

# Annual Report of Services



<h2>Client Services</h2>	<p><i>Population Facts: Managing many pills a day along with their attendant side effects is a challenge. Case managers help clients with HIV/AIDS on all fronts. Many of our clients need assistance with basics such as food. Reductions and cuts to health care and prescription drug coverage have made it extremely difficult for clients to get insurance that ensures regular health care, HIV medications and other medications. Housing is nationally recognized as one of the greatest needs for persons with HIV/AIDS, due to the impoverishing effects of the disease.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case Management</li> </ul>	<p>One on one ongoing client support and tracking, assuring access to health insurance and clinical trials, assisting with obtaining medications through patient assistance programs</p>	<p>Client Services staff worked with 199 clients and their families last year (all clients received medical advocacy or assistance with access to medical care). 39 of those individuals were new clients of the HIV Alliance.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referrals/Advocacy</li> </ul>	<p>For social service, alternative care, counseling, substance abuse, physical therapy</p>	<p>\$76,220 of emergency financial assistance has been provided to our clients</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Assistance</li> </ul>	<p>For housing, transportation, dental, medical not covered by insurance, food State HOPWA coordinator now housed at agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>127 Clients received assistance meeting basic needs – utilities, rent, transportation and food</li> <li>75 Clients had access to social support groups and client events</li> <li>128 Clients had access to nursing services on site</li> </ul>
<h2>Youth Education</h2>	<p><i>For young people, education is a critical element in preventing high-risk behaviors before they start. Our speakers address youth in the public schools, alternative school settings, homeless and runaway youth shelters, correctional facilities and other youth-serving agencies. We provide speakers for all of Oregon and are continually striving to reach under-served populations. We work closely with organizations and agencies serving high-risk youth.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV+ Speakers in the Schools: Reaching mainstream youth and youth at risk to put a face on the epidemic of HIV.</li> <li>HIV 101: Educating youth about HIV risks, effective prevention methods and harm reduction techniques.</li> </ul>	<p>8,397 youth in attendance</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Outreach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct Outreach: Reaching youth through focus groups, culturally relevant events and other youth forums.</li> <li>Indirect Outreach: Reaching youth through media, publications and targeted educational campaigns.</li> </ul>	<p>3,260 youth via direct outreach 819 youth via indirect outreach</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Totals</li> </ul>	<p>12,476 youth in Oregon</p>	

<h2>Prevention</h2>	<p><i>Population Facts: Men who have sex with men are the currently the highest risk group in Oregon. Over 10,000 injection drug users (IDU) live in Lane County. Nationwide, heterosexual and injection drug use transmissions are increasing, as are drug resistant strains.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Testing and Counseling</li> </ul>	<p>Use limited resources to increase testing and make services available to those most at risk.</p> <p>Nationwide, 75% of new infections are attributed to the 25% who do not know they are HIV positive.</p>	<p>Approximately 700 clients tested at 11 scheduled sites and events 86% return rate for results, compared to 67% national average. 71% men, 29% women 21% youth 21 and under. Approximately 30% of our clients were people of color Approximately 600 high-risk youth were contacted during street outreach</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IDU (Injection Drug Use) Outreach</li> </ul>	<p>Needle exchange and other services (client education, referrals) offered at locations frequented by IDU.</p> <p>Biohazard clean up and training also offered to community.</p>	<p>550,000 needles exchanged through direct and secondary exchangers 7500 of 10,000 injection drug users in the county are served 4550 contacts, 13% new clientele 224 detox referrals 2363 HIV test referrals made 60% Male, 40% Female, 80% Caucasian, 4% Native American, 2% Latino, 14% Other 52% Methamphetamine 51% Heroin Average Age is 35-44</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gay/Bi Outreach</li> </ul>	<p>Outreach services aimed at reducing infection rates, increasing knowledge of risk and MSM's awareness of their HIV status, including those who do not identify as gay, bisexual, transgender or queer.</p>	<p>3,878+ Safer Sex kits distributed 723 contacts 175 referrals made to HIV/STD Testing services and community resources 1420 potential MSM reached through internet broadcast messages 2 presentations given to MSM to understand and know how to use risk reduction strategies</p>
<h2>Advocacy</h2>	<p><i>Population Facts: Unlike other diseases, the continuing stigma, lack of knowledge and complacency jeopardizes public health efforts by governmental and private agencies. Although not so prevalent in the US, the overwhelming numbers internationally affect the stability and health of us all. Broad sectors of the community must recognize and support the ongoing efforts to stem the tide of HIV.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIV Today Tours and Presentations</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly tours at the agency (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 4-5 PM) and tailored presentations for groups that would like to learn about or partner with us. Contact <a href="mailto:development@hivalliance.org">development@hivalliance.org</a> to schedule a tour or presentation.</p>	<p>195 people attended 17 HIV Today tours 306 people attended the Red Ribbon Circle Breakfast 760 attended other advocacy and fundraising events Goal is to build compassion and support for our HIV/AIDS clients, achieve public consensus that HIV is a critical public health issue we should all care about.</p>
<h2>Volunteers</h2>	<p><i>Population Facts: We welcome volunteers of all ages and walks of life. Long-term volunteers are common at HIV Alliance. Volunteers become peer-educators for the whole community. Interns from schools and universities work closely with staff and get resume-building experience.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers for all direct services, events, development and general agency functioning</li> </ul>	<p>Program volunteers receive intense training and work side-by-side providing critical services such as needle exchange, client companions, HIV testing.</p>	<p>Hundreds of youth and adults volunteered thousands of hours of time</p>