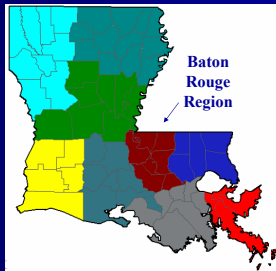


Lessons Learned During and After ARTAS II: Louisiana's Experience

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Baton Rouge Region



Why Baton Rouge?



- Baton Rouge has been disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic
- In 2004, Baton Rouge tied for 3rd highest AIDS case rates among metropolitan cities and New Orleans ranked 6th.
- Of the 1,113 persons newly detected with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana in 2004, 260 (23%) were detected in the Baton Rouge Region
- In the Baton Rouge region in 2004, 36% of newly diagnosed persons had progressed to an AIDS diagnosis within 12 months

Pre-ARTAS II Data

- Louisiana has collected name-based data since 1993 and mandatory lab data since 1999, which are reported to OPH HIV/AIDS Program
- In 2003, 61.7% of newly diagnosed persons in the Baton Rouge area had successfully enrolled in medical care within 6 months of diagnosis

ARTAS Structure

- Louisiana Office of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Program
 - Grantee (Administrative and Financial Oversight)
 - Coordinated program implementation activities
 - Maintained regular contact with CBOs
 - Program Evaluation activities
- Two Community-Based Organizations
 - Volunteers of America
 - Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge
- 14 HIV Counseling and Testing Sites

Implementation

- Staffing
 - Needed to distinguish ARTAS II staff from other HIV case managers → Linkage Coordinators
- Ongoing Communication with Referring Sites
- Referrals to ARTAS II
 - 80 eligible individuals referred (4/1/05-9/30/06)
 - 14 referring sites
 - STD Clinic – 49% of referrals
 - Hospitals – 19% of referrals

Enrolled Clients

n=74

	N	%
Gender		
Male	40	54%
Female	33	45%
Transgender	1	1%
Race		
African American	67	91%
White	6	8%
American Indian	1	1%

ARTAS Intervention Results

- 74 clients enrolled in ARTAS II
- Following six months of enrollment date:
 - 2 clients had died
 - Of remaining clients, 55 (76.4%) had accessed medical care within six months
 - Improvement compared to pre-ARTAS II data (61.7%)
- Most clients were successfully transitioned into long-term case management (Part B funded)

Post-ARTAS Transition Plan

- Project formally ended June 2007
 - FSGBR intended to request Part B funding to continue ARTAS staff
 - VOA intended to re-assign ARTAS staff to be a Part B case manager
 - OPH HIV/AIDS Program conducted ongoing trainings to ALL Part B CM agencies in Louisiana on strengths-base case management model

New Plan Developed When...

- Baton Rouge was awarded Part A funds as a Transitional Grant Area (TGA)
- FSGBR
 - Still transitioned Linkage Coordinator to Intake Specialist with Part A funds
 - Maintained elements of the ARTAS II model
- VOA
 - Transitioned Linkage Coordinator to Part A Case Manager
 - Staff turnover shortly thereafter

Post-ARTAS Data

- Reviewed data to determine how many original ARTAS II clients were still enrolled in medical care after ARTAS II formally ended (6/07-3/08)
 - Family Services of GBR: 76%
 - VOA: 66%
- Overall, 71.6% continued medical care (removing deceased clients)

Summary

- ARTAS II intervention influenced case management service delivery model
- Strengthened relationships among network providers
- Continue to explore implementation of formal SBCM model in other regions

Questions/Comments?

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