also help new AIDS directors learn how best to participate in, and utilize, NASTAD. Mentoring opportunities are offered through the NASTAD Welcome Letter, via the Member Services section of the website. All new AIDS directors will be offered participation in NASTAD's Mentoring Program.</p>	

Peers provide NASTAD TA and Mentoring

A NASTAD “peer”:

- works in a state or local health department, or for NASTAD
- has programmatic responsibility for a particular HIV/AIDS care/treatment, prevention or viral hepatitis program
- has volunteered to work with others using their specific expertise
- can provide ideas for how a jurisdiction or country might address an issue, based on the experience and expertise in their own jurisdiction
- will provide expert TA in the U.S. and abroad

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