

Providing Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education

Programs 2011

<u>Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)</u> – Provides funding to agencies for housing and supportive services activities that include emergency financial assistance, residential substance abuse treatment, hospice care, housing information services, residential care and tenant-based rental vouchers. Funding is provided by the City of Charlotte and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

<u>Collaborative HIV/AIDS Mental Health Project (CHAMP)</u> – A research and services collaboration between Duke University Center for Health Policy and the Carolinas CARE Partnership. CHAMP provides counseling and coordination services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and mental health issues in their homes or the place of their choosing.

<u>D-UP!</u> – A Centers for Disease Control (CDC) funded HIV prevention program targeted to young men of color ages 13-24 who have sex with men. The program implements the Popular Opinion Leader, a CDC community level intervention that focuses on HIV risk reduction through peer influence.

<u>HIV Education and Resources Opportunities (HERO/HEROE)</u> – A CDC-funded program designed to provide HIV prevention intervention to African American and Latino men who may be at risk for HIV and need assistance and encouragement in developing a plan to reduce their individual level of risk. HERO/HEROE utilizes the RESPECT intervention, which is a 2 session, one-on-one intervention that has been proven to be effective in lowering the rates of HIV and STDs among participants.

Non-Traditional HIV Counseling and Testing – The program, funded by the North Carolina HIV/STD Prevention Branch, is a comprehensive program that provides a continuum of care integrating prevention/outreach and HIV/STD counseling and testing for people at high risk for HIV and STD. Testing can be conducted at, and not limited to, community centers, colleges, homeless shelters, etc.

Non-Traditional HIV Counseling and Testing in Substance Abuse Centers (SAC) - The program, funded by the North Carolina HIV/STD Prevention Branch, provides HIV/STD counseling, testing and referral services for substance abusers at the locations where they received their substance abuse treatment. This initiative is aimed at reducing barriers to early diagnosis of HIV infection and increasing access to quality medical care, treatment, and ongoing prevention services to those with a diagnosis of HIV infection.

The Training Institute – The Institute strives to meet the professional training needs of a variety of disciplines, including HIV, substance abuse, mental health, housing and non-profit management. The workshop include, HIV A to Z, Capacity Building for Non-Profits, Grant Writing, Working With Difficult Clients, Cultural Competency and many other topics to assist professionals improve their skills.

For additional information on the programs of the Carolinas CARE Partnership, please visit our website at www.carolinascare.org.