

CALL FOR PAPERS

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SPECIAL ISSUE ON US- MEXICO BORDER ISSUES AND HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS is a disease that effects populations on both sides of the US/Mexico border. Many communities are rural and severely underserved. To date, little attention has been drawn to the challenges of providing HIV services to people with AIDS in border communities. Even less is known of the lives of those who live in border areas. Latinos comprise 13% of the US populations yet account for a full 19% of new cases of AIDS. The border area is massive, covering 3,000 kilometers from Texas to California and 100 kilometers north and south of the international border. Challenges abound due to language and cultural health care beliefs and practices. Many individuals are under-served, receive attention late in the disease, or die prematurely. Others resist treatment because of stigma and fear of rejection from their communities and health care providers on both sides of the border. Challenges and health disparities differ for MSM's, women, and children living with AIDS along the border. The experiences of these populations are relatively unknown, and treatment options are scarce. Social workers encountering these populations may benefit from literature that is attuned to these dramatic challenges. Topics are invited relating to availability, accessibility, acceptability, and accountability of HIV/AIDS services to persons residing in border areas.

Topics of interest include:

- Identifying the special health care needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in trans-border communities
- Identifying successful HIV/AIDS models of social services and healthcare in border communities
- The challenges of receiving or providing health care given restrictions of INS policy
- Knowledge of special health care needs and the experiences of populations affected by HIV/AIDS including sex workers, MSM's, women with HIV, infants and children, young girls, street children, and orphans
- Challenges in training and providing technical assistance to HIV/AIDS professional care providers
- Working with non-traditional care providers such as *promotoras*, peer-counselors, *curandero(a)s*, and the faith community organizations
- The use of alternative medicines and non-traditional medical practices
- Service models of working with families and significant others of those affected by HIV/AIDS
- Support programs for the HIV infected and their significant others
- Outreach and prevention programs for identifying people at risk for HIV living along the border
- Other topics affecting those with HIV living along the border not identified in this call are invited

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