

Virgin Islands

AIDS Rate per 100,000

29.5*

State Funds for HIV Early Intervention Services

| State Expenditures | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Required Base | SFY 2008 Expenditures Maintenance |
| N/A | \$0 |
| SAPT EXPENDITURES | |
| FY 2006 HIV Set-Aside | FY 2009 Planned |
| \$31,082 | \$ 31,105 |

FY 2010 SAPT Reports

Early intervention services are made available through a memorandum of agreement with the HIV/STD clinic of the Department of Health. HIV services provided include pre/post test counseling, testing, outreach, and referral.

| HIV Early Intervention Services Provided | | | | | | | |
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| 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

Through a memorandum of agreement with the HIV/sexually transmitted disease clinic of the Department of Health, early intervention services for HIV target clients who have substance abuse problems. As part of the medical history taken when clients are admitted to the outpatient clinic, clients are routinely asked about their HIV status. Early intervention services, which were expected to continue through Fiscal Year 2008, included rapid HIV testing, pre- and post-test counseling, referral services, risk assessment, and outreach.

Full State Narrative

FY 2006 (COMPLIANCE)

In FY 2006, the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) was in compliance with all mandates regarding early intervention services for people with substance abuse problems; 76 people received HIV education services. In FY 2008, the USVI continued to offer these services under an agreement with the HIV/STD Program. The USVI plans to

*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).

conduct a needs assessment in FY 2009 to further examine additional need for HIV services for people with substance abuse problems by examining current treatment utilization data in relation to available services..

FY 2008 (PROGRESS)

By September 2008, the Division will continue to provide pre- and post- test counseling, training, condom distribution, data collection, outreach, case and medication management, referral to other agencies and follow-up.

All outreach, counseling, training, testing, data collection, case and medication management services were provided through the Division's MOU with the HIV/STD Program. Both the Division and the HIV program conducted condom distribution activities. Substance abuse clients, especially those known to have elevated risk factors, were routinely referred to the HIV program for counseling and testing services.

By September 2008, the Division will revise its MOU with the Division of STD/HIV/TB and expand its work to include other faith and community-based organizations.

The MOU between the Division and the HIV/STD/TB program was revised and submitted for approval to the Health Department's executive office. MOUs with one faith-based and other community organizations were also developed and are being evaluated.

FY 2009 (INTENDED USE)

USVI will continue its needs assessment activities to further examine additional need for HIV services for persons receiving substance abuse treatment services by examining current treatment utilization data in relation to available services. At present, although there are non-profits such as VICare that provide testing and counseling for HIV, there are no existing agreements with any outside agencies to provide HIV early intervention services to clients engaged in outpatient substance abuse treatment with the Department of Health.

HIV Early Intervention Services

Early intervention services are provided in both districts (St. Thomas and St. Croix) through the collaboration (MOU) established with the HIV/STD/TB program which implements its services according to the same protocol territorially. The outreach activities of both the DMHADDs and the HIV/STD/TB program include targeting intravenous drug users for early intervention services as well as substance abuse treatment. The agreement between both programs includes a two-way referral relationship wherein clients are referred as indicated.