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Youth Education Services Y.E.S.



An Overview of our Programs and Services

USF Program Description
HEALTH

- The University of South Florida (USF) Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases is the primary provider of pediatric and adolescent primary and specialty HIV medical care for the Tampa Bay Area

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USF Florida Demographic Statistics
HEALTH

- Florida had approximately 12% of the AIDS cases and 13% of HIV cases in the US for 2006.
(Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS)
- Florida ranks 3rd in the nation for cumulative AIDS cases with 101, 013 reported cases and 2nd for cumulative HIV cases with 35, 584 reported cases of HIV infection (not AIDS).
(CDC 2005)

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USF HEALTH Florida Demographic Statistics

- In 2007, Florida reported a higher percentage of AIDS cases among Blacks (54%) compared with the United States (48.2%).
(Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS)
- In Florida 15% of new infections of HIV are among persons under the age of 25.
(MMWR Surveillance Summaries of 33 states with HIV reporting in the U.S.)

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USF HEALTH Florida Demographic Statistics

- In Florida, 726 AIDS cases and 2265 HIV cases were reported among 13- 24 year olds.
 - Blacks accounted for 71% of the AIDS cases, Whites and Hispanics both accounted for 14% each, and individuals from other racial backgrounds accounted for the remaining 2% of cases.
 - Blacks accounted for 66% of the HIV cases, Whites 20% of cases, Hispanics 17%, and other racial backgrounds accounted for the remaining 2% of HIV cases.
 - Among the AIDS cases 33% had MSM exposure and 48% had heterosexual exposure.
 - Among the HIV cases 47% had MSM exposure and 46% had heterosexual exposure
 - Women accounted for the majority of AIDS and HIV cases reported though heterosexual contact with 79% and 93% respectively.(2004- 2006 Florida HIV/AIDS annual Report/ Epidemiologic Profile)

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USF HEALTH Program Description

- USF has had a specialized program for HIV/AIDS infected youth since 1995.
- In October 2001,USF Pediatric Infectious Diseases was awarded a Ryan White Part D (now Title IV) Youth Initiative grant, to form the Tampa Bay Youth Services Network (TBYSN) now Youth Education Services (YES) Program.

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USF HEALTH Program Description

- YES serves youth between the ages of 13-24 years of age in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, which include the urban centers of Tampa and St. Petersburg (Tampa Bay).

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USF HEALTH Program Description

Youth Education Services (YES) has three primary goals:

1. Identify HIV-infected youth who are not in care
2. Bring them into care
3. Maintain them in care

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USF HEALTH Profile of Services and Client Base

1. Identify HIV-infected youth who are not in care
This is accomplished through peer-to-peer case finding, community outreach, counseling and HIV-testing.

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USF HEALTH Profile of Services and Client Base

- In 2007, YES provided **free, confidential testing to 468 high-risk youth.**
- These testing services were completed at sites such as:
 - Orient Road Jail (Corrections)
 - Robles Park Community Housing (Public Housing)
 - PACE Center for Girls (Alternative School)
 - Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan (THAP) (Community Based Service Organization)
 - Community Outreach Events

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Demographics of those tested in 2007

Gender: Race/Ethnicity

- 57% male
- 42% female
- 1% transgender (male to female)

Race/Ethnicity

- 61% Blacks
- 27% Whites
- 19% Hispanics and Others

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2. Bring them into care

This is accomplished though outreach, peer support, and mentorship.

- YES attends the first clinical appointment with clients
- Arranges transportation
- Supports the client by phone and text messages

- 23 new clients were identified and brought into care in 2007

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3. Maintain them in care

In 2007, the total number of unduplicated HIV-infected 13 to 24 year old youth served by medical and supportive services was 169.

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USF HEALTH Profile of Services and Client Base

- YES provides specialty HIV medical care, and support services to all youth enrolled in the program
 - dietitian services
 - transportation to medical appointments
 - treatment adherence counseling
 - childcare
 - support groups
 - laboratory tests
 - emergency dental care
 - gynecological services
 - psychiatric services
 - psychological services
 - referral to clinical trials

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- YES also provides Peer Based Support
 - Support groups
 - On-going Sexual Health information
 - Condom distribution
 - Life Skills Training
 - GED Support
 - DOT

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USF HEALTH Profile of Services and Client Base

Of the 169 clients served:

- Gender
 - 31% male
 - 69% female
- Race
 - 56% Black
 - 19% White
 - 17% Hispanic
 - 4% More than one race

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Client reported exposure to HIV:

27% were through heterosexual exposure
 5% men who had sex with men
 67% perinatally exposed

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USF HEALTH Challenges

- Challenges faced by the YES program include:
 - the provision of mental health and risk reduction services
 - improving outreach to GLTBQ youth
 - transitioning young adults into adult care
 - enhancing the continuous quality improvement program and management information systems

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USF YES 2008
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- YES expects to serve a minimum of 420 unduplicated high-risk youth and young adults through its case finding, outreach and counseling and testing services in 2008
- 120 youth are expected to be served in medical and support services

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Thank You!!!

Any Questions ???

For further information on the YES Program Please Contact:

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