

Miami-Dade ECHPP

Executive Summary

The Miami-Dade Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan (ECHPP) was developed by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS in collaboration with the Miami-Dade County Health Department, Office of HIV/AIDS and the Health Council of South Florida (Council). The goals of the Miami-Dade ECHPP are consistent with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy; to reduce new HIV infections, increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS, reduce HIV related disparities and provide a more coordinated response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Miami-Dade County.

The ECHPP was developed in a very short time frame of four months. The community was mobilized quickly in order to obtain feedback to inform development of the plan. Activities undertaken during development of the plan included key expert one-on-one interviews, strategic planning meetings with community stakeholders, community focus groups and community listening sessions. The commitment of the community in Miami-Dade County to the ECHPP resulted in a comprehensive plan that reflects the unique needs of this diverse county. The plan addresses all fourteen CDC required interventions in addition to one recommended intervention related to community mobilization.

The ECHPP focuses primarily on key target areas of Miami-Dade County where the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS can be found, while also taking into account special populations. The concentration of planned ECHPP activities is in the areas of South Beach, Little Haiti, Overtown, Liberty City and Southern Miami-Dade County. Within these target areas, the plan interventions focus on the populations of men who have sex with men, transgendered persons, African American men who have sex with men, African American women, Latinos, Latinas, migrant workers and intravenous drug users.

The ECHPP also provides a situational analysis which details the gaps and barriers in services for Miami-Dade County. This analysis is an important part of the ECHPP as it provides a wealth of information related to the epidemic in Miami. In summary, the Miami plan is targeted to the most disproportionately affected populations in the most heavily impacted parts of the county to ensure maximum reach and effectiveness. Once fully implemented, the effective combinations of interventions proposed will result in a reduction of HIV transmissions in the county. The continued inclusion of key stakeholders in the implementation phase, along with our internal monitoring and evaluation processes, will ensure that we are on track in achieving our goals and objectives throughout the project period.