

Nevada

AIDS Rate per 100,000

11.8*

State Funds for HIV Early Intervention Services

State Expenditures	
Required Base	SFY 2008 Expenditures Maintenance
\$10,900	\$89,825
SAPT EXPENDITURES	
FY 2006 HIV Set-Aside	FY 2009 Planned
\$643,190	\$687,594

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Set-aside is used to provide HIV outreach services, including HIV counseling, testing and referral. These services are provided via sub-grants in two counties in conjunction with SAPT funded HIV outreach projects conducted by Southern Nevada Health District, Northern Nevada HOPES, and the Bureau of Community Health. Projects utilized SAPT funds (\$10,625) to purchase rapid HIV tests.

HIV Early Intervention Services Provided							
Rapid Testing	Funding Rapid Testing	Regular HIV Testing	Pre-Test and Post-Test Counseling	Referral Services	Risk Assessment	HIV/AIDS Education	Outreach
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State Narrative Summary

Under subgrants within two counties, Clark and Washoe, Nevada provided FY 2006 HIV early intervention services that included counseling, testing, and referral services. Services included outreach, based on the National Institute on Drug Abuse Community-Based Outreach Model; through this coordinated effort, clients were assured access to services. In FY 2008, the State found that increased use of Ora-Sure helped to reduce resistance to HIV testing among clients. The Nevada State Health Division Frontier and Rural Public Health Program, subgrantee for rural Nevada HIV services, was obtaining SAMHSA funding to provide training on rapid testing for the program's rural Nevada nursing staff. In FY 2009, the State intends to continue its focus on special populations and federal funding requirements.

*THE MOST RECENT DATA PUBLISHED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2008 BY THE CDC IS TABLE 14, REPORTED AIDS CASES AND ANNUAL RATES (PER 100,000 POPULATION), BY AREA OF RESIDENCE AND AGE CATEGORY, CUMULATIVE THROUGH 2005-UNITED STATES, HIV/AIDS SURVEILLANCE REPORT 2005 VOL. 17, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, NATIONAL CENTER FOR HIV, STD, AND TB PREVENTION, DIVISION OF HIV/AIDS, PREVENTION, SURVEILLANCE, AND EPIDEMIOLOGY. SINGLE COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CDC NATIONAL PREVENTION INFORMATION NETWORK, 800-458-5231 OR 301-562-1098 OR [HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/HIV/TOPICS/SURVEILLANCE/RESOURCES/REPORTS/2006REPORT/TABLE14.HTM](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2006report/table14.htm).

Full State Narrative

FY 2006 (COMPLIANCE)

Introduction: This goal was met in FY 2006. The 2006 Treatment Continuation Application addressed the needs of special populations and federal funding requirements statewide. The application specifically requested that applicants discuss their ability to comply with identified state and federal funding requirements and restrictions that address human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) Outreach Services. As Nevada is a designated state, an amount of \$643,190 was used to meet the five percent set-aside.

How the SAPT Block Grant Funds were used to Meet the Goals, Objectives, and Activities in the FY 2006 Application: Nevada was successful in this objective as a result of the services for substance abusers at risk for, or infected with, HIV/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). This required a well coordinated system for outreach, screening, and assessment, as well as access to substance abuse treatment services able to assure adequate healthcare for clients. Services included outreach, based on the National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA) Community-Based Outreach Model and early intervention services for all clients for HIV counseling, testing, and referral. The results of this coordination at the community level ensure access to these important services. Onsite monitoring was a critical component to ensure compliance with intravenous drug use (IDU) interim services, availability of early intervention services for HIV and outreach policies, and verifying procedures which include each of the five required elements and utilize one of the three appropriate outreach models. Description of the Relevant Nevada Policies, Procedures, and Laws: Please see Goal #1 for a detailed description of the relevant policies, procedures, and laws.

What Services, Programs, and Activities were Supported: During FY 2006, HIV intervention services were provided through sub grant funding in Clark and Washoe counties (Las Vegas and Reno areas respectively) in conjunction with the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency's (SAPTA) funded HIV outreach projects conducted by Southern Nevada Health District and Northern Nevada HOPES. The Bureau of Community Health provided HIV intervention services through sub grant funding in the rural and frontier programs that received SAPTA treatment funding. In FY 2006, 5,747 clients received these services.

What Progress was Made: Approximately 1,599 individuals at high-risk of HIV, as reported through the client data system as IDUs, were in funded treatment programs statewide. Programs were required to submit quarterly utilization reports to the Agency indicating the number of onsite visits and clients that received counseling, testing, and referrals. The three agencies provided onsite services an average of twice a week in Clark and Washoe counties and as necessary in the rural areas of the state. Services provided by Southern Nevada Health District, Northern Nevada HOPES, and the Bureau of Community Health were delivered by licensed nurses and included referrals for other health care needs. In FY 2006, two positive tests were discovered.

FY 2008 (PROGRESS)

Introduction: The goal to implement SAPTA's Strategic Plan and HIV Early Intervention Services continues in FY 2008, as required. The amount utilized for providing these services statewide is expected to be \$643,330.

Nevada's Progress in Meeting the Goals, Objectives, and Activities in the FY 2008 Application: The increased use of Orasure, made possible largely because of increased SAPTA funding to Southern Nevada Health District (Clark County), resulted in less resistance to HIV testing by clients. The Nevada State Health Division Frontier and Rural Public Health Program (formerly Bureau of Community Health) is obtaining technical assistance through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide training on rapid testing for the program's rural Nevada nursing staff. Outreach services are being enhanced in rural areas through increased collaboration with local coalitions and monitoring with experienced staff in Clark and Washoe counties. In FY 2008, 5,616 clients received these services.

Description of Recipients of the Block Grant Funds: The three programs providing services are Southern Nevada Health District, Northern Nevada HOPES, and the Nevada State Health Division Frontier and Rural Public Health Program in Nevada's rural areas. Individuals meeting the criteria for substance abuse or dependency, and admitted to a funded treatment program, have HIV early intervention services available onsite. In FY 2008, Southern Nevada Health District, serving the largest population in Nevada (Clark County), provided additional staff training for laboratory assistants, and on HIV protocols, which allowed testing and results to be available at substance abuse treatment locations. Currently, testing is offered three days a week, for four hours each morning. The Nevada State Health Division's Frontier and Rural Public Health Program have included early intervention services for HIV and outreach activities in the annual nursing staff training provided by SAPTA staff.

FY 2009 (INTENDED USE)

Introduction: The FY 2009 funding will continue to highlight the needs of special populations and federal funding requirements. The anticipated amount for services statewide is \$643,330. Onsite monitoring will continue to be conducted for compliance with IDU interim services, and availability of early intervention services for HIV and outreach policies. Procedures include each of the following five required elements: pretest counseling for HIV/AIDS; testing individuals with respect to such disease; provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system; appropriate posttest counseling; and provide therapeutic measures or make arrangements for the services. SAPTA requires all funded treatment programs to have policies that address outreach; the protocols must be in compliance with NIDA's Community-Based Outreach Model. This model is comprised of two interrelated concepts designed to identify potential clients and to engage in risk-education interventions.

How the SAPT Block Grant Funds will be used to Meet the Required Goals, Objectives, and Activities

Who will be Served: Approximately 5,600 individuals will receive these services based on past utilization data.

What Activities/Services will be Provided, Expanded, or Enhanced: The focus of activities will be similar to prior years, with activities devoted to outreach and care coordination.

When will the Activities/Services be Implemented: The FY 2009 funding period is July 01, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

Where in the State will the Activities/Services be Undertaken: Activities will continue statewide with services being provided by Southern Nevada Health District in Clark County, Northern Nevada HOPES in Washoe County, and by the Nevada State Health Divisions Frontier and Rural Public Health Program in Nevada's rural areas.

How will the Activities/Services be Operationalized: Activities will be the same as those indicated in FY 2008; subgrants will continue to be used to support services.

HIV Early Intervention Services

Substance abuse treatment providers funded by SAPTA are required to ensure individuals have access to interventions designed to reduce the risk of HIV and TB infection and to minimize the health consequences associated with these diseases. Consequently, during FY 2006, SAPTA awarded sub grants to three programs: Southern Nevada Health District, Northern Nevada HOPES, and Frontier and Rural Public Health Program (formally Bureau of Community Health), to collaborate with community-based substance abuse treatment providers in a manner that meets the unique needs of their communities. Programs providing these services are required to provide early intervention services for HIV and to develop associated outreach policies.

Furthermore, providers have developed procedures that include each of the five required elements: pretest counseling for HIV/AIDS; testing individuals with respect to communicable disease; provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system; appropriate post testing counseling; and, provide therapeutic measures or make arrangements for these services.

The State of Nevada has developed protocols to improve public health that comprise strategies targeted at both HIV/AIDS and TB. Providers are required to utilize the HIV/TB Testing Protocols and Tuberculin Protocols for the Health Professional.

HIV Protocol protocols require that programs must make HIV Early Intervention Services available at sites where individuals are undergoing substance abuse treatment. These services must be undertaken voluntarily by, and with the informed consent of, the individual and undergoing such services will not be required as a condition of receiving services for substance abuse. Services include:

- Pretest counseling.
- Pretesting individuals for HIV and AIDS, including tests to confirm the presence of the disease, testing to diagnose the extent of the deficiency in the immune system, and tests to provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures for prevention treating the deterioration of the immune system and for preventing and treating conditions that arise from the disease.
- Appropriate post test counseling must be provided.

HIV Early Intervention Programs Receiving Funds				
Program	Status	Address	Phone	Funds
Clark County Health District	N/A	400 Shadow Lane, #210, Las Vegas, NV 89106	702-759-0711	\$442,012
Northern Nevada HOPES	N/A	467 Ralston Street, Reno, NV 89513	775-348-2893	\$127,706
State Health Division - Bureau of Community Health	N/A	4150 Technology Way, Second Floor, Carson City, NV 89706	775-684-5900	\$102,912

Status Key: [A] Active, [I] Inactive, [n/a] Not available, [P] Facility physically closed, [S] No substance abuse services provided, [U] Closed as duplicate of another facility.