

Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Testing Committee Meeting
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Where Do We Need To Be

TOP AREAS/THEMES OF DISCUSSION: Prioritize/Identify Target Populations, HIV & STD Testing Together, Improve Access to Testing, Increase/Improve Testing Training, Measure Effectiveness, Community Outreach/Education, Medical Outreach/Education, Media Involvement, Internet Outreach/Education

- Get the word out – share distribution lists/groups with other agencies in the community.
- Increase the venues for rapid testing.
- Offer free testing.
- Increase outreach to everyone.
- Educate medical providers/clinics on HIV testing.
- Include HIV testing with STD testing (vice versa).
- Online outreach and education.
- Have HIV/STD testing be part of standard care.
- Text messaging outreach and education.
- Increase testing in jails, mental health facilities, and rehabilitation centers.
- Remove red tape procedures that prevent the ease of testing.
- Make training more accessible.
- Make rapid HIV testing available in community clinics, hospital settings, recovery programs, and incarceration facilities.
- Educate broader community and health care providers, medical associations, and community clinic associations about rapid HIV testing.
- Address lack of knowledge and understanding about HIV risk.
- Enlist media to create PSA's and community awareness (like flu shots)
- Create testing campaign.
- Get the right "face" – culturally and appropriate – for target populations (MSM, IDU, women)
- Deregulate to make it more accessible with PCP/ER/routine maintenance
- Routine testing during annual physical.
- Routine testing for group home/living situations.
- Free testing at homeless shelters.
- Make at home testing more accessible and affordable (similar to pregnancy test).
- Drop in testing with more mobile testing vans and in more casual settings (bar/salon/church)

- Campaign around National Testing Day “Today I got tested.” “I tested today.”
- Free needles/Free testing Campaign.
- Require HIV/AIDS test for those being release from prison/jail.
- County Public Aide offices to have testers on hand and offer testing (free) for those seeking assistance.
- Make certain HIV testing is done with STD testing (public health mandate)
- Prioritize people likely to be infected – indentify location.
- Measure effectiveness of existing funded testing efforts.
- Increase/improve prison/Jail testing.
- Increase/improve testing of homeless population.
- How could we require testing on anyone who uses gov’t funded program/services.