NASTAD’s BGM Technical Assistance: Past, Present, Looking Forward

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Black MSM

- NASTAD has a long history of working to address the HIV epidemic among all populations, with a particular focus on communities of color and Black gay men/MSM.

  - “Standing At the Crossroad of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the United States”
  - “Findings from Targeted Interviews on HIV Prevention Activities Directed Toward Black Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)”
  - “Survey of Health Department HIV Prevention Activities Directed Toward Black Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)”
Guiding the Work

• In 2010, NASTAD and the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) released their *Statement of Urgency*, asking its members to commit to examining existing programs, the allocation of resources targeting gay and bisexual men and to continue to push for further investment in federal funding for prevention programs.

• Following the *Statement of Urgency*, in 2012, NASTAD and NCSD released *Getting to Zero*, which called health departments to create plans of action on addressing the epidemic for gay men, particularly those in at-risk communities.
NASTAD TA for Black Gay Men/MSM

- NASTAD provides technical assistance (TA) in four ways:
  - peer-to-peer TA exchanges
  - TA meetings
  - Trainings
  - Provision of resources

- Since 2010, with support from the Ford Foundation, NASTAD has provided targeted TA to health departments focusing on addressing the HIV epidemic among Black gay men/MSM, primarily in the South.

- Jurisdictions that have received TA over the past four years include: Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.
NASTAD TA for Black Gay Men/MSM

NASTAD has provided a series of initiatives addressing HIV among Black gay men/MSM through:

- Targeted TA to Health departments, especially those in Southern states, to scale up and strengthen HIV program activities for Black gay men/MSM;
- Evaluation, monitoring, and analysis of surveillance and epidemiological data from state health departments to determine progress toward implementation of NHAS objective;
- Policy education to state and local decision-makers on the HIV crisis among Black gay men/MSM.
Technical Assistance Meetings

- Bring together a cohort of jurisdictions with similar issues, and provide them with:
  - A forum to express their concerns
  - Having face-to-face dialogue where jurisdictions can problem solve and offer each other solutions.
  - Create and implement new initiatives
- Update jurisdictions on the changing landscape of HIV among Black gay men/MSM
- Launch pad for numerous successful initiatives
Resource Provision

A number of products have been created and geared towards addressing the epidemic among gay men, particularly Black gay men/MSM such as:

- Optimal Care Checklists (OCC)
- CONCEPTS

**THE BAR BEFORE THE BARS**

Overall:
Of all Americans diagnosed with HIV, only 25% are virally suppressed.

Stigma: Marginalization
- Racism
- Poverty
- Homophobia
- Violence
- Conventionalism
- Shame
- Classic

Diagnosed | Linked to Care | Retained in Care | Prescribed ART | Virally Suppressed
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Rango TA 2014 - 2015

- Convened a ManDate expansion meeting
- Hosted, in partnership with NCSD the GA Sexual Health Policy Symposium
- Conducted sites visits to Mississippi as part of HITAPS program
- Conceptualization and creation of CEBACC’s The Raw(webseries)
- Facilitated peer-to-peer webinar between TN, MS & SC
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