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CBO SPOTLIGHT

The Health Services Center Inc.
Anniston, Alabama

The Health Services Center Inc. (HSC) in Anniston, Alabama, continues its efforts in providing exceptional HIV/AIDS prevention related services to communities of color. Incorporated in 1989, HSC is a small, nonprofit comprehensive medical center located in rural Alabama, whose services include: Primary HIV Medical Treatment, HIV Outreach and Education services, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment, and Supportive Services. HSC currently has 400 clients enrolled in medical care, and reaches more than 20,000 community contacts through their outreach and education programs.

HSC's recent program success is due to the implementation of innovative and evidence-based interventions that effectively target underserved populations. Their achievement has led HSC staff to give poster presentations, workshops, and lectures at national and regional conferences, such as, the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) and the National HIV Prevention Conference (NHPC). These opportunities have aided the organization in addressing challenges including limited access to services for rural residents, lack of transportation, poverty, housing, stigma, treatment adherence, and inadequate educational resources.



TATT PROGRAMS & UPDATES

As part of NMAC's mission to help communities of color address the challenges of HIV/AIDS, the Technical Assistance, Training and Treatment (TATT) Division is dedicated to developing and maximizing the infrastructure of minority organizations.

Capacity-Building Assistance Program

NMAC's Capacity-Building Assistance (CBA) Program kicked off 2008 by hosting the final state training of the Katrina Initiative—an effort to support CBOs, AIDS service organizations (ASOs), and Health Departments affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita—in Birmingham, Alabama. The training focused on bringing the state's key stakeholders together to discuss a strategic plan for the integration of Alabama's direct care and prevention services for the year 2010. Eighty participants representing various regions of Alabama attended the training.

Prison Initiative Program

NMAC's Prison Initiative continually seeks to build the capacity of CBOs that work with HIV-positive inmates and recently released ex-offenders by creating collaborative networks amongst services providers, correctional institutions and community stakeholders. In order to continue the effective maintenance of these networks, the Prison Initiative has introduced the following topics to its training roster:

- Navigating the Culture of Corrections
- Discharge Planning A-Z
- Effective Networking and Relationship Building
- Collaboration and Coalition Building
- HIV Stigma and Incarceration

Supporting Networks of HIV Care: By Enhancing Primary Medical Care

In late 2007, the Supporting Networks of HIV Care by Enhancing Primary Medical Care (SNHC by EPMC) Project sponsored four Regional Meetings in San Francisco, California, Public Health Service (PHS) Region IX, and Atlanta, Georgia, PHS Region IV. Over 50 attendees participated in each event. The SNHC by EPMC program targets small to moderately sized non-profit primary medical care sites located in communities serving racial/ethnic minorities with a high rate of HIV disease and relatively low resources. The regional meeting trainings offer track specific sessions for Clinicians, Case Managers and Clinic Administrators. SNHC by EPMC is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau, through the Minority AIDS Initiative. For more information on upcoming SNHC by EPMC events and programs, visit www.hivta.org.

HIV/AIDS Stigma Program

Over the course of the project year, the HIV/AIDS Stigma Program has conducted several trainings that explore the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. In February 2008, the HIV/AIDS Stigma Program held an *HIV/AIDS Stigma and Access to Care: Women of Color* training in Charlotte, North Carolina. The training was a great success! The 19 participants left with a better understanding of HIV/AIDS-related stigma and how to reduce the occurrence of stigma within their own organizations. The HIV/AIDS Stigma Program, funded under a Cooperative Agreement Grant, is currently accepting applications in its three focus areas.

For further information on these programs and their services please visit www.nmac.org or contact tatt@nmac.org.

DO YOU NEED CAPACITY BUILDING ASSISTANCE?

CRIS is a Web-based application designed to manage CBA requests. Directly funded Health Departments, CBOs, and CBA providers may access CRIS Directly. If you do not fall into the aforementioned categories, please contact your local Health Department/HIV Prevention program to submit a request for your organization. For additional information on CRIS, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/cba>.

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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS)

Detroit, MI * June 11-14

United States Conference on AIDS (USCA)

Miami, FL * September 18-21

SNHC by EPMC Regional Meeting I

New Orleans, LA * May 13-15
Philadelphia, PA * June 18-20

Regional Meeting II

July 22-24
PHS Regions V & VI*
August 12-14
PHS Regions II & III*

HIV/AIDS Stigma and Access to Care

Des Moines, IA * April 10-11
Denver, CO * June 19-20

Training-of-Trainers: HIV/AIDS Stigma and Access to Care

St. Louis, MO * August 7-8

Board Development: Nevada State Health Division

Reno, NV * March 12-13

Strategic Planning: Minnesota State Department of Health and Community Planning Group

St. Paul, MN * April 14-15

Navigating the Culture of Corrections

Ft. Lauderdale, FL * March 20

Discharge Planning A-Z

Montgomery, AL * March 27

Charlotte, NC * April 24