

Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Annual Report of Services



<h2>Client Services</h2>	<p><i>Population Facts: HIV Alliance began serving PLWH/A in Coos County in October of 2007. We found that many of clients were unaware of the services available to them through RW Case Management and often went without basic needs and other vital services. There are no Infectious Disease Specialists in Coos County, which further complicates client access to care. As a result, Case Managers help coordinate trips to providers in Eugene and Portland by offering assistance with transportation and lodging. As always Case Managers' first objective is to ensure all clients have access to medical care and clients are referred to multiple programs to reduce or eliminate out of pocket medical expenses. Staff also assists clients in navigating complicated social service systems to meet basic needs, thus enabling clients to prioritize their physical health. Changes to federal legislation continue to reduce services that are not directly linked to medical care, requiring us to utilize grants to support clients with such things as transportation for employment and housing searches.</i></p>	
<h3>Care Coordination & Advocacy</h3>	<p>Case management provides ongoing client support in accessing and maintaining housing, medical services, and financial assistance programs. Case Managers help clients identify barriers to addressing their holistic needs and support clients in moving toward self-sufficiency.</p>	<p>In the last year, Client Services staff worked with 248 clients and their families from Lane and Coos counties.</p> <p>47 of those individuals were new clients of the HIV Alliance.</p> <p>All clients received medical advocacy and/or assistance accessing medical care.</p>
<h3>Information & Referral Services</h3>	<p>Clients are assisted in navigating social service systems in order to help them meet holistic needs. Clients are referred to medical care, insurance providers, housing subsidy programs, alcohol & drug treatment, and mental health services.</p>	<p>\$69,000 of emergency financial assistance has been provided to our clients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 60 clients received over \$23,000 in assistance to maintain housing and utilities • 136 clients received assistance with nutritional food vouchers and supplements • More than 80 clients participated in social support groups and client events
<h3>Support Services Distribution</h3>	<p>Emergency financial assistance is available to fill in gaps in social services and help avert crisis. Clients receive assistance with such things as housing, utilities, food, transportation and nutritional supplements.</p>	
<h2>Dental Clinic</h2>	<p><i>Population Facts: HIV Alliance's Dental Program has just completed its second year of a 5 year multi-million dollar grant, provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to provide free and low-cost dental care to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Many of the clients we served in the last year have gone years without dental care because of lack of dental coverage and because of the difficulty in finding Dentists' who are willing to work on individuals who are HIV positive. In the past year we have been able to expand our service area from 5 to 14 Oregon counties, and are looking to expand to a total of at least 15 counties in our third year.</i></p>	

Dental Care & Coordination	Free or low cost dental care to people living with HIV/AIDS in the 15 counties of Southern Oregon provided through partnership with Community Health Centers of Lane County and Lane Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 200 clients across the state have received comprehensive oral health care. • The program is providing care to clients living in 14 counties including 2 additional counties not in the original service area. • Two satellite clinics have been established to increase the accessibility of the clinic for clients and two additional satellite clinics are in the works.
Prevention	<i>Population Facts: Gay and bisexual men constitute the largest number of new infections in Oregon. People who inject drugs constitute the second largest number of new infections. We increase the impact of our work by focusing limited prevention funds on these populations.</i>	
HIV Testing and Counseling	Use limited resources to increase testing and make services available to those most at risk.	<p>374 clients tested at 10 scheduled sites and events 79% return rate for results, compared to 67% national average. 77% men, 21% women, 2% transgender 17% youth 21 and under. Approximately % of our clients were people of color 52% of clients tested were gay and bisexual men 22% of clients tested were current/former people who inject drugs 12% of clients tested were sexual partners of people living with HIV/AIDS</p>
Outreach to People who Inject Drugs (PWID)	<p>Needle exchange and other services (client education, referrals) offered at locations frequented by PWID.</p> <p>Biohazard clean up and training also offered to community.</p>	<p>338,386 needles exchanged through direct and secondary exchangers 2285 contacts, ≈40% new clientele 40 treatment referrals 2050 HIV test referrals made 1936 HEP C test referrals made 65% Male, 35% Female, <1% Transgender; 82% White, <1% Asian, <1% Black, 3% Latino, 7% Native American, 7% Other Mode Age is 45-54</p>
Gay/Bi Outreach & The Game (Formally Community PROMISE)	Outreach services aimed at reducing infection rates, increasing knowledge of risk and gay and bisexual men's awareness of their HIV status. Our outreach also includes men who have sex with men who do not identify as gay or bisexual.	<p>2024+ Safer Sex kits distributed 509 contacts through outreach online, at LGBTQ related events and other locations. 6 men were interviewed in depth about their sexual risk and experiences for role model stories</p>
Volunteers	<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>	
Volunteers for all direct services, events, development and general agency functioning	Program volunteers receive intense training and work side-by-side providing critical services such as needle exchange, client companions, and HIV testing.	<p>Hundreds of youth and adults volunteered thousands of hours of time</p> <p><i>Rough estimate 3224 volunteer hours '07-'08 given by over 150 volunteers</i></p>

Education	<i>Our speakers' bureau presents to youth and adults in a variety of setting including: public schools, alternative school settings, homeless and runaway youth shelters, correctional facilities and other youth-serving agencies. Speakers share their important stories decrease stigma and increase awareness of our mission and services.</i>	
Youth Education	<p>HIV+ Speakers in the Schools: Reaching youth to put a face on the epidemic of HIV.</p> <p>HIV 101: Educating youth about HIV risks, effective prevention methods and harm reduction techniques.</p>	1441 youth reached
Adult Education	<p>HIV+ Speakers shared their compelling stories to service providers, clients in drug and alcohol treatment centers and other venues.</p> <p>HIV 101: educating adults about HIV risks, effective prevention methods and harm reduction techniques</p>	583 adults reached
Advocacy	<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>	
HIV Today Tours and Presentations	<p>Monthly tours at the agency (3rd Tues 5:30-6:30PM) and tailored presentations for groups that would like to learn about or partner with us. Contact development@hivalliance.org to schedule a tour or presentation.</p>	<p>Since January 2008, 31 people attended 5 HIV Today presentations at the agency.</p> <p>In the community, more than 230 people attended 17 HIV Today presentations.</p>