



FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE  
ACO WHITE PAPER: 2002-2012  
CHIPTS HIV BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH FORUM  
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# History

- In 2002, most people living with HIV in Los Angeles were not living more than 10 years
- This public health threat motivated Mayor Hahn to assemble the AIDS Leadership Council to conduct a community needs assessment and charged it with producing a strategy to respond to the HIV/AIDS crisis in the city
- Goals of the AIDS Leadership Council:
  - ▣ Prevention
  - ▣ Stigma/discrimination
  - ▣ Housing and support services

# ACO Achievements

- Supporting a harm reduction philosophy to reach a broader underserved community
- Supporting Syringe Exchange in the City
- Identifying co-factors leading to HIV (housing, substance use, depression, self-esteem, healthcare)
- Funding Routine Opt-Out HIV Testing
- Funding Community Projects for intervention and prevention insight
- Holding Community Forums to educate and create partnerships

# ACO Achievements Continued

- Supporting the City/County CSV Ordinance
- Advocating reform to HIV Testing Informed Consent Laws
- Updating HIV and AIDS Discrimination in City Employment Policy
- Advocate for underserved groups to fill gaps in services
- Conduct HIV/AIDS Research (e.g. biomedical interventions, social media apps, transgender inclusive policies and practices among businesses in the City)

# Looking to the Future: Aligning with the National Strategy

- Key informants recommend targeting:
  - ▣ Young gay and bisexual men
  - ▣ Underrepresented groups (e.g. transgender individuals, women, Native Americans, sex workers)
  - ▣ Substance Users
  - ▣ High School Youth
  - ▣ Unknown status
  - ▣ Newly diagnosed

# Looking to the Future: Community Recommended Prevention Activities

- HIV Education Programs: biomedical interventions, accurate information about safer sex strategies
- HIV Testing Advocacy and Training: training and education of hospitals and FQHCs to adopt routine opt-out HIV testing as part of their core measures
- Continue funding Research and Demonstration Projects
- Expand Syringe Program
- Take a Stand on PrEP and PEP
- Engage HOPWA to offer HIV insight to HOPWA leadership
- Support programs targeting internal stigma