

Expanded Testing Initiative

The Bureau was awarded funding from CDC beginning in 2007 under grant 07-768 to implement what became known as the African American Testing Initiative (AATI). This initiative focused on reaching HIV-infected persons, primarily non-Hispanic blacks, who are unaware of their infection. The project primarily focused on rapid testing in clinical settings, e.g., hospital emergency departments and community health centers. In the three year project period, Florida's AATI providers conducted over 329,000 HIV antibody tests and identified 2,862 positives.

In September, 2010, CDC expanded the focus of the initiative to include African American and Hispanic men and women; and men who have sex with men (MSM), transgendered individuals, and injection drug users (IDUs), regardless of race or ethnicity. The bureau was awarded \$6.1 million in the first year with the goal of testing 150,000 individuals and identifying 2,000 new positives.