DPH HIV Prevention Interventions – 1/2019-12/2021 DPH HIV Prevention Peer Led Demonstration Projects – 11/2019-3/2022

1. Routine Testing Services with PrEP Navigation

Expanded and Integrated HIV testing occurs in health care settings that serve populations with a high prevalence of HIV to conduct routine HIV screening in community health centers, hospital emergency departments and outpatient clinics. In addition, PrEP Navigation is a process of service delivery to help a person obtain timely, essential and appropriate PrEP-related medical and social services to optimize his or her health and prevent HIV transmission and acquisition.

Funded Contractors:

- Anchor Health Initiative, Hamden, CT (203) 674-1102*
- Community Health Centers, Statewide (860) 347-6971*
- Cornell Scott Hill Health Center, New Haven, CT (203) 503-3148*
- Planned Parenthood, Statewide (203) 752-2821
- Southwest Community Health Center, Bridgeport, CT (203) 332-3162
- Stay Well Health Center, Waterbury, CT (203) 756-8021 Ext. 3113*
- CT Children's Medical Center, Hartford, CT (860) 466-9685 or (860) 466-0818.
- Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT (203) 688-3184

*Participating in the In Home Test Kit Initiative

- ** Other agencies participating in the In Home Test Kit Initiative
 - Community Health Services (CHS), Hartford, CT (860) 249-9625

2. Healthy Love

Healthy Love is a single-session, small-group (4-15 women) intervention delivered to pre-existing groups of black women (e.g., friends, sororities) in settings of their choosing. It delivers HIV prevention information and teaches condom use skills in a highly interactive, festive, and non-judgmental manner.

Funded Contractors:

- GBAPP, Inc., Bridgeport, CT (203) 366-8255
- APEX, Danbury, CT (203) 778-2437

3. MPowerment

MPowerment is a community level Intervention for young men who have sex with men (MSM). The intervention uses a combination of informal and formal outreach, discussion groups, creation of safe spaces, social opportunities, and social marketing to reach a broad range of young gay men with HIV prevention, safer sex, and risk reduction messages.

Funded Contractors:

- A Place to Nourish your Health (APNH), New Haven, CT (203) 624-0947
- Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, Harford, CT, (860) 278-4163

4. <u>NIA</u>

Nia is a video-based motivational skills-building small-group intervention consisting of 6-10 participants in each group. The intervention is designed for Black and African American men and includes videos, movie clips, and discussion to educate men about HIV/AIDS, elevate their mood, and entertain them while reinforcing information and motivating behavior change.

Funded Contractors:

Advancing Connecticut Together (ACT), Hartford, CT (860) 247-2437

• InterCommunity, Inc., East Hartford, CT (860) 461-0130

5. Outreach, Testing, and Linkage (OTL) with PrEP Navigation

OTL includes targeted outreach that includes HIV testing and linkage to other services, such as PrEP navigation. PrEP Navigation is a process of service delivery to help a person obtain timely, essential and appropriate PrEP-related medical and social services to optimize his or her health and prevent HIV transmission and acquisition. In addition, targeted condom distribution to people living with HIV/AIDS and individuals at high risk of contracting HIV is provided.

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- APEX, Danbury, CT (203) 778-2437*
- A Place to Nourish your Health (APNH), New Haven, CT (203) 624-0947*
- Family Centers, Stamford, CT (203) 977-5096*
- GBAPP, Inc., Bridgeport, CT (203) 366-8255*
- Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, Hartford, CT (860) 278-4163
- Perceptions Programs, Willimantic, CT (860) 450-7128
- Waterbury Health Department, Waterbury, CT (203) 574-6780*
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- ** Other agencies participating in the In Home HIV Test Kit Initiative
 - Community Renewal Team (CRT) Hartford, CT (860) 560-5600
 - Latino Community Services (LCS) Hartford, CT (860) 296-6400

6. SISTA

SISTA (Sisters Informing Sisters about Topics on AIDS) is a peer-led, skill-building intervention project to prevent HIV infection in African American women. It is delivered in 5 sessions and includes discussions of self-esteem, relationships, and sexual health.

Funded Contractors:

InterCommunity, Inc., East Hartford, CT (860) 461-0130

7. Drug User Health Programs

Drug User Health (Includes three components; Syringe Services Program, Overdose Prevention, and Harm Reduction Education). Drug User Health services are a scope of services that underlines a harm reduction philosophy that emphasizes "meeting drug users where they are" by providing services that reduce blood-borne infections (e.g., HIV/HCV), and support harm reduction activities that addresses drug users' structural and social barriers to care and treatment.

Funded Contractors:

- Advancing Connecticut Together (ACT), Hartford, CT (860) 247-2437
- Alliance for Living, New London, CT (860) 447-0884 x231
- APEX, Danbury, CT (203) 778-2437
- Family Centers, Stamford, CT (203) 977-5096
- GBAPP, Inc., Bridgeport, CT (203) 366-8255
- Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition, Hartford, CT (860) 263-4146
- Perceptions Programs, Willimantic, CT (860) 450-7128
- Waterbury Health Department, Waterbury, CT (203) 574-6780
- Yale University Community HC Van, New Haven, CT (203) 737-4047

8. HIV Prevention PrEP Navigation Demonstration Project

PrEP Navigation Demonstration Projects fund models for implementing and evaluating interventions to improve PrEP uptake and adherence to specific populations. A Place to Nourish Your Health (APNH) is funded to implement Chat 4 Change (C4C). The intervention utilizes social media to

engage young men who have sex with men in PrEP services. An Outreach Coordinator leads social media efforts, A PrEP Navigator assists clients with referrals and linkages, and a PrEP Coordinator works with an academic institution to lead PrEP Navigation efforts.

Funded Contractors:

• A Place to Nourish your Health (APNH), New Haven, CT (203) 624-0947

9. HIV Prevention Peer Led HIV Demonstration Projects

Peer Led Demonstration Projects utilize Peers in providing HIV prevention services. AIDS CT and Alliance for Living are funded to utilize peers in delivering Drug User Health services in their respective catchment areas. GBAPP is funded to use peers to deliver the WILLOW intervention to women living with HIV. These projects are funded through the AIDS Education and Research Funds (Tax RFP).

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- Alliance for Living, New London, CT (860) 447-0884 x231
- GBAPP, Inc., Bridgeport, CT (203) 366-8255