



Sharing Discoveries, Improving Lives

Translation & Dissemination at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health

Our Mission:

The Saint Louis University School of Public Health is dedicated to the discovery, translation, and dissemination of public health knowledge to improve the health and well being of all.



Ryan White Title I Planning Council Support Office

Operating under the authority of Title I of the Ryan White CARE Act, the Metro St. Louis HIV Health Services Planning Council Support Office is funded through a contract with the City of St. Louis Department of Health, with CARE Act funds received from the US Health Services and Resources Administration. Our office provides education, technical assistance and decision support, including analysis of needs assessment and application of epidemiological data, to the Planning Council for use in setting service priorities and allocating funds to provide health services to people with HIV and AIDS in the 12-county, bi-state, St. Louis Eligible Metropolitan area.

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Discovery

What is the health problem?

- ❖ HIV/AIDS and access to medical and support services, including case management.

Translation

How do we take what we know and apply it to local and state planning efforts for people living with HIV disease?

- ❖ Epidemiologic and needs assessment data are translated into information that diverse people can use to work together to make rational decisions about service priorities and funding allocations.
- ❖ Application of principles of adult learning, group process, strategic and operational planning to work with Planning Council development.
- ❖ Epidemiologic and needs assessment information is used by the Planning Council to develop strategies for delivering services to meet identified needs.
- ❖ The systematic documentation of unmet needs, service gaps and barriers for people living with HIV disease is provided to community based agencies and local and state health departments for their use in planning services to this population, and to secure additional funding for specific identified needs.

Dissemination

How did we disseminate Planning Council process information?

- ❖ Training with Planning Council and related committees and task forces.
- ❖ Community forums and public town hall meetings.
- ❖ Three-Year Comprehensive Plan for HIV/AIDS Services.
- ❖ Annual federal grant application documenting the Planning Council's decision making process.

Change

What change occurred because of the dissemination?

- ❖ Increased decision-making and advocacy capacity for services to people with HIV and AIDS.
- ❖ Increased understanding of the process of decision support in the Department of Health.
- ❖ Quality improvement activities, including process design and committee structure, support a data-driven decision making process, stronger grant applications, and a decrease in the loss of federal funds for services for people living with HIV/AIDS in the St. Louis bi-state area.
- ❖ Data generated through Planning Council activities is used by community partners to pursue other funding streams to address identified service gaps and barriers.