

HIV/AIDS Services

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In 1999, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health obtained congressional funding that allowed it to expand its information and technical assistance services related to HIV/AIDS. It launched the HIV/AIDS Services Team at the Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) to increase HIV awareness and promote access to care among minorities.

It does this by supporting HIV/AIDS organizations that serve minorities. OMHRC has established itself as a leading source of technical assistance, support, and training for community-based organizations (CBOs) working with communities of color. OMHRC is a nationwide service of the Office of Minority Health.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

No improvement, new skill, or new technique will last if human and systematic factors that foster or resist change have not been addressed. OMHRC faces these factors head on. OMHRC's HIV/AIDS Services Team seeks to promote quality and sustainability in everything it does.

Quality means that health services are accessible, clients are treated in a culturally competent manner with dignity and respect, and health care providers get the training and support they need to give their clients the best care possible.

Sustainable improvements are those that will last after formal interventions have ended. We bring organizations together and help staff feel invested in lasting change. Central to our approach is an emphasis on partnerships and creating the synergy for new alliances.

Technical assistance and trainings available to CBOs focus on: needs assessments, board development, strategic planning, staff training, funding development and cultural competency.

DATA/STATISTICS

OMHRC Information Specialists can provide you with accurate and current data and statistics on HIV/AIDS rates among racial and ethnic minorities. Searches can also be conducted for information on HIV-related issues such as substance abuse, risk behaviors, homelessness, and for specific groups such as adolescents.

FUNDING SOURCES

We can conduct customized database searches to access possible funding sources for you or your organization. Our database contains information on public and private sources of funds for HIV/AIDS research, prevention activities, treatment programs, and other AIDS-related services.

MATERIALS

The HIV Impact newsletter focuses on HIV/AIDS activities that target minority communities. It highlights activities at agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), as well as organizations representative of all levels—international, national, state, and local. OMHRC maintains a collection of informative resources on HIV/AIDS including directories, journals, magazines, reports, articles, brochures, and videotapes - some are available in various languages.

HIV WEBSITE

OMHRC launched a new website <http://www.hiv.omhrc.gov> with the latest information on federal, state, and foundation funding. The website is updated daily and also includes an extensive compilation of both local and national conferences, an extensive list of HHS-sponsored Minority HIV/AIDS technical assistance, provider education, and training resources throughout the country, as well as an online version of HIV Impact.

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