

Strategic Implementation Activities for Accelerating Ending the HIV Epidemic Efforts

Webinar 4:

Advancing Status Neutral Efforts with Community Organizations

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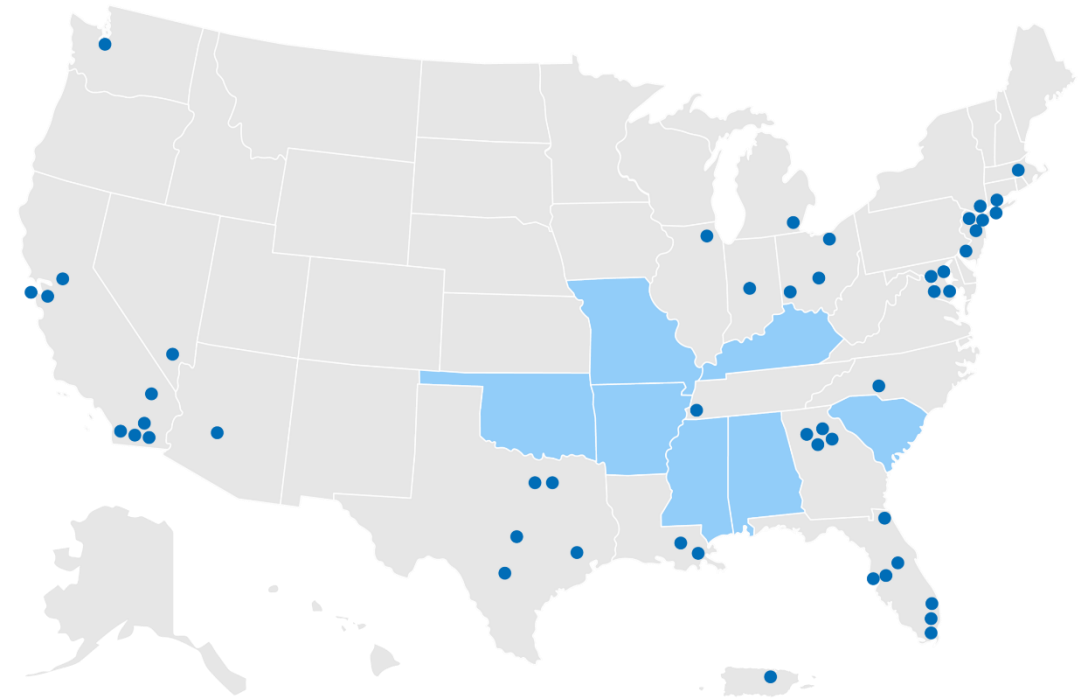
Agenda

- **NASTAD's EHE Program**
- **Presentations**
 - **Erica K. Dunbar**, MPH, Branch Deputy for Program, Health Department, and CBO Initiatives Program Development and Implementation Branch (PDIB), Division of HIV Prevention (DHP)
 - **Chrissy Abrahms Woodland**, Director, Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs HIV/AIDS Bureau
 - **Beth Ockerbloom**, Grants and Programs Manager Queen City Harm Reduction
 - **Brian Witt**, PhD, MPH, Health Program Supervisor HIV/STD Prevention and Education, Mecklenburg County Public Health
 - **Daniel J. Downer**, Executive Director The Bros in Convo Initiative
 - **Kara Johnson Williams**, MPA, MNM, HIV AIDS Program Coordinator Florida Department of Health in Orange County
- **Q&A**
- **Wrap Up**

NASTAD EHE PROGRAM

NASTAD is a **Technical Assistance (TA) provider** funded through *CDC PS19-1906 Component A: National Level Strategic Partnerships, Communication, Policy Analysis, and Interpretation*

- National partner to enhance state and local health departments' capacity to end the epidemic through **technical assistance and capacity building**.
 - Technical assistance for PS20-2010, Component A Phase 1 Jurisdictions implementing EHE activities.
- **Systems Coordination Provider**
 - Technical assistance for HRSA-20-078 funded health departments




NASTAD EHE Activities

- **Direct technical assistance**
- **Highlighting EHE successes**
 - EHE Spotlight Series
- **Peer-to-peer learning**
 - TelePrEP LC + E-learning series
 - Housing LC
 - Partner Services LC
 - Monthly EHE Office Hours
- **Communications**
 - EHE Newsletter
 - EHE Microsite
 - EHE Listserv
- **TA Webinars and Resources**
 - Community engagement
 - Self-testing
 - PrEP access and TelePrEP
 - HIV Workforce
 - Status neutral
 - Social determinants of health
- **Partnerships and Collaborations**
 - JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI)
 - Association of State Health Officials (ASTHO)
 - National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
 - Southern AIDS Coalition (SAC)
 - National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD)
 - Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)
 - The University of Washington/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research (RAISE)

NASTAD EHE Microsite:

<https://www.nastad.org/ehe>



Strategic Implementation Activities for Accelerating Ending the HIV Epidemic Efforts – Webinar Series Welcome

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October 2023



We are here because
**we believe in a
future free from HIV.**

2023 Division Priorities

STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIONS TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE CARE

Improving outcomes
through care that prioritizes the
whole person



PRIORITIZING HEALTH EQUITY

Addressing systemic barriers
to HIV prevention & care



ADVANCING WHOLE PERSON CARE

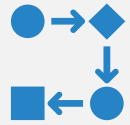
Delivering “one door”
care for efficiency &
stigma reduction



DEEPENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Increasing the
effectiveness of HIV
programs at the local level





To identify EHE planning, community engagement, and HIV prevention program implementation challenges and coordinate accelerated TA services.



To proactively facilitate and broker CB/TA services to support health department recipients and EHE jurisdictions implement programmatic and surveillance activities (PS20-2010 and PS18-1802).



To leverage strategic partnerships across federally funded TA providers to assist health departments meet programmatic requirements and implement EHE Pillar activities.

PDIB CAPACITY BUILDING (CB)/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) ACCELERATED FRAMEWORK



Regional TA Providers

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- ✓ The NHCLC, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, aims to strengthen the country's HIV prevention workforce and accelerate progress towards achieving the goals of *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.*
- ✓ Courses are now available in a live, instructor-led, virtual classroom training format.
- ✓ Our skilled trainers are dedicated to providing the nation's HIV prevention workforce with high quality training courses in implementing evidence-based and evidence-informed, culturally relevant HIV prevention interventions and public health strategies.



View our training calendar to see all of our available courses.

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Thank you! Enjoy the Webinar!

A Status Neutral Approach to Improve HIV Prevention and Health Outcomes for Racial and Ethnic Minorities

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Joint HRSA CDC Program Letter

“The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) encourage public health partners to implement status neutral approaches to HIV care and prevention. Status neutral service provision is an example of a syndemic approach to public health, weaving together resources from across infectious disease areas and incorporating social determinants of health to deliver whole-person care, regardless of a person’s HIV status.... Employing a status neutral approach and providing comprehensive care for all people, regardless of HIV status, can help reduce HIV stigma, prioritize health equity, and turn the tide on HIV-related disparities.”

- [Joint HRSA CDC SNA Program Letter](#)

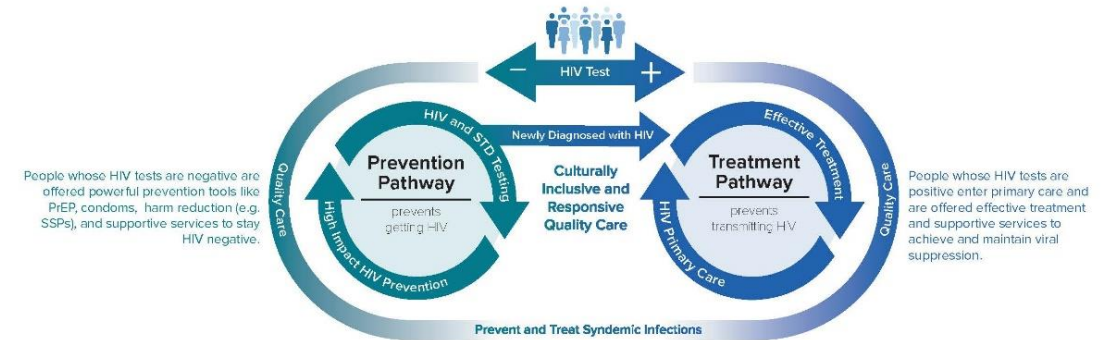


SNA MHAF Initiative Purpose

A Status Neutral Approach to Improve HIV Prevention and Health Outcomes for Racial and Ethnic Minorities (FY 2023 – FY 2026)

- A three-year initiative to develop, implement, and evaluate status neutral strategies within Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A jurisdictions for racial and ethnic minority subpopulations who need HIV prevention services.
- Project focuses on the prevention pathway, using existing RWHAP non-medical case management (NMCM) model for those who test negative and are at substantial risk for HIV

Status Neutral HIV Prevention and Care



Follow CDC guidelines to test people for HIV. Regardless of HIV status, quality care is the foundation of HIV prevention and effective treatment. Both pathways provide people with the tools they need to stay healthy and stop HIV.

Status Neutral Approach MHAF Recipients

- Funded four implementation sites at \$500,000 each and one Evaluation and Technical Assistance Provider (ETAP) at \$2,650,000 in year one
- Implementation sites cooperative agreement recipients:
 - Clark County (Las Vegas)
 - Hennepin County (Minneapolis)
 - Bexar County (San Antonio)
 - County of San Diego
- ETAP:
 - JSI Research & Training Institute Inc.



Queen City Harm Reduction and Mecklenburg County Public Health

(no slides)

A photograph of four Black men standing in a hallway, smiling at the camera. The man on the far left has dreadlocks and is wearing a denim jacket over an orange mesh shirt. The man next to him has braided hair and is wearing a bright yellow t-shirt. The man in the center has short hair and is wearing a colorful, patterned short-sleeved shirt. The man on the far right has a beard and is wearing a black cap, a black polo shirt with sunglasses hanging from the collar, and a pink and black bag. The background shows a white hallway with a doorway and a framed picture on the wall.

**ADVANCING STATUS
NEUTRAL EFFORTS
IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA**

**THE BROS IN CONVO
INITIATIVE**





WHO WE ARE

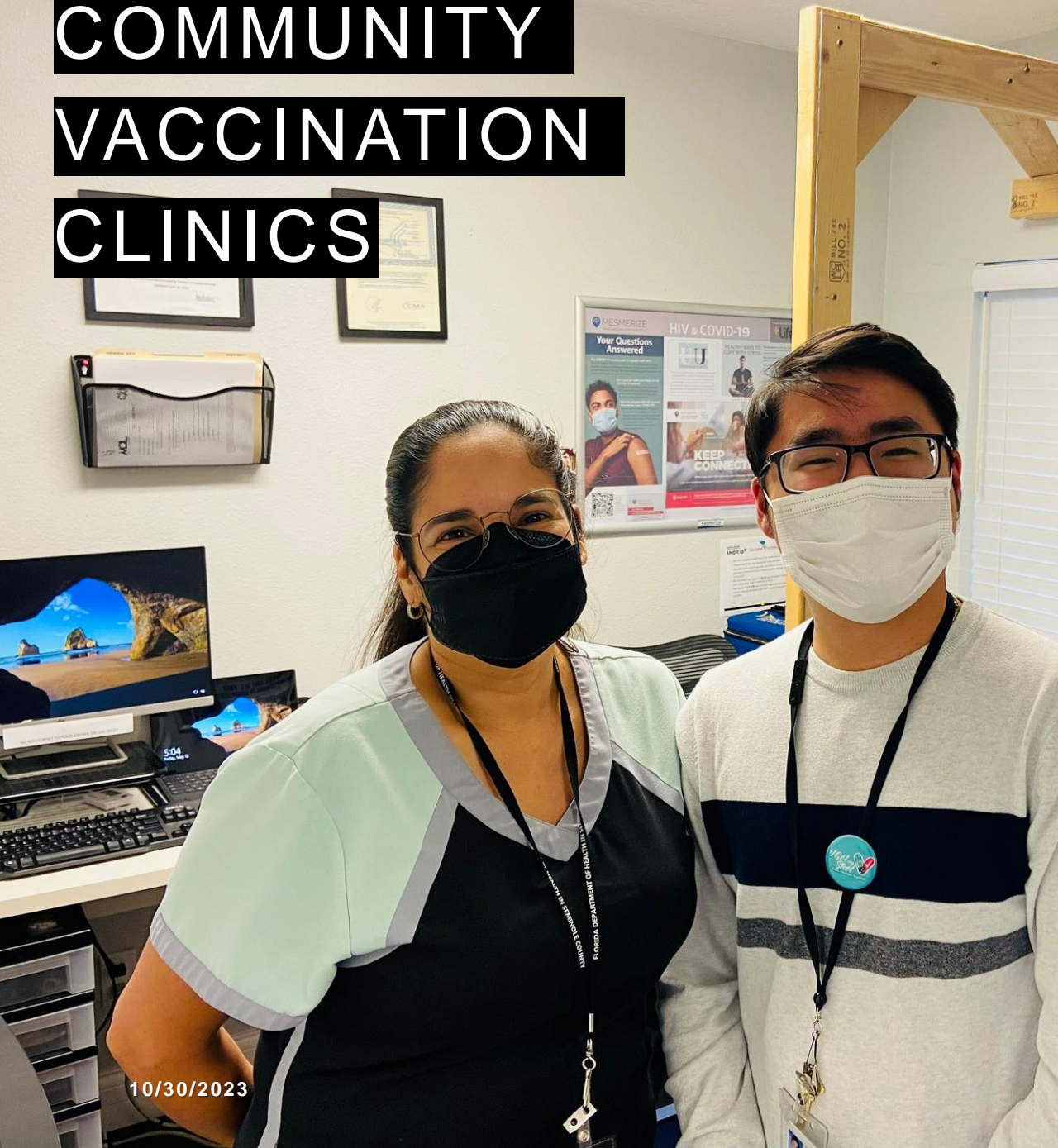
BLACK QUEER-LED
GRASSROOTS ORG IN ORLANDO,
FL

PRIORITIZE GAY AND QUEER
INDIVIDUALS OF COLOR LIVING
IN THE ORLANDO MSA

PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES PROMOTING
POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES:

AFTER-HOURS HIV/STI
SCREENING
COMMUNITY VACCINATION
CLINICS
HARM REDUCTION
LINKAGE TO LOW COST/ NO
COST DOXY-PEP, HEP C, PREP,
NPEP
LINKAGE TO RWHAP
PEER SERVICES (STATUS
NEUTRAL)

COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINICS



PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FLORIDA
DEPT. OF HEALTH ORANGE COUNTY
AND THE BROS IN CONVO INITIATIVE

PRIORITIZE MSM AND TGNCNB
INDIVIDUALS OF COLOR

INCREASE VACCINE ACCESS AND
UTILIZATION

INCREASE POSITIVE SEXUAL HEALTH
OUTCOMES THROUGH PERSON-
CENTERED PREVENTION SERVICES

REDUCE MEDICAL MISTRUST,
STIGMA, AND VACCINE HESITANCY
THROUGH CULTURALLY
APPROPRIATE HEALTH LITERACY

REDUCE SOCIOECONOMIC BARRIERS
(FOOD INSECURITY, HEALTH
LITERACY, TRANSPORTATION
INEQUITY)



COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINICS

HELD ONCE A MONTH IN COMMUNITY
DROP-IN SPACE 6 PM – 9 PM

HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES
COVID-19, FLU, HEP A/B, HPV,
MENINGOCOCCAL, MPX, AND
PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATIONS

THE BROS IN CONVO INITIATIVE
PROVIDES
HEALTH EDUCATION (STATUS
NEUTRAL), HIV/HEP C/STI
SCREENINGS, AND LINKAGE
SERVICES)

THE BROS IN CONVO INITIATIVE
PROVIDES
GROCERY CARDS, SNACKS,
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE,
TRANSLATION SERVICES



EHE

**ACHIEVED THROUGH VACCINATION CLINICS IN
2022**

250 INDIVIDUALS TESTED

170 INDIVIDUALS LINKED TO PREP SERVICES

45 INDIVIDUALS LINKED TO HIV CARE

GROW

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REDUCED DEMAND FOR
VACCINATIONS POST
MENINGOCOCCAL OUTBREAK
AND MPX

REDUCED NUMBER OF
VACCINATIONS PROVIDED BY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONTINUED MEDICAL MISTRUST,
STIGMA, AND VACCINATION
HESITANCY



TAKE-AWAYS

COMMUNITIES SERVED SHOULD BE KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT AND NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT

THE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES SHOULD BE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND CENTERED

GRASSROOT ORGANIZATIONS ARE CRITICAL TO ENDING THE EPIDEMIC

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