

# HIV Prevention Outreach Program for Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Incarcerated Population in San Francisco County Jails

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# TEPOT

## Targeted Expansion Project for Outreach and Treatment

- Funded by SAMHSA from October 2002 to June 2007
- Provided Culturally Appropriate Outreach, Intake Risk Assessments, Referral Services, and Follow-Ups to High Risk APIs in the Targeted Communities and County Jails in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties

# TEPOT

- Provided HIV Prevention Programs for APIs in Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Agencies
- Provided Cultural Sensitivity Training to Staff and Clients in These Agencies
- Collaboration with NAPAFASA (National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse)

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH TARGET GROUPS

- 18 years or Older
- Self-Identified APIs or Mixed Ethnicity with APIs
- High Risk APIs in Communities
- API MSM
- APIs Who Use or Abuse Alcohol and/or Drugs
- API Female Sex Workers
- API Transgender Persons

# Accomplishments

- Contacted more than 12,500 APIs
- Completed 1,647 Client Intakes and Risk Assessments
- Completed 1,021 6-Month Follow-Ups (62%)
- Provided HIV Prevention Education Programs for Clients at 14 Agencies
- Provided API-Specific Cultural Sensitivity Training Program for Staff and Clients at 24 Agencies

# Community Impact Through Successful Network Building with CBOs

- NAPAFASA
- Union for Pacific Asian Communities (San Diego)
- Pathway Society (San Jose)
- Asian Americans for Community Involvement (San Jose)
- Asian American Recovery Services (San Francisco)

# Outreach to APIs in San Francisco County Jails

- Health Educators Provided Culturally Appropriate Outreach
- Conducted Intake Risk Assessment and Follow-Ups
- Provided Referral Services After Discharged
- Collaborated with the SFDPH Forensic AIDS Project

# Demographics of API Participants Recruited from Jails

N= 114

- Male (84; 74%) Female (30; 26%)
- Mean Age: 32.6 years old, SD=10.5, Range 18 to 68 years old
- Ethnicity  
Filipino (25; 23%), Chinese (22; 20%), Multi-racial Asian (13; 12%), Vietnamese (11; 10%), Other ethnic groups (43; 35%)
- US Born (48; 43%), Foreign Born (63; 57%)
- Average years in living in the US=22 years



• <b>Marital Status</b>	<b>n</b>	
• Single	62	55%
• Married/Living with Partner	28	25%
• Separated/Divorced	20	18%
• Widowed	2	2%
• <b>Education</b>		
• Less than high school	31	27%
• High school	51	45%
• Higher than high school	32	28%
• <b>Sexual Orientation</b>		
• Heterosexual	103	94%
• Lesbian	2	2%
• Bisexual	4	4%

# HIV-Related Risk Behaviors

- Ever Tested for HIV  
    No (26; 24%), Yes (84; 76%)
- 71% Never Used Condoms for Vaginal Sex with Steady Partner in the Past 6 Months (n=66)
- 59% Used Drugs Before/During Sex with Steady Partner in the Past 6 months (n=71)
- Marijuana (15%), Methamphetamines (23%), Ecstasy (12%)
- 31% Never Talked with Steady Partner about Practicing Safe Sex

- 11% Never Used Condoms for Vaginal Sex with Casual Partners in the past 6 months (n=33)
- Only 11% Had Always Used Condoms
- 71% Had Used Drugs Before/During Sex with Casual Partners in the Past 6 months (n=34)
- Marijuana (44%), Amphetamines (11%), Ecstasy (5%)
- 63% Had Never Talked with Casual Partners about Practicing Safe Sex
- 24% Ever Paid for Sex (n=111)
- 11% Ever Been Paid for Sex (n=112)

# Drug Use Behaviors (Life-Time)

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• Ever used illegal drugs	96	86%
• Marijuana	81	71%
• Cocaine	57	51%
• Heroin	20	18%
• Codeine	21	19%
• Hallucinogens	49	44%
• Methamphetamines	61	55%
• Ever injected drugs	10	9%

# Health Status in the Past 30 Days

- 35% Reported Some Depression
- 14% Reported Troubles of Understanding/Concentrating/Remembering
- 38% Reported Anxiety
- 25% Reported Violent Behaviors

- Health Status

26% Excellent

23% Very Good

27% Good

18% Fair

5% Poor

# Lessons Learned

- Even in the San Francisco Bay area, APIs are under-served and neglected by substance abuse and HIV prevention and treatment services
- Culturally sensitive and competent outreach and health promotion and prevention services are needed for high risk APIs, as well as APIs in general populations
- Many APIs are incarcerated in jails and prisons and often neglected by outreach and referral series

- APIs whose risks were assessed by TEPOt had engaged in HIV risk behaviors, such as unprotected sex with steady and casual partners and sex under the influence of drugs
- Culturally competent outreach and comprehensive follow-up services for APIs who are incarcerated in jails are needed

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