

**A Special Invitation
to be Part of a
National Project**

Consumer-Provider Partnership for Care:

**Training Opportunity for HIV+ Young Adults and Ryan White
HIV/AIDS Program Service Providers:
Transitioning HIV+ Youth from Adolescent to Adult Services Program**

The Transitioning HIV+ Youth from Adolescent to Adult Services Program is part of the national Consumer-Provider Partnership Project being conducted by Cicatelli Associates Inc. Transitioning HIV+ Youth will help agencies implement effective and innovative strategies for building up HIV+ young adult consumers to serve as mentors who can help other HIV+ youth successfully transition to adult health care. These consumer-provider partnerships will help manage this transition, and contribute to the provision of comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent HIV care.

Please review the following information and, if you are interested in receiving training and technical assistance to implement this innovative approach at your agency, complete the contact form.

Overview

Transitioning from adolescent to adult primary care is a challenging event, and may raise a myriad of challenges for HIV+ youth. Some of these challenges may include losing the relationship with their adolescent clinical care provider, their reluctance to disclose sexual activity and/or substance use to new providers, and their need to assume more responsibility and decision-making in their own health care. Other challenges to a smooth transition may include provider resistance, communication difficulties, cultural differences between adolescent and adult provider settings, adolescent resistance to change, differences in treatment practices, and lack of familiarity with adult treatment services. Adult and adolescent providers need to work together, along with the HIV+ youth consumer, to coordinate his/her transition from one provider to another. One solution to more successfully managing this transition is using young adult consumers who have successfully made the transition from adolescent to adult care, to serve as mentors to HIV+ youth in transition. As a peer, and having gone through the experience, these young adult consumers can provide a unique perspective, along with support and guidance, to HIV+ youth consumers to help them through this challenging period of change.

Cicatelli Associates Inc. (CAI) will provide training and technical assistance to adolescent clinical care providers and adult clinical care providers, and young adult consumers who have successfully transitioned to adult services, to help agencies implement a patient-provider partnership for care. CAI has a long history of working in HIV/AIDS, including our experience in providing training on integrating peer advocates in healthcare teams to Ryan White funded agencies and other HIV healthcare providers. Using the lessons learned and best practices from our prior experience, CAI has designed a four-day training program that targets clinic staff and consumers. Young adult consumers will attend four days of training, and adolescent clinic staff and adult clinic staff will attend two days of training. The training will develop these young adult consumers as mentors and develop their ability to partner with adult and adolescent health care agency staff to assist HIV positive youth in transitioning into adult services.

Training Dates and Locations:

Dates	Locations	Region	Application Deadline
April 13-16, 2011	Atlanta, Georgia	Southern Region	March 29, 2011



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Day One and Two (Required for Young Adults and Clinical Care Staff)

- Differences between adolescent and adult HIV care services
- Adolescent Development
- Needs of youth as they transition: body, mind and spirit
- Managing change
- Roles and responsibilities of young adult consumers and clinical team
- Young adults as mentors
- Models for transitioning
- Creating a transition plan for the clinic
- Implementation planning
- Challenges of transitioning
- Supervision and boundaries
- Preparing clinical care staff for transition

Day Three and Four (Required for Young Adults and optional for Clinical Care Staff)

- Education and Support
- Mentoring, confidentiality and boundary setting
- Working on a team: treatment planning, case conferencing, problem solving
- Cultural Competency
- Communication skills
- Self management
- Life Skills Preparation, including knowing when to seek medical care, and identifying and describing symptoms; making, canceling and rescheduling appointments; attending appointments; call for urgent visits; requesting prescription refills; negotiating multiple providers and sub-specialty visits; healthcare insurance; entitlements; and establishing a relationship with the case manager

APPLICATION PROCESS

Who is eligible?

Ryan White Funded Part D grantees who work with HIV+ adolescents or young adults will be given first preference. Part A, B, and C Ryan White funded grantees are eligible to apply and will be contacted if space permits.

Who should attend?

Adolescent clinical care providers and/or the Adult clinical care provider should select two consumers who have successfully transitioned to adult services and who can assist other young adults with the transition process. The Adolescent agencies should also send at least one clinic staff member to the training program, as well as an Adult clinical care provider who works closely with the Adolescent clinical care provider.

Agency Commitment:

To receive the free training and technical assistance, agencies that participate must commit to the following:
 Provide funding for travel, accommodations and per diem for two patients and at least one clinical care staff person
 Participate in all project-related technical assistance activities
 Participate in all evaluation activities

How to Apply:

Please complete a copy of the attached application form. Upon receipt and review of your application, CAI project staff will contact you to discuss your application and the selection process.

Technical Assistance

In addition to training, all agencies will receive technical assistance following the training program. This assistance will include telephone consultation, webinars, and distribution of resource materials. A few agencies will also be selected to receive customized, on-site technical assistance.

About Cikatelli Associates Inc.

Cikatelli Associates Inc. (CAI) is offering several training and technical assistance series to clinical care staff and consumers to help agencies implement the Consumer-Provider Partnership for Care Program.

CAI is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) training and technical assistance organization that has been working to improve the quality of HIV care to underserved, vulnerable populations since the beginning of the epidemic. Using our successful model of training and technical assistance, and our experience in providing training on integrating peer advocates in healthcare teams to Ryan White funded agencies and other HIV healthcare providers, we have designed a four-day training program that targets clinical care staff and consumers.

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Pre-Registration Form

To register, please complete, detach and mail, email or fax registration form to:

Cornell Wisby, MSW
Cicatelli Associates Inc.
505 Eighth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10018
Fax (212) 629-3321 Phone (212) 594-7741

OR Visit our web site at <http://www.cicatelli.org/HRSACConsumer/default.htm> to register online!

You will be contacted by CAI project staff upon review of the application.

Pre-Registration Form

(To be completed by authorized supervisor or executive director)

Your Name _____

Position _____

Agency _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

What Type of Ryan White Care Act Funds does your agency receive?

Title A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ Contract # _____

Names of the Young Adults (Consumers) you plan on sending to this Program:

1. _____

2. _____

Name of the Clinical Care Staff (Providers) who will attend this program:

1. Adolescent Provider _____

2. Adult Provider _____

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