



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2011

Founded on World AIDS Day in 1989, as a volunteer governed, community-based organization, BASIC NWFL, Inc., is a 501 (C) (3), not for profit organization that serves the six counties of Area 2A (a Department of Health planning designation for the Central Panhandle of North Florida) : Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington.

BASIC's mission is to aid, assist and comfort those living with HIV/AIDS, to provide awareness, education and prevention services to those at risk of contracting HIV, to provide substance use/HIV education and mentoring to children with one or more parent incarcerated in a state or federal detainment facility.

BASIC is a good Community partner. In 2011, the agency brought approximately \$1.25 million from outside grants into the community. These dollars were spent in the local community on maintaining agency operations and assisting clients.

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Dear Friends,

BASIC NWFL, Inc. is pleased to present its fourth annual report to the community, a report card on the agency, its efforts in providing services to those in the community who are living with HIV/AIDS or those at risk of contracting the virus, and its stewardship of the resources entrusted to the agency.

The BASIC family is thankful to our federal and state government funders, and to our nonprofit funders, whose support is essential to the operation of BASIC. Through these funders BASIC has brought into the community approximately \$1.25 million in 2011. These dollars are spent in the community for our clients, and to sustain BASIC operations by purchasing goods and services right here in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties.

The BASIC family is thankful to a generous community for its support during this and the past 22 years, and its assistance in allowing us to fulfill the mission of BASIC. For those living with HIV/AIDS, medical and support services, pharmaceuticals, case management, and assistance with housing, transportation, and so many other services make the difference between living healthy, productively, and with dignity than being sick, lonely and forgotten.

This past year has been extremely challenging. New federal directives are channeling funding to communities more heavily impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and distributing fewer dollars to areas such as ours. BASIC also saw a decrease in funding to several state programs which provide significant services to agency clients which resulted in clients being placed on waiting lists for HIV medications and assistance with insurance premiums. More positively, BASIC received continued funding from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration to address the issues of HIV and Substance Abuse among young African American adults, and funding from Viiv Pharmaceuticals to reduce the stigma of HIV/AIDS and other obstacles that prevent infected persons from seeking and remaining in care and treatment.

It has been a challenging year, but we are thankful to our supporters and the community in general for their continued support. We can be proud of our community for their help, and the community can be proud of BASIC, its Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers. Thank you for caring!

Sincerely,
Valerie Mincey, M.S.W.
Executive Director

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Income



- Grants
- Other Funding Agreements
- Local
- In-Kind

Grants:

Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	\$241,980
State of Florida (Get REAL Grant)	\$145,579
Administration for Children and Families	\$122,291
Viiv	<u>\$4,627</u>
Total grants	\$514,477

Other Funding Agreements:

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$94,215
AIDS Insurance Continuation program	\$45,877
Project AIDS Care (Medicaid)	\$40,600
Ryan White Part B (Care and Treatment service funding)	<u>\$451,541</u>
Total	\$632,233

Local:

Special Events	\$17,662
Donations	\$7,278
United Way	\$5,250
Other	<u>\$3014</u>
Total	\$33,204

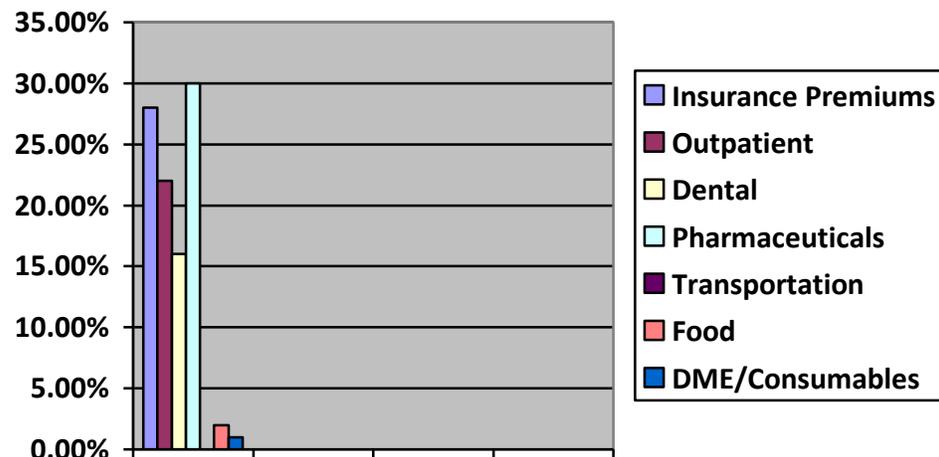
In Kind:

Total In Kind (All sources)	\$45,614
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Grand Total **\$1,225,528**

DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT SERVICES

CARE AND TREATMENT CLIENT SERVICE EXPENDITURES UNDER RYAN WHITE PART B



A total of 249 unduplicated clients with HIV/AIDS were served at BASIC through funding received under Ryan White Part B (Care and Treatment funding for HIV positive persons). Of these 68% were male and 32% were females; 57% were white, 43% were black, and the remaining were of various other race/ethnicities. 46% were between the ages of 25 and 44 years, 52% were between 45 and 64 years of age, 4% were between the ages of 13 and 25 years of age, and 4% were 65 years or older. Approximately 57% of clients were below 100% of poverty.

A total of 182 clients received medical case management with 1934 visits, and 113 clients received non medical case management. Additional funding was spent for direct client services in the following manner; local Pharmaceuticals for 43 clients (30%); Outpatient/Ambulatory services for 103 clients with 417 visits (22%); Insurance premiums and co pays for 34 clients (28%) Dental services for 70 clients with 161 visits (16%); Food for 104 clients (2.0%); Transportation for 103 clients (.002%); Home health care for 3 clients with 10 service units, and psychosocial support services for 14 persons.

Through funding received from the State of Florida Department of Health under the AIDS Insurance Continuation Program, \$39,696 was spent on paying for insurance premiums for 9 clients who had utilized the Federal COBRA provision to extend their group health insurance from a previous employer. The benefit of paying for the continuation of group insurance is that client expenses can be charged to private insurance and clients have a broader choice of providers of care. Under this program, each dollar spent on paying for a premium results in approximately \$6 of services.

CLIENT SERVICES UNDER HOPWA



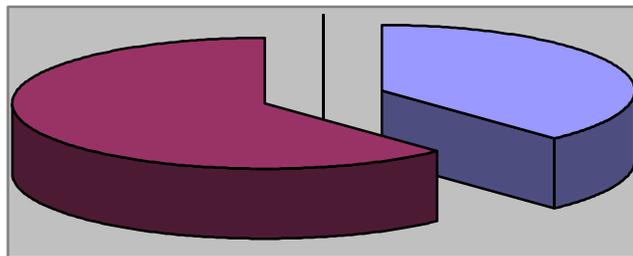
Funds from the Federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, HOPWA, served 54 clients. The majority (75%) of service funds went to provide short term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to eligible clients in need; additional funding was spent for transitional housing assistance (14%), and permanent supportive housing services (10%). A total of 72 persons were served under the HOPWA program. One of the great challenges is finding affordable housing in the area, especially for clients on fixed incomes.

OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE INFORMATION

- Twenty seven (27) new clients entered the service delivery system at BASIC during 2010.
- Thirty seven clients were served under the Project AIDS Care (PAC) Program during the past year.
- Three HIV positive persons died.
- 41% of clients had no insurance; 18% were on Medicare; 23% were on Medicaid, and 16% were privately insured.

PREVENTION SERVICES

INCOME



■ Get REAL

■ SAMHSA

Under the SAMSHA funded program, the first year has been devoted to a strategic planning framework process leading to the implementation of services to begin in January of 2012. A community baseline survey was completed utilizing data collected from 568 persons within the community. Additionally, a unique integrated HIV and Substance Abuse prevention intervention combining two scientifically proven effective interventions, Toward No Drugs, (TND) and Making Proud Choices was developed. This BASIC course will be utilized among at risk adolescents and adults in the six county area beginning in January 2012, but it will also be promoted as a best practice for other areas of the country dealing with similar problems among a similar population.

Under the Get REAL program, 140 men at high risk completed two individualized counseling, testing and risk reduction sessions which comprise the RESPECT intervention and 136 at risk men also completed the intervention called Video Opportunities for Innovative Condom Education and Safer Sex, VOICES. Additionally, 140 at risk men were also tested for HIV infection under this program.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Every Child: 1 Promise is in its third year as a program at BASIC NWFL. This program was previously funded by the Federal Administration for Children and Families, but budget cuts at the federal level last summer has required BASIC to now fund this program from local contributions. During 2011, 24 children between the ages of 4 and 17 who have one or both parents incarcerated were matched with a community volunteer mentor who will spend at least one hour a week with the child. This program represents an expansion of the mission of BASIC to serve a different vulnerable population outside of those impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Under the Counseling, Testing and Linkage program, which is currently not funded by any government funding mechanism, but relies on local contributions and volunteer resources, over 384 men and women at risk of contracting HIV were tested and provided risk reduction counseling and linked to other services as needed. Knowing one's status is the essential step in preventing the additional spread of HIV in the community. It is estimated that nationwide approximately 25% of persons who are infected are unaware of their HIV status.

Under Community Events, BASIC conducted numerous educational events to increase awareness about HIV and provide information as well as Testing and Counseling. At times, these events occurred in conjunction with a nationally sponsored event such as National Black AIDS Awareness Day or World AIDS Day. At other times, BASIC partnered with other local community agencies and provided awareness activities at the Jackson County Safety and Health Expo, the Gulf Coast Community College Women Expo, the Macedonia Baptist Church Health Expo, the Rescue Mission's Family Food Festival to mention only a few. BASIC also participated in the City of Callaway 18th Annual Veterans Day Parade. BASIC also partners with AWARE to provide HIV education and training to their new residents. AWARE is a residential substance abuse program for women.

LOCAL FUNDRAISING

During 2011, BASIC undertook several fundraising projects with the help of community sponsors. In June, BASIC held its fourth annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament in conjunction with Ebro Greyhound Park. This event was also sponsored by Hancock's Bank, Beach TV, Tibotec Pharmaceuticals, Arthritis and Sports Care Center, Knology, JonesGaglio Atty., Big Bend Health Council of NWFL, PanCare, Mail Meds, Broward Hall, Clemons, Co. and Clear Channel. In October, BASIC was chosen as one of four Charities by Pineapple Willy's to be the recipient of \$8,000 raised from their Charity Days benefit.

BASIC NWFL, Inc. is a United Way affiliated agency. BASIC also received designated contributions by donors through the United Way Annual Campaign.



Yes, I want to Support BASIC!

Here is my tax deductible contribution to ensure that the people with HIV and those at risk for contracting HIV in the six county communities are given the essential services which they need. **Donations can also be made at www.basicnwfl.com. For more information, please call (850)-785-1088 Ext 115.**

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