

OFFICE on WOMEN'S HEALTH

OWH and Minority AIDS Initiative
Funded Programs
2007-2008

OVERALL GOALS

- Eliminate HIV Infection Among women and girls
- Increase self protective behaviors to reduce risks of HIV Infection
- Increase the number of women who know their HIV status
- Develop gender specific HIV/AIDS programs and initiatives targeting women

2007-2008 MAI Funded Programs

- HIV Prevention for Young Women attending Minority Institutions (HBCUs, HSIs, and TCUs) – 12 projects – 3-Year Evaluation Began in 2007
- In Community Spirit – HIV Prevention for American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native American Women Living in Rural and Frontier Indian Country – 3 projects
- National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day – regional and national events (March 10th)

Programs

- HIV Prevention for Women Living in the USVI – 1 project (funds for 2)
- HIV Prevention for Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Puerto Rico – 2 projects
- Prevention and Intervention AIDS Related Services for Girls at Risk for Juvenile Delinquency – 10 projects
- Intergenerational Approaches to HIV/AIDS Prevention with Women Across the Lifespan – 5 projects

OWH Funded HIV/AIDS Programs

- Prevention and Support Services for Women Incarcerated or Newly Released Living with or at Risk for HIV/AIDS – 5 Projects for 3 years
- HIV/AIDS Prevention for Women Living in the Rural South – 5 Projects for 3 years

Relevance of projects within agency and the current impact on the population.

- One major goal for the OWH is to model programs on women's health (gender specific).
- Over 5,000 women were reached via OWH programs during 2006/2007 operations including African American, Latina, Native American, Asian/Pacific islander women across urban and rural communities throughout the nation.
- Increased numbers of women voluntarily testing.
- Increased HIV/AIDS prevention activities on minority based college campuses and communities targeting women.

Approaches and strategies are for '07 goals and objectives

- Integrating gender specific programming into HIV/AIDS prevention targeting women.
- Guiding service providers of domestic violence programs on integrating HIV/AIDS prevention into core services.
- Incorporated intergenerational approach into HIV/AIDS prevention.
- Increasing the use and understanding of gender empowerment theory to HIV/AIDS prevention targeting women and girls.

Outcomes of '07 MAI Projects

- Increased collaboration/linkages often associated with local or state health department.
- 50% increase in female student participation in HIV prevention due to direct outreach activities specific to women students.
- 75% of all grantees use an adaptation of or CDC evidence behavioral interventions.
- increased competencies in cross-generational communications about health in general and sexual health specifically.

HHS and OWH Priorities

- Increased prevention activities associated with HIV/AIDS (preventing debilitating and costly health problems).
- Increased number of girls 9-17 and women 18-85+ that participate in OWH funded programs.
- Increased number of girls and women who are aware of gender risks relative to HIV/AIDS.

Partnership Opportunities

- National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day – Regional consultants provide support for events and activities
 - MOAs with funded entities for screening/care linkages (Increase services to prevention participants)
 - Compete for OWH funding opportunities
 - Promotion of Gender Specific Approach (Responsive to everyday realities of women and girls)
 - Communication, communication, communication!
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