



Alexandria Health Department Update: Getting To Zero

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Background

- HIV Infection Rates in 2016
 - Persons living with HIV = 756 per 100,000 (n=1,176)
 - Highest rate in NOVA
 - Second highest rate in Virginia
 - New HIV infections = 30.2 per 100,000 (n=47)

Opportunity

- VDH Early Intervention Services Grant
- AHD Objectives
 - Getting to Zero (GTZ)
 - Zero New Infections
 - Zero HIV Deaths
 - Zero Stigma

Grant

- Length = 22 months
 - March 2017 → December 2019
- \$929,000
 - Personnel - 5 full-time and 3 part-time
 - Marketing
 - Education

Strategies

- Universal HIV Testing
- Mitigate Gaps in Access to Testing & Link to Ongoing Care
 - Especially with youth, MSM, immigrant communities
 - Locate those lost to care to relink to care
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis treatment (PrEP)
- Internal Changes First!

Partnerships and Outreach

- *Universal Testing and PrEP Partnerships*
 - Neighborhood Health
 - Private Medical Providers - public health detailing
 - Inova Juniper
- Outreach
 - Expanded onsite AHD testing
 - NH's 6677 Richmond Highway office
 - Higher education, faith-based, homeless shelters/ transitional housing, local gathering places, community events

Community Marketing

- Community education and condom distribution
- Placards in WMATA/Dash transiting Alexandria
- Pandora music streaming campaign
- Social Media

Number of People Reached

- **12,216 Persons Tested (through July 2019)**
 - NH Universal testing - 7,235
 - AHD GTZ high-risk outreach (MSM, Ethiopian, youth) - 1,447
 - Other AHD testing - 3,534
 - Positive patients linked to care - 9
 - Contacts (to persons living with HIV) tested - 62
- **Private Medical Providers**
 - 16 Alexandria primary care medical practices
 - Three educational opportunities with CMEs (w/ Inova Juniper)

Data since GTZ Initiated

New HIV Infections in 2016

- New HIV infections = **30.2** per 100,000 (**n=47**)

• HIV Infections in 2018

- New HIV infections = **16.2** per 100,000 (**n=28**)

Continuing Steps

- Continued Funding
 - DC Department of Health's HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA)
 - → Neighborhood Health (Ryan White provider)
- Regional Collaborations
- Zero New Infections | Zero HIV Deaths | Zero Stigma