



The HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Program, HIV 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.

October 2012

Florida's Behavioral Intervention Providers- Year Three Data (2011)

The majority of HIV prevention behavioral interventions delivered in Florida are evidence based and have been proven to reduce sexual and drug-use 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). The HIV Prevention Section, within the HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Program of the Bureau of Communicable Disease (formerly 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, 2012. 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.

INTERVENTION	Participants Completing/Enrolled in Interventions #(%) (%) = Completed/Enrolled	Outreach Contacts
BART	73/95 (77%)	124
Community PROMISE	41,831/41,831 (100%)	16,677
CRCS (HIV-positive)	36/63 (57%)	170
CRCS (HIV-negative)	17/19 (89%)	69
Healthy Relationships	325/418 (78%)	405
LIFE	64/81 (79%)	638
Mpowerment	216/216 (100%)	2,454
POL	58/72 (85%)	641
RAPP	2,689/2,689 (100%)	7,083
Respect	188/215 (87%)	318
SISTA	217/257 (84%)	677
VOICES/VOCES	943/943 (100%)	1,044
TOTALS	46,657/46,899 (99%)	30,300
Individual-Level Intervention (ILI) Group-Level Intervention (GLI) Community-Level Intervention (CLI)		

Almost 47,000 individuals were enrolled in behavioral interventions delivered by the 12 HIV Prevention (HP) providers, with four interventions having a completion rate greater than 90% (Table 1). Among all interventions, the community-level interventions Community PROMISE and RAPP enrolled the greatest number of participants (44,520, 94.9%). 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 (943, 2%) and Healthy Relationships (418, 0.9%). 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 (23,760), accounting for a combined 78.4% of the total outreach contacts. Mpowerment (2,454), VOICES (1,044), Healthy Relationships (405), and POL (641) together accounted for 14.9% of the total outreach contacts.

There are currently over 20 county health departments (CHD) implementing one or more behavioral interventions; the most widely implemented intervention by CHDs is VOICES/VOCES. In 2011, CHDs enrolled 19,561 participants in programs such as Partnership for Health (1,400), POL (18), VOICES (2,366) and HE/RR activities (13,887). There are an additional 11 HIV prevention (HP-2) providers, formerly under the Closing the Gap (CTG) program, that implement one or more behavioral interventions and HIV prevention strategies. HP-2 providers served almost 3,400 clients during their third year (2011-2012) of implementation (Table 2).

INTERVENTION	Participants Completing/Enrolled in Interventions #(%) (%) = Completed/Enrolled
BART	35/63 (55%)
Bloodlines	1905/1905 (100%)
CRCS (HIV-positive)	32/32 (100%)
CRCS (HIV-negative)	42/42 (100%)
Defend Yourself (D-Up)	22/27 (81%)
Healthy Relationships	81/81 (100%)
Many Men Many Voices (3MV)	44/54 (81%)
Mpowerment	31/31 (100%)
SISTA	578/681 (85%)
VOICES/VOCES	484/484 (100%)
TOTALS	3,242/3,388 (96%)
Individual-Level Intervention (ILI) Group-Level Intervention (GLI) Community-Level Intervention (CLI)	

There is an on-going effort to expand Florida's HIV prevention initiatives, and behavioral prevention interventions are merely one component of Florida's comprehensive prevention program. The HIV Prevention Section would like to thank all of our prevention providers (both CBOs and CHDs) for their hard work and dedication to stopping the spread of HIV and ensuring that people in their communities living with HIV/AIDS are linked to care and treatment.

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