

Northern Region Goal 1

National Goal 1: Reducing new HIV infections

National Objective 1: Increase the percentage of people living with HIV who know their serostatus to at least 90%.

Local Objective:

Strategy 1: Community Engagement (Collaboration, pages 11, 12)

Activity 1: Create formalized process to engage state/county entities, tribal leaders, and local providers (coalitions, meetings, symposiums, etc.) to communicate and collaborate to improve HIV services. Explore digital methods to conduct this activity. **2018**

Activity 2: Establish at least 6 consumer-centric activities to engage clients in medical care and supportive services using traditional methods (support groups, peer mentoring, doc talks, etc.) and digital methods (online forums, video conferences/webinars, chats, etc.) **2018**

Activity 3: Engage new community partners to promote HIV testing/medical care (flyers, posters, urinal screens, traditional media, etc.).

Activity 4: Expand the provider network offering HIV testing as a routine part of care for all clients.

Strategy 2: Education (pages 1, 2)

Activity 1: Expand digital prevention/testing media (It's only Dangerous, STD testing, HIVAZ.org) to target Northern Arizona consumers. **2017**

Activity 2: Provide regional trainings for primary medical providers to include HIV, extra-genital STD screening, common oral manifestations of HIV disease. **YR 1: 2017, YR 2: 2019**

Activity 3:

Activity 4:

Strategy 3: Prevention, Testing and Linkage to Care (pages 9, 10)

Activity 1: Engage Flagstaff Medical Center to implement semi-targeted opt-out HIV testing in their emergency department. (semi-targeted: patients at risk, have clinical indications) **2020**

Activity 2: Engage Flagstaff Medical Center to eliminate written consent for HIV testing. **2018**

Activity 3: Implement free at-home HIV/STD testing opportunities (mail order, pdf voucher for free kits, vending machine, etc.). **2017**

Activity 4: Implement same-day supplemental/confirmatory testing among testing providers, to decrease the time from diagnosis-lab-first medical appointment. **2018**

National Objective 4: Increase the percentage of newly diagnosed persons linked to HIV medical care within one month of their HIV diagnosis to at least 85%.

Local Objective:

Strategy 1: Funding (pages 5, 6)

Activity 1: Provide additional funding for support services that enable a client to get to their first lab visit and doctor appointment. **2018**

Activity 2: Carmen to provide funding to expand Affordable Care Act navigation services. **2017**

Activity 3: Provide organizations with technical assistance regarding grant writing, sustainability, billing capacity, etc.

Activity 4:

Strategy 2: Patient Centered Care (pages 13, 14)

Activity 1: Provide training for culturally appropriate HIV care (co-train with allies that can support participation). Explore opportunities to collaborate with other training opportunities that may have better participation. Project Echo, or AETC self-appraisal prior to implementation. Specific to how the HIV diagnosis is shared – ensure that it supports client engagement in care.

Activity 2: Media campaigns: Educates client about seeking care from knowledgeable, culturally appropriate providers, and the ability to switch providers for more comprehensive care. Ask the HIV docs from Greater Than AIDS. Educate providers about HIVAZ.org, create step-by-step for linkage to care for Northern AZ.

Activity 3: Create and distribute guidelines for HIV referrals, standard referral processes for discharge, focusing on jails, emergency departments and primary care providers (will need ROI, MOUs, etc. for information sharing).

Activity 4: Identify methods to expand the HIV provider base, including telemedicine (UA: provider to patient, Project Echo: provider to provider), provider recruitment, identifying incentives to encourage providers to offer services in the area, and provider training.

Strategy 3: Streamline Processes (Data, pages 7, 8; Mixed Bag, pages 15, 16)

Activity 1: Implement same-day confirmatory testing among testing providers, to decrease the time from diagnosis-lab-first medical appointment. **2018**

Activity 2: Identify methodologies to enhance EIS service delivery. **2017**

Activity 3: Create online application for Ryan White/ADAP services. **2017**

Activity 4: Develop reporting methodologies to accurately determine linkage to care timeframes.