PARTNERSHIP TO REDUCE INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND HIV

PILOT IMPLEMENTATION, SUCCESS & CHALLENGES

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- Socially responsible health and human services agency
 - Mission: To help organizations grow by developing solutions that will amplify the impact of their practices within the communities they serve.
- Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health (OWH)
 - **o Small Business Contract**
 - Prevention and Intervention AIDS-Related Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence Initiative





• What is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)?

- **Definition:** A pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors including physical, sexual and psychological abuse, that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partners.
 - ★ Intimate partner violence can be seen at all socioeconomic levels, in all races and in both same sex as well as heterosexual relationships.

• What is the IPV and HIV intersection?

- According to research, the prevalence of intimate partner violence among women at risk for HIV may be as high as 67%.
- The association between IPV and HIV risk and/or infection may be explained in part by the fact that abused women face difficulty in effectively negotiating sexual matters with their partners, thus increasing their risk significantly.





• What is the Partnership to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and HIV?

- Pilot Program
 - Formed in October of 2006, as a growing national effort to educate domestic and intimate partner violence counselors and shelter workers on the relationship between IPV and HIV in female survivors.

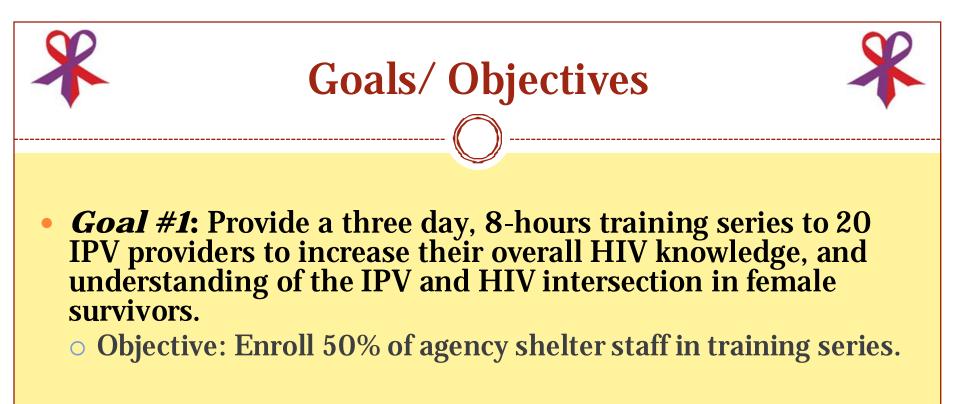


Partnership Focus



The Partnership focuses on:

- Training counselors and shelter workers on the intersection of IPV and HIV to strengthen prevention messages and program interventions for female survivors.
- Increase access and awareness of testing, utilization of local state and regional HIV services, referrals and partnerships.
- Builds HIV/AIDS capacity in IPV agencies for institutional and systems change.
 - ▼ Infrastructure development in IPV agency for HIV prevention programming.
 - Organizational leadership development in IPV agency staff with respect to HIV/AIDS.



Goal #2: Increase networking between both IPV and HIV communities, to encourage HIV testing and referral services for female survivors in the DC metropolitan area.
 Objective: Establish DC Partnership Working Group



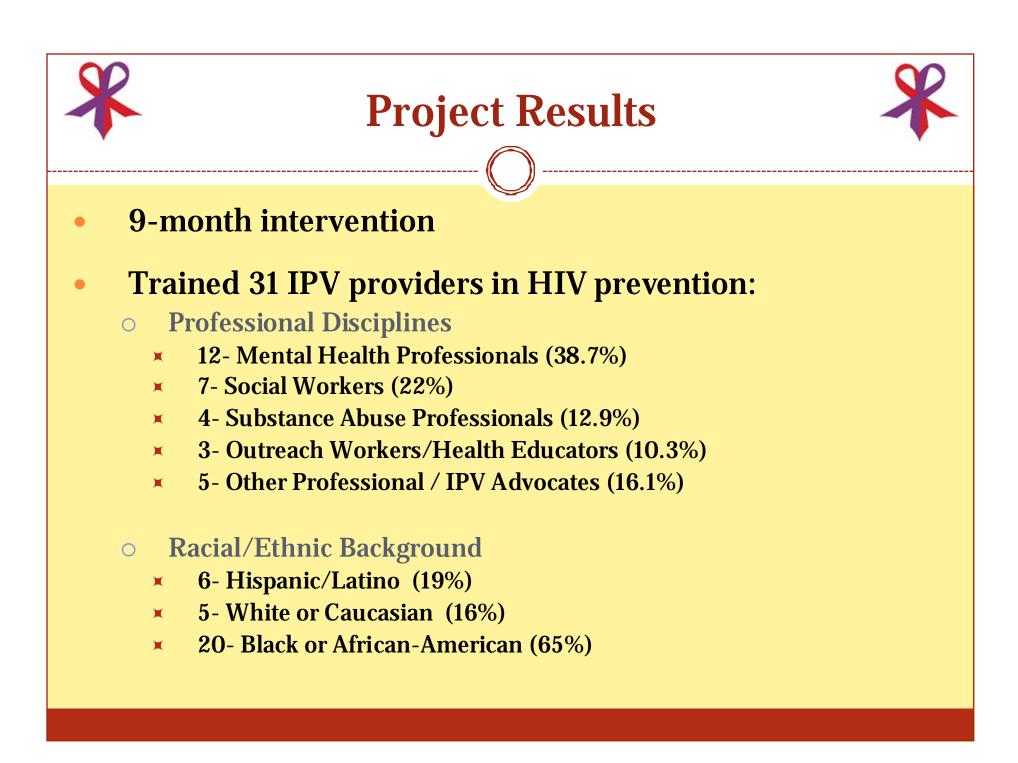
- Organizational HIV Systems Change Assessment
- Develop a gender-specific IPV/HIV training curriculum
- Conduct pre-training assessments for individual participants
- Implement training series (minimum of 24 hours)
 - **×** *Module I: HIV/AIDS 101 and Confidentially: Gender-Specific Focus*
 - **×** Module II: IPV Social Norms/ Relationship of IPV and HIV in Women
 - × Module III: Client Centered Counseling Skills for HIV Risk Reduction
 - **×** Evaluation: Pre and Post test evaluation for Modules I through II
 - 3 month follow-up
 - Optional Follow-up training sessions

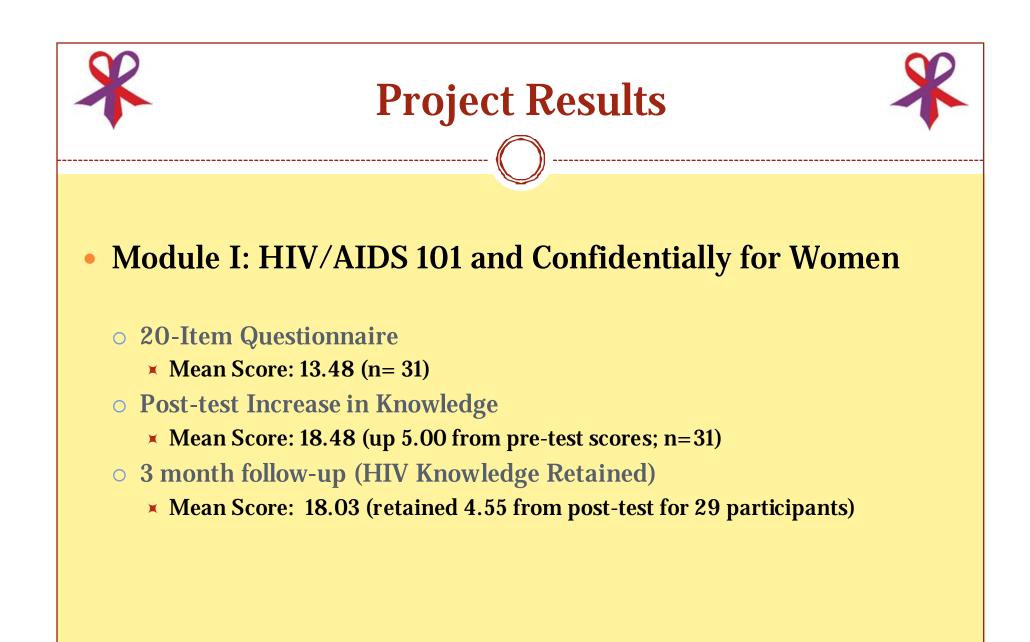
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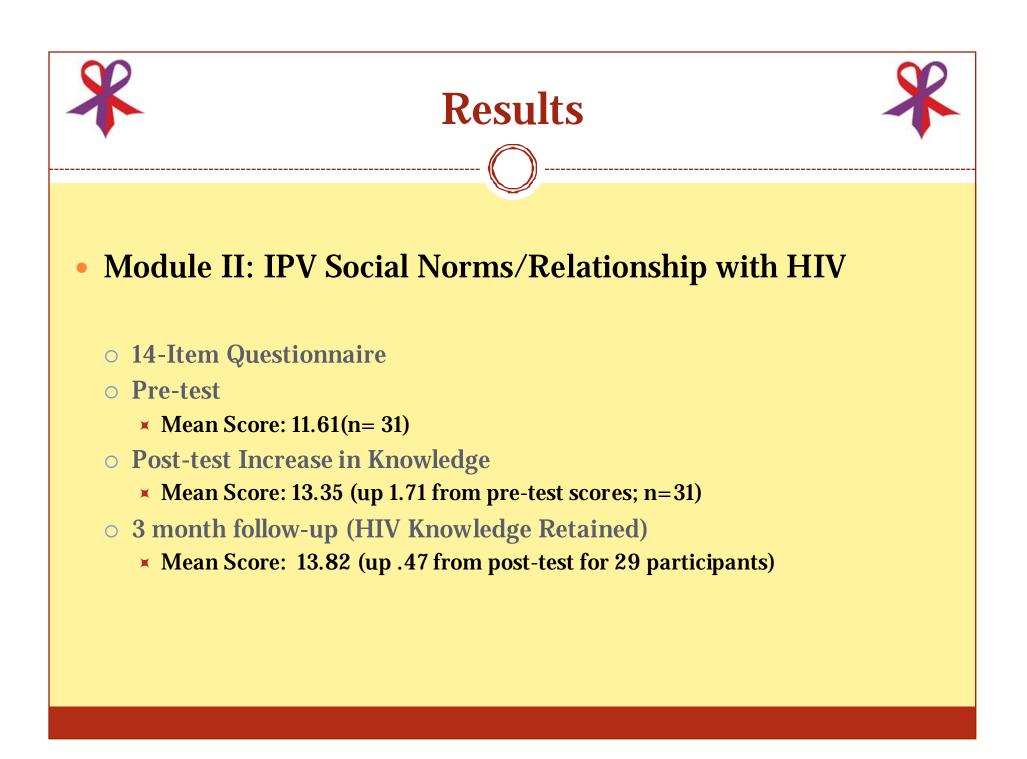


DC Partnership Working Group

- Nine community based organizations (CBOs) developed gender-specific prevention and intervention service recommendations for the District of Columbia HIV/AIDS Administration
 - Local Action
 - Recommendations provided to:
 - Mayor of the District of Columbia
 - The DC HIV Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG)
 - Office for Women's Policy
 - Over 40 nonprofit health and social service organizations servicing women in the District of Columbia









Project Achievements



- Exceeded our goal to train 20 intimate partner violence providers by 66%, training 31.
- Established HIV prevention and testing referral recommendation procedures into the in-take process (resident and non-resident) in all four agencies.
- Established HIV Confidentially Policies Recommendations for clients (which was previously not instituted).

Dissemination Outcomes

- ► Provided over 727 women with HIV prevention materials and local testing site information.
 - 50% above the original objective to provide HIV testing referral and prevention information among 250 women within IPV agencies.
- ► Promotion of <u>www.reduceipvandhiv.org</u> website





- IPV/DV not seen as public health issues by CBO
- Staff turnover in CBO's
- Impact of local government in relation to CBO participation
 - CBOs image to local government
- Documenting Clients HIV testing
 Follow-up
- IPV Partners not allowing direct access to clients
 To ensure validity of self-reporting and evaluation

