

Our Mission-Improve organizations' abilities to deliver accessible, high quality, culturally proficient, and compassionate services to their clients.

Advancing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy through Expanded Testing

As outlined in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), the vision is "The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination."

To advance NHAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established the Expanded Testing Initiative to support state and local health department efforts to provide routine HIV testing in health care and select community settings.

From 2011-2014, with support from CDC and the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, Cardea supported Alameda County in routinizing opt-out HIV testing in over 20 sites, including primary care, family planning, jail, and methadone maintenance clinics. Ultimately, this collaboration resulted in over 41,000 HIV tests being conducted in Alameda County.

Over the next three years, Cardea is embarking on new partnerships with Riverside and Solano Counties, while continuing work with Alameda County. In alignment with NHAS, specific goals of the program include:

- Integrate routine opt-out HIV screening especially among African Americans, Latinos, MSM, and IDUs in health care, clinical and other medical settings
- Maximize the number of people who obtain HIV screening in a health care setting
- Increase the number of people who know their status

Cardea is pleased to provide capacity building assistance to these health departments and expanded testing sites...

Alameda County--Alameda County Public Health Department, Office of AIDS Administration, City of Berkeley/Ann Chandler Public Health Center, Corizon Health at Santa Rita Jail, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, and Roots Community Health Center

Solano County--Solano County Public Health, Family Health Services--Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo

Riverside County--Riverside County Department of Public Health, Health to Hope Clinics, and Riverside County Health System Ambulatory Care Division



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