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MINORITY HIV/AIDS INITIATIVE FUNDING

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GOALS

- Increase the access of racial & ethnic minority communities to HIV prevention, care & treatment services
- Implement strategies & activities specifically targeted to the highest risk & hardest-to-serve populations
- Establish collaboration or partnership or opportunities for programs and/or activities to be integrated





SAMHSA HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) Grants

Purpose:

CSAP TCE/HIV grant program is to assist communities in expanding existing HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention services





Cohort 6 Expectations

In 2005 CSAP Funded 80 Grants as Cohort 6 under RFA SP 05-001: Minority SA/HIV/Hep. Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)

- Grantees are required to provide leadership and coordination on the planning and implementation of the SPF project that targets minority populations and minority reentry populations in communities of color with high prevalence of SA, HIV/AIDS, and hepatitis



Cohort 6 Expectations (Cont.)

- Project funds may be used for Hepatitis screening and testing (e.g., Hepatitis A and B in MSM; Hepatitis B and C in injection drug users) but NOT for immunizations against hepatitis A or B
- Linkages to Care: Trained service providers must provide a signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) or Agreement (MOA) demonstrating established referral networks for clients needing appropriate counseling , treatment, and support services for HIV and hepatitis or both.



OBJECTIVE

- Increase testing of affected populations
- Capacity-building & testing
- Sustainability



PROJECTS TO MEET OBJECTIVES

A. INCREASE TESTING OF AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- Rapid Testing Initiative
- Enhancing Substance Abuse Treatment Services to Address Hepatitis Infection Among IDU's

B. CAPACITY-BUILDING & TESTING

- Targeted Capacity Grants
- Minority Education Institution (MEI) Initiative
- SAMHSA/ONDCP Drug-Free Communities
- Support Program (DFCSP) Faith-based
- Substance Abuse & HIV Prevention Initiative

C. SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH CONNECTIVITY

- One-SAMHSA Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Conference





RAPID HIV TESTING INITIATIVE

416,000 rapid testing kits have been distributed from FY 2005-2007 to CSAT & CSAP grantees





Hepatitis A&B Vaccination and Hepatitis C Testing

Prevention Strategies:

- Provide an early diagnosis of Hepatitis infection in drug users involved in Treatment programs and refer HIV+ clients to care and recovery support services
- Provide testing for Hepatitis C infection in HIV+ clients of substance abuse treatment programs followed by referral to Hepatitis care for those individuals who test positive for Hepatitis C infection to reduce the risk of progressive liver disease
- Vaccinate for Hepatitis A and B infections with the Twinrix vaccine

OUTCOMES

- CDC-recommended immunizations are occurring as a 'one-stop' patient care service so that patients are effectively immunized against Hepatitis A and B virus that could otherwise result in significant disability or death.
- 40,000 Hepatitis C test kits have been procured and distributed allowing for testing of 800 individuals per testing site (50).
- TWINRIX Vaccine Delivery Plan
 - 43,950 doses of TWINRIX Vaccine delivered to:
 - Opioid Treatment Programs: 21 programs in 14 states
 - Office based buprenorphine treatments: 5 programs in 5 states
 - SAMHSA Minority AIDS Initiative Grantees
7 programs 6 states (CSAP). 7 programs in 5 states (CSAT)

7,832 individuals received the vaccine to date



Minority Education Institution (MEI) Initiative

Goal:

Supports Substance Abuse, HIV, and Hepatitis prevention services on campuses of minority serving institutions using peer educators to increase student awareness

MEI Initiative:

- 12-month program to enhance and strength existing HIV/AIDS and SA Prevention services in Student Health Centers across (13) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and (3) Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACUs), and (2) Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).



Minority Education Institution (MEI) Initiative (Cont.)

- Expansion includes substance abuse education/training, and conduct rapid HIV testing with pre/post counseling and referral for supportive service to students and their partners with a positive HIV test or at risk for contracting and spreading HIV/AIDS
- MEI's are expected to provide hepatitis health education and awareness activities





TOTAL MINORITY STUDENTS SERVED (DEC 2005 – Jun 2007)

Outreach / Awareness Activities through Student Peer Educators

HBCU	H.S.I	TCU	TOTAL*
N= 8	N= 2	N= 2	N= 12
88,842	24,894	8,029	121,765

*ME'Is are expected to provide Hepatitis health education and awareness activities. At this time we are not tracking specific outcomes, however, we will collect data in the near future.



Drug Free Coalition and Faith-Based Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Initiative

- Drug Free Coalition (DCC) funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) collaborate with Faith-Based partners to implement health promotion and behavior change communication strategies
- This initiative:
 - Establishes (and/or strengthens) collaborations and partnerships between the faith community and established anti-drug community coalitions
- The target at risk critical minority subpopulations are:
 - MSM
 - Transgender
 - Young adults (18-29)
 - African American and Latino women who are considering (or who are currently engaged in) sexual activity and
 - Ex-offenders living in minority communities





Outcomes of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative

Examples of various media channels and training events:

- 68 Subcontractors are funded across 34 states in 2007-2008
- An estimate total of 38 million people reached by television,
- 6 million reached via print, and another 8.5 million reached through radio
- 588 churches in 34 states have been recruited and trained
- 497 of the 588 churches recruited and/or trained reported being first time involved in substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS prevention work.



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Other Resources

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug

Information:800-729-6686:

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Questions?

