



Brooklyn AIDS Task Force

Harm Reduction Relapse Prevention Program

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Program Overview

➤ Harm Reduction Program

✓ Eligibility criteria

- ✓ HIV positive with current or past history of substance abuse

✓ Purpose/objective

- ✓ Engage newly Identified HIV positive individuals with a history of substance abuse not previously in care
- ✓ Link individuals to primary care under the expanded testing services who test positive as well as known positive but not in care

Model of Care

➤ **Team Approach**

- ✓ Harm Reduction Counselor
- ✓ Case Aide
- ✓ HIV Testing Specialist
- ✓ Physician Assistant
- ✓ Case finder/outreach worker

Service Types/Categories

➤ Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD)

- ✓ Groups, Individuals
- ✓ STI screening & assessment
- ✓ Substance abuse assessment

➤ Low Threshold AOD (LTAOD)

- Groups
- Individuals

➤ HIV Rapid Testing

Service Venues

↘ In Office

- ✓ All AOD Services
- ✓ HIV testing
- ✓ LTAOD Group
- ✓ STI screens and Substance Abuse assessment

↘ Mobile unit

- ✓ LTAOD individual
- ✓ HIV testing
- ✓ STI screens and Substance Abuse assessment

Challenges

➤ Enrollment

- ✓ Identifying newly diagnosed HIV positive individuals with history substance abuse
- ✓ Linking individuals to care

Successes

- **Achieved retention rates in HRR of over 85%**
- **Foster partnerships with community pharmacies to provide services at their store front**
- **Meets 100% threshold for service provision in all funded categories**
- **Exceeds number of contracted services in AOD, LTAOD, STI, Substance abuse, and Rapid testing**

List of unmet needs

↘ Service Expansion

✓ Acupuncture

- ✓ Increases retention

- ✓ Reduce cravings for substance use

- ✓ Helps to reduce symptoms associated with detoxification

Questions

