



The Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Prevention Section conducts HIV research and collects HIV testing and other prevention program data. Each quarter we share data from these initiatives in an effort to inform HIV prevention activities throughout the state.



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## Florida's Behavioral Intervention Providers- Year One Data (2009)

The majority of HIV prevention behavioral interventions delivered in Florida are evidence based and have been proven to reduce sexual and drug-using risk behaviors in high-risk populations. Most of these interventions are classified as Effective Behavioral Interventions (EBIs) and can be found within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) DEBI/REP (Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions/Replicating Effective Programs) project ([www.effectiveinterventions.org](http://www.effectiveinterventions.org)).

The Prevention Section of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS, through funding from the CDC, funds 12 community-based organizations (CBOs) to deliver EBIs to priority populations around the state. The funding cycle for these providers began January 1, 2009 and will continue until December 31, 2011. The overarching goal of all behavioral interventions implemented in Florida is to reduce HIV/STD incidence or risk behaviors and promote safer behaviors. Interventions are grouped into three categories: individual-level, group-level, and community-level.

Table 1. Number of Individuals Reached through Interventions, 2009 (HP Providers- Category 1)		
INTERVENTION	Participants Completing/Enrolled in Interventions	Outreach Contacts
	#(%) (%) = Completed/Enrolled	
BART	64/134 (48.0%)	134
Community PROMISE	8,452/8,452 (100.0%)	51,747
CRCS (HIV-positive)	51/56 (91.0%)	121
CRCS (HIV-negative)	12/20 (60.0%)	121
Healthy Relationships	307/323 (95.0%)	1,336
LIFE	71/80 (89.0%)	520
Mpowerment	171/171 (100.0%)	2,456
POL	53/80 (66.0%)	836
RAPP	3,477/3,477 (100.0%)	7,037
Respect	120/154 (78.0%)	472
SISTA	156/177 (88.0%)	220
VOICES/VOCES	956/956 (100.0%)	1,571
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,890/14,080 (99%)</b>	<b>66,571</b>

Individual-Level Intervention (LI)  
Group-Level Intervention (GLI)  
Community-Level Intervention (CLI)

Approximately 14,080 individuals were enrolled in behavioral interventions delivered by the 12 HIV Prevention (HP) providers, with the majority of interventions having a completion rate greater than 78% (Table 1). Among all interventions, the community-level interventions Community PROMISE and RAPP enrolled the greatest number of participants (11,929, 85%). The far reach of these interventions can be partly attributed to the wide dissemination of role model stories via face-to-face outreach encounters or through social networking sites on the Internet. The interventions with the next highest number of participants enrolled include VOICES (956, 7%) and Healthy Relationships (323, 2%). The number of outreach contacts far exceeds the number of participants enrolled in interventions, thus demonstrating the need for outreach efforts in order to recruit the necessary number of participants. Community PROMISE and RAPP demonstrate the farthest reach (58,784), accounting for a combined 88% of the total outreach contacts (66,450). Mpowerment (2,456), VOICES (1,571), Healthy Relationships (1,336), and POL (836) together accounted for 9% of the total outreach contacts.

Of the participants enrolled in behavioral interventions delivered by the 12 HP providers (Table 2), 59% were black, 21% were Hispanic, 3.3% were HIV positive, 22% identified as men who have sex with men (MSM), and 71% were male. In addition to the 12 funded HP providers, county health departments (CHDs) also implement health education/risk reduction (HE/RR) activities such as HIV 101 classes and tailored health education sessions.

There are currently over 20 CHDs implementing one or more behavioral interventions; the most widely implemented intervention by CHDs is VOICES/VOCES. In 2009, CHDs enrolled 42,739 participants in programs such as CRCS (409), Partnership for Health (1,073), POL (60), VOICES (6,138) and HE/RR activities (35,059). There are an additional 17 HIV prevention providers funded through Closing the Gap (CTG) that implement one or more behavioral interventions and HIV prevention strategies. Preliminary data for CTG providers indicate they will serve almost 11,000 clients during their first year (2009-2010) of implementation (data not shown).

There is a continued effort to expand Florida's HIV prevention initiatives, and behavioral interventions are merely one component of Florida's comprehensive prevention program. The Bureau of HIV/AIDS would like to thank all of our prevention providers (both CBOs and CHDs) for their hard work and dedication in preventing HIV and educating their communities.

*Note: The data used in this report were submitted in aggregate form and originated from monthly reports submitted by each HP provider.*

Table 2. Participants Enrolled in Interventions, 2009 (HP Providers-Category 1)			
<b>RACE*</b>		<b>HIV STATUS</b>	
	<b>#(%)</b>		<b>#(%)</b>
Black	8,321 (59%)	HIV-positive	459 (3.3%)
White	5,549 (39%)	High-risk Negative	13,621 (97%)
Multi	11 (0.1%)	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,080</b>
Other	199 (1.4%)		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,080</b>	<b>RISK GROUP**</b>	
			<b>#(%)</b>
<b>ETHNICITY</b>		MSM	3,093 (22%)
	<b>#(%)</b>	Heterosexual	10,987 (78%)
Hispanic	2,949 (21%)	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,080</b>
Non-Hispanic	10,842 (77%)		
Haitian	118 (0.8%)	<b>GENDER</b>	
Other	171 (1.2%)		<b>#(%)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,080</b>	Male	10,001 (71%)
		Female	4,079 (29%)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,080</b>

\* Includes Hispanics and Haitians.

\*\* MSM and Heterosexual categories may also include persons who inject drugs (IDUs).