

Indiana State Department of Health

HIV Prevention Programs (in alphabetical order)

HIV prevention is the best strategy for reducing the human and economic toll from HIV/AIDS. Comprehensive HIV prevention is a broad term that incorporates tracking the epidemic through HIV/AIDS Surveillance system; research to identify causes and solutions; implementing effective, evidence based prevention intervention programs; building capacity of state and local programs; and program evaluation and policy development.

The goals of the Indiana HIV Prevention Program are to increase public understanding of, involvement in, and support for HIV prevention and through those efforts, reduce the number of new infections. The focus is on eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in new infections and prevention with HIV positives. Programs are implemented statewide through designated health departments and community-based organizations (CBOs). These agencies provide education and information to initiate modification of behavior patterns or practices that put persons at risk of HIV infection. Targeted populations include teenagers, men who have sex with men, women at risk (including pregnant women), substance users, needle sharers, prisoners, and individuals from racial and ethnic populations which are disproportionately affected by HIV Disease, and others at risk.

Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention

The mission of this program is to decrease transmission of hepatitis viruses, increase hepatitis A & B immunizations among adults and those at increased risk, increase resources to identify and treat persons with chronic hepatitis, increase identification of those living with viral hepatitis, and increase awareness among healthcare providers and laboratories of their role in prevention, detection, management, and treatment of hepatitis.

The Indiana **Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBPP)** is a resource for the surveillance and control of perinatal hepatitis B infection. The primary goal of the program is to prevent perinatal transmission of hepatitis B infection by identifying and providing case management to HBsAg-positive pregnant women to ensure initiation of post-exposure prophylaxis to their newborns.

Capacity Building

The Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Program within the Division of HIV/STD strives to improve the performance of Indiana's HIV prevention workforce. This is done by assisting community-based organizations and local health departments by increasing and sustaining their ability to deliver effective HIV prevention services. The program's goal is to improve the performance of Indiana's HIV prevention workforce in the following areas: Strengthening Organizational Infrastructure, Strengthening Interventions for HIV Prevention, Strengthening Community Access to and Utilization of HIV Prevention Services, and Strengthening Community Planning for HIV Prevention. Upon needs being identified, program staff initiates assistance for local and national providers to assist with meeting their capacity building needs.

Counseling, Testing, and Referral Program

The mission of this statewide program is to provide and facilitate disease intervention and prevention. This is accomplished through counseling, testing, and client referrals to other service needs. This program also serves to promote early detection of HIV infection and facilitate access to health care.

HIV Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG)

This program is a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mandated advisory board that is comprised of persons either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. The CPG works in partnership with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to design this comprehensive statewide prevention plan that best represents the needs of various communities at risk for, or infected with HIV.

Perinatal HIV Project

“One Test Two Lives”

The “One Test Two Lives: Prevent HIV Indiana,” campaign is an effort of multiple partners to increase awareness and promote practices that will result in prevention of HIV transmission from mothers to their babies. The mission of this statewide educational campaign is to alert care providers along with the general public of the importance of testing and treatment in the prevention of mother-to-child-transmission. The campaign is a multi-pronged outreach designed for those who provide care to and interact with women of childbearing age and the general public to make sure everyone is knowledgeable regarding mother-to-child-transmission. In addition to providing this education firsthand to those that the campaign has the ability to reach, it is also an objective to ask those who receive this important message to join in the prevention efforts.

Training and Development Program

This program initiates, coordinates, and provides trainings regarding HIV prevention. These trainings are provided by program staff as well as collaborations with national providers. The program holds monthly Counseling Certification Training for employees and volunteers of community partners.

Initiating HIV Prevention Community Planning

In 1993, CDC issued a directive for “*states and localities*” to receive special funds for HIV prevention to assist in the creation of HIV Prevention Community Planning Groups (CPG). Prior to 1993, communities were involved in carrying out HIV prevention services, but were not involved in the planning of comprehensive state and local prevention programs. Decisions regarding HIV prevention were either mandated by Congress or administered by the CDC through its Cooperative Agreement with State Health Departments regulating their grantees to adhere to CDC mandated criteria. Community Planning was developed to reflect the belief that it would bring state and local health departments down to community level and assist them with a more realistic point of view for determining how best to respond to local HIV prevention priorities and needs. Community Planning also assists in giving these entities a vehicle to determine how the CDC’s mandates and initiatives could be best carried out through local community decision making.