

TRANS HIV TESTING TOOLKIT

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The toolkit takes into consideration the broader goals of the initiative. It is divided into specific areas of knowledge and expertise across five sections that community-based organizations (CBOs) may use in increasing trans cultural competency, HIV testing, risk reduction counseling and treatment services to the trans community. The toolkit was written in a modular format with each section able to be a stand-alone document. These provide critical background and reflection on opportunities for increasing HIV testing services and status awareness for trans people. It should be noted that this toolkit has been written for CBOs (front line staff, management, HIV test counselors, outreach workers), local health jurisdictions, and HIV testing providers with an emphasis on trans cultural competency and transgender issues to HIV testing. This toolkit encourages all partners in HIV prevention to respond to the specific HIV testing needs of trans communities.

The following individual sections of the Transgender HIV Testing toolkit include:

- **Module 1: Get the facts about trans people and HIV**
This section discusses language and concepts related to gender identity, epidemiological data, framework on social determinants of health for trans people and trans HIV prevention toolbox in testing conversations.
- **Module 2: HIV testing and enhanced communication approaches with trans people**
This section covers culturally relevant and specific issues that support the engagement of trans people in HIV testing. Providers are given recommendations on how to conduct HIV testing assessments and a framework for understanding key issues to HIV testing among trans people.
- **Module 3: Building capacity to increase HIV testing efforts for trans people**
This section covers best practice standards CBOs may implement to increase HIV testing and prevention services for trans people. It provides a practical overview on how to operationalize these best practices and the importance of adapting the two-step model for collecting data.
- **Module 4: Community engagement and the National Transgender HIV Testing Day (NTHTD)** Trans specific community engagement and HIV testing outreach is crucial to a successful HIV testing event. This section covers recommendations for enhancing community-led outreach strategies and ideas on how CBOs can organize specific trans HIV testing events in their area.
- **Module 5: Resources for service providers and CBOs**
Links to essential resources both regarding the NTHTD initiative and additional toolkit resources are provided in this section.