

# SPECIAL POPULATIONS

HIV Health and Human Services  
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# "Special Populations"

## *The Face of the NYC Epidemic*

- IDUs – 32% of PWAs (43% w/ assigned risk)
- MSM – 26% of PWAs (35% w/ assigned risk)
- Women – 32% of PWAs (Majority Non-IDU-Related)

# Special Populations & Title I Scoring

- Severe Need (33 points)
- Title I Continuum (8 Points)
- Planning Process – PC Roles and Responsibilities (10 Points)
- Allocation for Women, Infants, Children & Youth (5 Points)

# Special Populations

- Youth (13-24) \*
- IDUs \*
- Other Substance Users \*
- MSM of Color \*
- White/Anglo MSM \*
- Women (13 & Older) \*
- Homeless
- Mentally Ill
- Immigrants
- Correctional

# Youth (13-24)

- Low Prevalence (Est. 0.15%)
- Est. 3.4% of PLWHA
- Predominantly African-American (53%) & Hispanic (39%)
- Perinatal ? Sexual
- High Rates Among YMSM (12.1% 15-22 Years)
- 6.5% of New FY01 Clients

# IDUs

- 150,000-200,000+ IDUs in EMA
- Most Prominent Population in Epidemic (Est. Prevalence – 10-20%)
- Declining Prevalence – A Manhattan Phenomenon?
- 88% of HIV+ IDUs Are African-American or Hispanic
- Majority Live Below Poverty Line
- ? Poly-Drug Use
- AOD Treatment Most Prominent Service Gap
- Active Use Associated with Late Entry to Care, Missed Doses

# Other Substance Users

- 725,000+ Problem Substance Users in EMA
- Unknown Prevalence
- Need for Flexible Treatment Options
- Resurgence in Drug Use Among MSM

# MSM of Color

- Est. 100,000 in EMA
- Est. Prevalence of 10%
- 14% of All PWAs
- Especially High Rates Among African-Americans (33% Among 23-29-Year-Olds)
- Increased Risk of Depression, Suicide, Substance Use, Violence
- Barriers -- Poorly Developed Service Infrastructure, Racism/Homophobia

# White/Anglo MSM

- Est. 86,000 in EMA
- Est. 9% Prevalence
- Increased Risk of Depression, Suicide, Substance Abuse, Violence
- Possible Resurgence? – Link w/ Drug Use, Internet Sex, Commercial Sex Venues & Private Parties
- Barrier – Homophobia

# Women

- 29% of PWAs
- Growing Share of Epidemic
- 92% Are African-American or Hispanic
- Majority of Infections From Heterosexual Exposure
- Easier to Qualify for Medicaid
- Barriers – Poverty, Child Care, Transportation, Lack of Women-Centered Services
- 40% of New FY01 Clients

# Homeless

- How Define? – 40,000 Average Daily NYC Shelter Census
- Key Neighborhoods – Harlem, S. Bronx, Bed-Stuy, E. New York
- 15% Prevalence in 1992-93 – Today?
- Growing Problem – NYC Housing Crisis, ? Economic Status of PLWHA Population
- High Prevalence of Substance Abuse & Mental Illness
- Unstable Housing Associated with Diminished Health Care Access, Utilization

# Mentally Ill

- More Than 1 Million People with Mental Illness in EMA
- Unknown Prevalence
- One-Quarter of CHAIN Cohort Has Evidence of MH Disorder
- ? Prevalence of MH Disorder Among Newly Diagnosed
- Untreated MH Disorder Associated with Loss of Benefits, Poor Adherence

# Immigrants

- More Than 3 Million Foreign-Born in EMA (36% of Population)
- 6,082 Living with AIDS
- Unknown Prevalence
- Title I Essential Safety Net for Undocumented
- Barriers – Language, Lack of Culturally Appropriate Services, Limited Access to Information, Fear of Deportation

# Correctional Population

- How Define? – 108,464 Inmates in 2002
- Est. 7-10% Prevalence (Higher Among Women)
- Est. 10,000 HIV+ Individuals Pass Thru NYC/DOC System Annually
- 92% of HIV+ Inmates Are African-American or Hispanic
- Barriers – Lack of Discharge Planning, Limited Financial Means, Untreated Substance Abuse & MH Disorders

# Future Challenges

- Integrating Special Population Analysis Into Planning Process
- Demonstrating Impact of Interventions
- Connecting the Dots
  - ✓ Disproportionate Geographic Mortality Rates
  - ✓ Determinants of Premature HIV/AIDS Mortality
  - ✓ Relationship to Special Populations