

## NCHHSTP Programmatic Imperatives

Program Collaboration  
and Service Integration  
&  
Reducing Health Disparities

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## Defining Program Integration

- A mechanism of organizing and blending inter-related health issues, separate activities, and services in order to maximize public health impact through new and established linkages to facilitate the delivery of services



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## Integrating HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention Programs

- Integrated services may include HIV, STD and hepatitis B/C counseling and testing, partner services and referral to additional prevention or care and, hepatitis A/B immunization.
- Integration should be focused at the field or client level where the interface between the system and the consumer takes place.
- We use the term integration in the sense that it results in integrated services for clients, regardless of the agency structure.



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### Integration Short-Term Goals

- Support implementation of new adult hepatitis B vaccination guidelines in STD and HIV evaluation and care settings
- Develop strategies to strengthen partnerships with governmental and community organizations
- Build collaborations across the centers HIV, STD and viral hepatitis prevention and surveillance programs



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### Priority Program Integration Activities

1. Quarterly Program Consultant meetings
2. Establish methodology for reverse site visits and integrated approach for program review
3. Improve coordination and communication to grantees on PGO issues
4. Develop web-based NCHHSTP intranet and internet presence for program consultant sharing and communication of collaboration and integration best practices
5. Develop templates and standards for joint trip reports
6. Maximize program consultant and field staff deployment during public health emergencies



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### Future Focus

- Modifications to grants and cooperative agreements to support program integration
  - Ensure funding agreements contain standard elements for integration and indicators to monitor program outcomes
  - Prioritize funding for programs that implement or follow integration practices
- Stakeholder consultation on integration priorities
  - Immediate (0-6months); short term (1-2 yrs); longer term (2+ yrs)



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Future Focus (cont'd)

- Cross-training CDC program consultants to monitor program performance
- Conduct joint site visits
- Sharing of promising practices within CDC and with partners



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