

Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project

A project of El Rio Health Center in collaboration with Arizona AIDS Education Training Center, Border Health Foundation, Chiricahua Community Health Center, Cochise County Health Department, Impact Consultants, Mariposa Community Health Center, Platicamos Salud, Pima County Health Department, Puentes de Amistad, Sunset Community Health Clinics, Special Immunology Associates and Yuma County Health Department

Project Goals

The ABHAC Project will

- Improve capacity to provide targeted outreach and counseling to at risk border populations that will result in increased testing and identification of those infected with HIV.
- Successfully engaging those who test positive with primary health care services.
- Enhance local capacity to accessible primary care providers skilled in the care of HIV disease.

Description

ABHAC Project activities include:

- **Outreach**

To 13,000 individuals at risk for HIV infection living along the Arizona-Mexico border.

To date 1900 outreach contacts have been made.

- **Counseling and Testing**

Test 4,000 individuals for HIV.

First report due August from state.

- **Primary Health Care**

Enroll 280 HIV positive individuals into primary health care.

To date 23 patients have been enrolled.



Description (cont.)



- **Education and Training**

Educate 1 to 2 physicians located at border health clinics/centers in the appropriate standard of care for HIV/AIDS.

To date 2 physicians from Yuma County, 1 from Santa Cruz County and 1 from Cochise County are participating in the project.

Evaluation

The local evaluation is being conducted by Impact Consultants and the national multi-site evaluation is conducted by the University of Oklahoma and the University of California at Berkeley.

Data is being collected on 23 patients that are enrolled in the project this includes local and national data.

Local Evaluation

The local evaluation of the ABHAC Project is collecting data on the following:

- Outreach Contacts
 - Outreach Contact Card
- Counseling and Testing
 - CDC Bubble Form
- Referrals
 - Referral Log
- Patient Health Status
 - Karnosfsky Performance Scale
- Physician Consultation
 - Physician Consultation Card
- Provider Trainings
 - Training Evaluation Form
- Patient Satisfaction
 - Satisfaction Survey

Local Evaluation Instruments:

ABHAC Project Outreach Individual Contact Card

Date: ___/___/___ County: • Cochise • Santa Cruz • Pima • Yuma

Gender: • Male • Female • Other _____

Ethnicity: • White non-Hispanic • Hispanic • African American • Native American
• Asian American • Other _____

Age: • 13-19 • 20-25 • 26-30 • 31-35 • 36-40 • 41-45 • 46-50 • 51-55 • 56>

Risk Factor: • MSM • IDU • Sexual partner IDU • Sex worker • Heterosexual
• Bisexual • Unknown

Referred to counseling and testing • Yes • No

Local Evaluation Instruments:

ABHAC Project Outreach Group Contact Card

Date: ___/___/___ County: • Cochise • Santa Cruz • Pima • Yuma

Group size: _____ Gender: _____% Male _____% Female _____% Other

Ethnicity: _____% White non-Hispanic _____% Hispanic _____% African American _____% Native American
_____% Asian American _____% Other

Age: _____% 13-19 _____% 20-25 _____% 26-30 _____% 31-35 _____% 36-40 _____% 41-45
_____% 46-50 _____% 51-55 _____% 56 >

Topics discussed: _____

Risk Factor: _____% MSM _____% IDU _____% Sexual partner IDU _____% Sex worker
_____% Heterosexual _____% Bisexual _____% Unknown

Referred to counseling and testing Yes No

Local Evaluation Instruments:

Bubble Form

From the CDC counseling and testing reporting form the project will collect the following information from the state.

Client Demographic Information

Sex

Race/Ethnicity

Age

County

Zip code

Health Insurance Provider

Pretest Counseling Information

Reason for visit

Risk factor

Testing Information

Test result

Local Evaluation Instruments:

Referral Tracking Log

Month: _____ Year: _____ Site: _____

Client/Patient name Or testing ID#	Referred by:	Agency referred to or type of service:	Date of intake	no I/T	no contact
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires the states to provide them with information regarding referrals made by counseling and testing sites.

Local Evaluation Instruments:

Karnofsky Performance Scale

- Date
- Patient Identifier Number
- Site
- Assessment of Patient's Disease Progression and Ability to Care for Self
- Diagnosis
- CD4 count
- Viral Load count
- HAART Therapy



The instrument is completed by the physician each time that the patient presents for care and treatment.

Local Evaluation Instruments:

ABHAC Project Physician Consultation Card

Date: __/__/__

Site Location: • CCHC • MCHC • SCHC • SIA

Consulted physician: • Dr. Carmichael • Dr. Goldsmith • Dr. Vollmer

Consulting: _____

Consultation time: ____ Hrs. ____ Minutes

Mode of Consultation: • Phone • Face to Face • Telemedicine

Subject of Consultation: • patient specific • educational

Comments:

National Multi-site Evaluation

Evaluation Indicators

- Demographics
- Lifestyle
- Risk Factors
- Quality of Life
- Client Satisfaction
- Barriers to treatment

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Strengths

- Experienced physicians in HIV/AIDS care and treatment.
- Ryan White Title III site providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS care.
- Behavioral health services provided on site.
- History of providing services to the minority populations.
- History of community collaboration in primary health care and HIV/AIDS.

Barriers

- Confidentiality
- Limited availability of border clinic physicians.
- Geographic distance.

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Activities to Date

- A baseline was established using data collected from current patients receiving care at the SIA clinic that reported a residency in the Arizona-Mexico border.
- A survey was administered to assess the level of comfort in receiving primary care for HIV at border clinics/centers.
- The Arizona AIDS Education Training Center has conducted training needs assessments of health care professionals at border clinics/centers.
- Trainings have been conducted in Nogales and Yuma for outreach staff.
- Local and multi-site data collection began in February 2001.

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