Care Services: 2015-2016 Overview

Through your support SAAF was able to offer a comprehensive array of services that made a great impact for many people last year.

- 1,296 people received case management, family support, and peer counseling services
- 593 people accessed dental services through a contract with Delta Dental
- 601 people received food assistance
- 84 people received Medical Cost Sharing Assistance
- 471 people received transportation services
- 121 people received assistance through the Holiday Project
- 1 person received medications assistance
- 82 households received emergency short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance or move-in deposits
- 165 people accessed services of the Complementary Therapies Program

The Care Services department ensures that people living with HIV/AIDS have access to the services they need to maintain optimal health and live as independently and safely as possible. Care Services expanded in FY 15/16 through increased Ryan White funds. SAAF worked with the Arizona Department of Health Services to increase services in the following key areas: Housing Case Management, Psychosocial Support Services, Housing, and Early Intervention Services. As a result, an additional 15 staff positions were created and will be housed at SAAF’s main office and an additional office in South Tucson scheduled to open in the Fall of 2016. SAAF will be further expanding statewide by hiring staff in Flagstaff, AZ and Yuma, AZ in the Spring of 2017. SAAF was also able to expand our HIV testing and community education efforts as a result of this Ryan White expansion. We are also providing crisis intervention, case management and support to LGBT community members experiencing violence and harassment through our Anti-Violence Project. Care Services programs are grouped into three primary areas: case management, support services, and housing services.
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Support Services

- Complementary Therapies
- Dental Services (provided statewide except for Maricopa and Pinal Counties)
- Food and Nutrition Services, including the Food for Life Program and the Food Pantry, Ensure distribution, Harvest Days, and Emergency Meals
- Holiday Project
- Medication Benefits Management for those enrolled through the Affordable Care Act Federally Facilitated Marketplace (provided statewide)
- Medical Benefits cost sharing assistance for those enrolled in statewide ADAP Assist
- Medications Assistance
- Support Groups
- Transportation Services
- Wellness and Buyers’ Club
- Clothing Vouchers
- Hygiene/Cleaning Supplies
- Other personal support services

Housing Services

- 83 units owned by SAAF at seven different locations
- 242 households in subsidized rental units in the community. 150 of these were transition housing funded households
- 15 homeless preference Section 8 Vouchers
- 340 total households served
- 470 total persons served
- Move-in assistance and short-term financial assistance to help pay rent, mortgage, and utility bills

Case Management Services

- Case Management provided needs assessments, the development of care and action plans, and provision of or referral to necessary services.
- Peer Counseling provided people living with HIV/AIDS with a caring person living with or deeply affected by HIV/AIDS, from whom they can receive support and information.
- Case Management was provided through our Anti-Violence Project for LGBTQ survivors of violence. These services include safety planning, goal planning, basic needs, shelter, advocacy, and support navigating the legal system.
- Case Management was also provided to chronically homeless persons in a new program component serving chronically homeless persons regardless of their HIV status.

Of all the people served last year, 97% were low income, with 54% living below the poverty level. Due to the ongoing economic conditions and the stress of living with limited incomes, the demand remained high for basic support services including housing, food, transportation, emergency rent and utility assistance, as well as essential medical services including dental care and medications assistance.

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PREVENTION OVERVIEW

SAAF

Prevention: 2015-2016 Overview

SAAF’s Prevention Department creates healthier communities through innovative education, training, and outreach services to reduce the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis, and sexually-transmitted infections by using safe and supportive approaches. Prevention services targeted populations at increased risk of HIV infection or transmission, Hepatitis C infection, substance use, sexual assault, and suicide. Communities served included gay/bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (MSM); men and women who inject drugs, have a history of injection drug use, are currently in drug treatment, and/or have a history of incarceration; youth, including young people of color, LGBTQ youth, and adjudicated youth; and people living with HIV/AIDS.

SAAF provided effective behavioral interventions, public health strategies and health education and risk-reduction activities that included outreach, individual-level interventions, group-level interventions, community-level interventions, health education/public information, and social media strategies.

Prevention programs conducted outreach and educational events, making over 38,000 contacts; over 100 individual-level interventions were conducted with people living with HIV/AIDS and others at high risk; over 1,000 individuals accessed syringe services with over 2,000 visits; over 60 group-level interventions were conducted reaching close to 1,000 individuals; and approximately 300,000 condoms and other safer-sex materials were distributed in Tucson.

HIV Counseling and Testing was provided by trained SAAF staff. Testing was available at SAAF, behavioral health agencies, local bars, Walgreens locations, UoA, and at community events throughout the year. Confidential HIV testing using an HIV Rapid Test was available. Last year approximately 1,729 people received HIV rapid testing services at SAAF, Behavioral Health Agencies in Pinal County, community locations including three Walgreens locations, and at mobile-testing events. Hepatitis C rapid testing was also made available to people who inject drugs or have a history of injection drug use. Over 540 Hepatitis C rapid tests were conducted at SAAF and in collaboration with behavioral health organizations in Tucson.
Prevention Programming

HIV Testing
- HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral
- Clearview Complete HIV 1/2 Rapid test (15 minutes)
- SAAF Testing Monday-Friday
- Rural Testing (Pinal County)
- Community Events Collaborators

Adult Programs

Steps Towards Effective Positive Prevention (STEPP)
- For people living with HIV
- Medication adherence, HIV status disclosure, support of newly diagnosed, goal setting, substance use & abuse, reduce HIV and STI acquisition and transmission

Men’s Sexual Health And Personal Empowerment (MSHAPE)
- For MSM
- Condom distribution
- Support around behavior change, substance use & abuse, risk reduction
- Peer driven and peer led

One Life
- For current and former substance users, primarily IDU

Youth Programs

Reaching Adolescents Prevention Project (RAPP): Substance abuse and HIV Education services. Program completed in December 2015

Life PLUS Project: Social Marketing Campaign, primarily on Facebook, targeting youth. Promoted HIV Testing, and addressed stigma and myths of HIV, HIV co-factors. Program completed in December 2015

Youth Empowerment and LGBTQ Leadership (YELL): Substance Abuse education/reduction and Coalition Building

HIV Youth Peer Education (HYPE): HIV Education and peer support

Arizona Life Links for Youth (ALLY): Suicide Prevention, LGBTQ youth

ANCHOR: Collaboration with SIROW. SAAF provided education and workplace development activities to LGBTQ young adults

Eon Youth Lounge: SAAF provides HIV Testing and HIV/STI prevention, education, support, and a safe space for LGBTQ youth

Youth Life Project: Sexual and dating violence prevention and education

Your Story: Substance abuse and HIV education and prevention services for youth and young adults of color. HIV, HCV, and HBV testing services; capacity building and social marketing

Aztec Proactive Prevention Project: A collaboration with Pima Community College, the program aims to reduce substance abuse and HIV by providing education, group-level interventions, HIV and HCV testing, and support services to students in the PCC Desert Vista and West Campuses.
Below is a financial snapshot of SAAF’s 2015-2016 fiscal year*. As you will notice, there is a reported gain of $900,000+ meaning SAAF finished the financial year in a stronger financial position than the previous year. Much of this additional revenue is income from the Capital Campaign to raise funds for the Thornhill Lopez Center on 4th (see cover story).

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- Tankersley Family Trust

**$50,000-$99,000**
- Armstrong McDonald Foundation

**$25,000-$49,000**
- Civano Coffee House
- M.A.C. AIDS Fund

**$10,000-$24,000**
- Desert Diamond Casino
- AIDS United/Syringe Access Fund
- LGBTSA Alliance Fund
- Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
- Comer Family Foundation
- Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation
- DIFFA Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS
- HJW Foundation
- Nordstrom
- Richard Grand Foundation

**$5,000- $9,999**
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- Elton John AIDS Foundation
- Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona*
- Long Realty Cares Foundation
- Southwestern Utility Management
- Steve J. Miller Foundation
- Tucson Foundations
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