



**VENTURA COUNTY**  
**HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment**

Presented by:  
Ventura County AIDS Partnership &  
Ventura County Public Health

# Interview Summary

Total Interviews: 48

- Interviews by Type:

- 5 volunteers
- 15 consumers
- 5 advocates
- 17 service providers
- 1 student
- 5 other

- Interviews by Gender:

- Female 22
- Male 17

- Interviews by Age:

- 17, 20, 24x2, 25, 27, 30x4, 34 x2, 36x2, 38, 39, 40, 44x2, 45x6, 46, 50x4, 51 x2, 55x5, 57

- Interviews by Ethnicity:

- African American: 4
- Asian Pacific Islander: 1
- Caucasian: 23
- Latino: 19
- Mixed Race: 1

- Interviews by Zip Code:

- 91320, 91360, 93001, 93003 x6, 93004 x5, 93011, 93012, 93021, 93023, 93030 x4, 93035, 93036 x3, 93060, 93062, 93065x5, 91360x2, 98036

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and Will



# Essential Programs and Services – Current or Needed

- ADAP/Medications
- Case Management
- Education
- Education/Outreach to Spanish Speakers/Underrepresented Cultures
- Food/Nutrition
- Health Fairs
- Heterosexual Women's Programs
- Housing/Rental Assistance
- Media Outreach
- Medical Care
- Mental Health Counseling
- Outreach
- Positively Speaking/Education in Schools and Colleges
- Printed Materials/Handouts
- Small group Presentations
- Support Groups
- Testing
- Testing – General
- Transportation/Gas Vouchers



# ***What is currently working in educating people about HIV?***

- Positively Speaking/Education in Schools and Colleges (12)
- Health Fairs (4)
- Printed Materials/Handouts (3)
- Small group Presentations (3)
- Media Outreach (2)
- Outreach (2)
- Testing – General (2)
  - Testing/Education of MSMs
  - Testing – Inmates

## Also:

- Comprehensive Sexual Health Classes That Include HIV
- FamPac
- Posters at Paddy's, Romantix and 3-Star
- QAC
- Risk Reduction Counseling
- Simple Words
- Spanish Language Education
- VCRA's HIV 101
- World AIDS Day



# ***What is currently working in providing care to people living with HIV?***

## Services:

- Case Management (12)
- Mental Health Counseling/Therapy (6)
- Food Pantry (4)
- Housing Assistance (4)
- ADAP (3)
- Bridge Program (3)
- Spanish-Speaking Assistance (2)

## Also:

- Emotional Support

# ***What are emerging trends that may influence programs and services in the next 12-18 months?***

## Trends:

- Funding/Budget Cuts (18)
- More People Addicted to Drugs (Heroin Specifically) (3)
- Closing/Decreased Hours of Food Bank (4)
- Changes in Technology/Availability of Information Online and in other Media (3)
- APVC Closing (2)
- Shifting Demographics
  - More Spanish Speakers (2)
  - More Heterosexual Women
  - More Latinos
  - More people under 30
  - People over 50

## Also:

- Lack of Medical Providers
- Services Stopping
- Greater interest in collaboration
- Greater Demand (Persons Moving to County)
- Increased TV spots
- Increasing numbers of “down low brothers”
- Rising Unemployment
- Rising Homelessness
- Increasing Mental Health Issues
- Dual Diagnosis (Hep C)
- National Health Care Overhaul

# ***When you think about HIV, what are the most pressing needs?***

## Needs:

- Education/Prevention (23)
- ADAP/Meds (14)
- Medical Care (9)
- Testing (4)
- Housing/Rental Assistance (6)
- Food (6)
- A Cure (3)
- Utilities Assistance (2)
- Drug Treatment/Rehab (2)
- Case Management (2)
- Outreach to the Latino and Spanish-Speaking Populations (2)

## Also:

- Outreach to Heterosexual women
- Comprehensive sexuality education (Evidence-Based)
- Deciding whether or not to have kids
- Treatment adherence
- Telling family HIV status



# ***What programs should be invested in?***

## **Investment options:**

- Education (12)
  - Education/Outreach to Spanish Speakers/Underrepresented Cultures (2)
- Housing/Rental Assistance (9)
- ADAP/Medications (9)
- Testing (6)
- Food/Nutrition (5)
- Mental Health Counseling (3)
- Medical Care (3)
- Transportation/Gas Vouchers (3)
- Case Management (3)
- Support Groups (2)
- Heterosexual Women's Programs (2)

## • Also:

- Detox/Drug Treatment
- Risk Reduction Counseling
- Utilities
- Programs for Youth
- Rapid Testing
- Reaching Hard to Reach Populations
- Research for the cure
- Special Needs Adults
- Hispanic Women's Programs

# ***Are there any programs that should be reviewed before continued investments are made?***

***Note: Most respondents felt that this was a bad time to discontinue any existing programs.***

## **Recommended for Review:**

- **Food Bank**
- **All Outreach Strategies**
- **HIV Educators, Testers and Test Counselors (assure these are properly trained)**



# ***Is there anything else you would like to add?***

## ***Selected Quotes:***

*“If it were not for the help of these organizations and the wonderful people I've met I could never have had an opportunity to become confident and self sufficient in the life left before me and a chance to share my story.”*

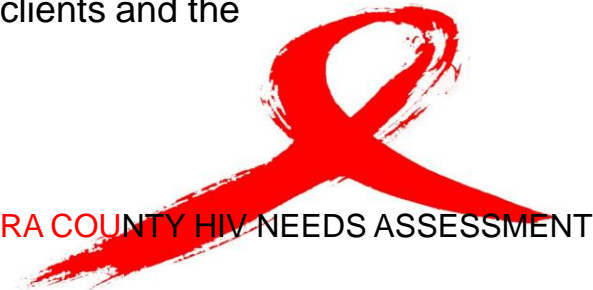
*“I would like to see Ventura County become a force behind HIV/AIDS and would like to be a participant in this change in our community.”*

*“I want to thank Mary, Andres, Jay and Martin for always being there when I need them.”*

*“I want to thank VCRA and Public Health. They've been a big help.”*

*“More collaboration with community partners to determine who has the funding and where we may need to be outsourcing clients to help with client's needs.”*

*“All agencies need to work TOGETHER better - it's about the clients and the communities needs, let's all play nice in the sandbox.”*



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# Thank You!

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