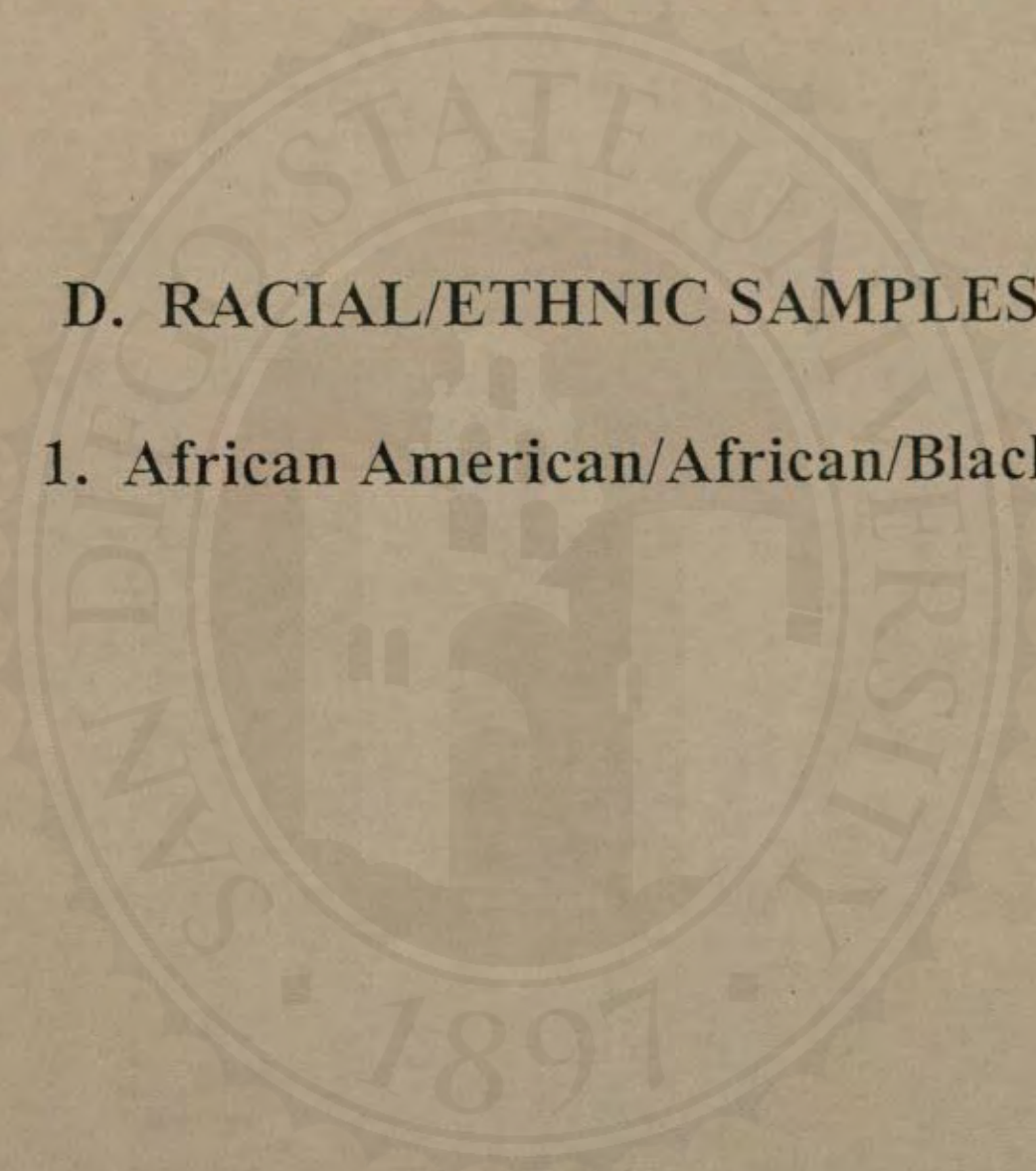


**FINAL RESULTS:
2000 NEEDS ASSESSMENT
of People Living with HIV/AIDS**

D. RACIAL/ETHNIC SAMPLES

1. African American/African/Black



**a. Survey of People Living with HIV/AIDS
160 Respondents
African American/African/Black**

**REPORTED SELECTED DEMOGRAPHICS
AND SERVICE NEEDS**

2000 Survey of People Living with HIV/AIDS
African American/African/Black (n=160)
1. Demographic Report on Surveys
San Diego County, June 2000

Region	Age
Central San Diego: 89 (56%)	0 to 5 years: 2 (0%)
Southeast San Diego: 8 (5%)	6 to 12 years: 3 (0%)
North County: 18 (11%)	13 to 19 years: 1 (0%)
East County: 9 (6%)	20 to 29 years: 14 (8%)
South Bay: 11 (7%)	30 to 39 years: 42 (59%)
Unidentified zip code or no response: 25 (16%)	40 to 49 years: 71 (22%)
	50 to 59 years: 22 (5%)
	60 to 69 years: 0 (3%)
	70 to 79 years: 0 (0%)
Gender	HIV Health Status
Male: 107 (67%)	HIV positive, without symptoms: 38 (24%)
Female: 46 (29%)	HIV positive, with symptoms: 62 (39%)
Transgender: 2 (1%)	AIDS diagnosed: 56 (35%)
Other: 0 (0%)	
Race/Ethnicity	Sexual Orientation
African American or African (Black): 1 (3%)	Gay or lesbian (homosexual): 16 (43%)
Asian or Pacific Islander: 0 (0%)	Bisexual: 4 (11%)
Caucasian (White): 0 (0%)	Heterosexual (straight): 15 (41%)
Latino (Hispanic): 36 (97%)	
Native American (American Indian): 0 (0%)	
Other racial/ethnic group: 0 (0%)	

<p style="text-align: center;">Other Diseases</p> <p>Person w/ chronic mental illness: 23 (14%) Person w/ dementia: 9 (6%) Person w/ tuberculosis: 5 (3%) Person w/ hemophilia 0 (0%) Person w/ hepatitis: 34 (21%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Permanent Disabilities (besides HIV/AIDS):</p> <p>Blind/visually impaired: 1 (1%) Deaf/hard of hearing: 5 (3%) Person with developmental disability: 5 (3%) Physically disabled: 34 (21%) Learning disabled: 10 (6%) Other: 6 (4%)</p> <p><i>When disabled (n = 64 responses)</i> Before HIV: 25 (39%) After HIV: 39 (61%)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Persons who Had a Sexually Transmitted Disease in the Past Six Months</p> <p>Gonorrhea: 3 (2%) Syphilis: 8 (5%) Chlamydia: 2 (1%) Other STD: 2 (1%) Don't know: 23 (14%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Homeless/At Risk</p> <p>History of homelessness (past 12 mos./present) (%) Currently homeless: 19 (12%) Ever been without own room or house in which to spend the night in last 12 months 67 (42%)</p> <hr/> <p>At risk of homelessness in 30 days: 12 (8%)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Current/Previous Incarceration</p> <p>History of incarceration (past/present) 45 (28%) Currently incarcerated (in jail or prison): 4 (3%) Ex-inmate (have done time in <i>any</i> jail or prison): 41 (26%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Injection Drug Use</p> <p>History of injection drug use (past/present)</p> <p>Shot up (injected) illegal drugs (IV drugs) in past 6 months: 14 (9%) Shot up illegal drugs (IV drugs) in the past, but have not shot up in past 6 months: 4 (3%) Shot up illegal drugs (IV drugs) in the past, but now consider myself in recovery: 11 (7%)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Substance Abuse</p> <p>History of substance use/abuse, including injection (past/present) (%) Drink beer, wine or alcohol <i>often</i> or regularly: . 39 (24%) Think I have a problem drinking too much beer, wine or alcohol: 2 (1%) Used illegal drugs in past 6 months (marijuana, crystal, meth, crack, etc.): . . 36 (23%) Abused prescription drugs in past 6 months: 4 (3%) Think I have a problem with alcohol or drug use, but have not used these substances in past 6 months: 10 (6%) Have had a problem with alcohol or drug use, but consider myself in recovery: 41 (26%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Demographics</p> <p>Homebound: 9 (6%) Active duty military: 0 (0%) Veteran or retired military: 41 (26%) Male or female sex industry worker/prostitute: 5 (3%) Migrant worker: 1 (1%) Recent immigrant (moved here from another nation in the last 10 years) 3 (2%)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Easiest Language in Which To Receive Services</p> <p>English: 152 (95%) Spanish: 0 (0%) Tagalog: 0 (0%) Chinese: 0 (0%) Japanese 0 (0%) Vietnamese: 0 (0%) American Sign Language: 4 (3%) Somali: 1 (1%) Other: 0 (0%)</p>	

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2. Number of Top 8 Priority Services Selected
 San Diego County, June 2000

Service	Number	Percent
HIV/AIDS medications	75	47%
Case management	74	46%
Food	67	42%
Transportation	65	41%
Benefits counseling	57	36%
Medical care	55	34%
Alcohol/drug recovery services	52	33%
Dental care	49	31%
Housing/shelter	49	31%
HIV specialist	38	24%
Utility payment	38	24%
HIV/AIDS treatment education	32	20%
Support groups	32	20%
Legal services	31	19%
Counseling/therapy	30	19%
Emergency help	26	16%
Psychiatric treatment	24	15%
Spiritual support	22	14%
Complementary therapies	21	13%
Medical specialist	21	13%
Buddy companion program	20	13%
Peer advocacy	15	9%
Nutrition counseling	14	9%
Personal hygiene	14	9%
Drop-in social/information center	13	8%
Home health care	12	8%
Information/referral	12	8%
Child care services	11	7%
Laundry	11	7%
Baby supplies	9	6%
Pediatrician	6	4%
Representative payee	4	3%
Relief/respite for caregiver	3	2%

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3. Services Used in the Past 12 Months

San Diego County, June 2000

Service	Number Using	Percent Using
HIV/AIDS medications	105	66%
Case management	96	60%
Medical care	81	51%
Transportation	78	49%
Food	65	41%
HIV specialist	61	38%
Dental care	55	34%
Benefits counseling	51	32%
Alcohol/drug recovery services	49	31%
HIV/AIDS treatment education	49	31%
Counseling/therapy	43	27%
Drop-in social/information center	41	26%
Legal services	39	24%
Information/referral	37	23%
Medical specialist	37	23%
Housing/shelter	35	22%
Peer advocacy	31	19%
Support groups	31	19%
Spiritual support	30	19%
Personal hygiene	29	18%
Psychiatric treatment	28	18%
Utility payment	28	18%
Emergency help	27	17%
Nutrition counseling	23	14%
Complementary therapies	22	14%
Home health care	21	13%
Laundry	21	13%
Representative payee	14	9%
Buddy companion program	13	8%
Pediatrician	10	6%
Baby supplies	8	5%
Child care services	4	3%
Relief/respite for caregiver	3	2%

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4. Services Needed, But Can't Get

San Diego County, June 2000

Service	Number Need, But Can't Get	Percent Need, But Can't Get
Utility payment	35	22%
Dental care	33	21%
Housing/shelter	32	20%
Complementary therapies	27	17%
Personal hygiene	26	16%
Spiritual support	23	14%
Benefits counseling	22	14%
Support groups	21	13%
Buddy companion program	21	13%
Food	20	13%
Emergency help	19	12%
Legal services	19	12%
Transportation	18	11%
Drop-in social/information center	17	11%
Laundry	17	11%
Nutrition counseling	17	11%
Counseling/therapy	17	11%
Peer advocacy	11	7%
Medical specialist	11	7%
Psychiatric treatment	11	7%
HIV/AIDS treatment education	9	6%
Home health care	9	6%
HIV specialist	8	5%
Case management	8	5%
Information/referral	8	5%
HIV/AIDS medications	7	4%
Relief/respite for caregiver	7	4%
Alcohol/drug recovery services	6	4%
Medical care	6	4%
Child care services	6	4%
Baby supplies	5	3%
Representative payee	4	3%
Pediatrician	3	2%

c. Consumer Focus Group Summaries

African-Americans - Group 1 (Southeast San Diego)

Attendance: 10
Date: April 19, 2000
Location: Malcolm X Library
Facilitator: Peter Patch
Recorder: Cindi Dailey

Demographics (based on post-group survey) (N=10)

Geographic area of residence=mixed

Average age= 41 (range: 31 to 53)

Average monthly income=\$558 (range: \$0.00 to \$906.00)

Average monthly rent=\$280

1 female

9 Males

2 AIDS diagnosed; 4 HIV+ symptomatic; 4 HIV+ asymptomatic

6 African-American, 1 Caucasian, 1 Latino, 1 African American/Native American, 1 African American/Latino

3 heterosexual, 5 Gay or Lesbian, 2 Bisexual

3 veteran or retired military

Critical Services Needed

- Necessity of Life Stores (Food, paper goods, toiletries, etc.)
- Clothing Services
- More transitional housing and emergency shelter assistance.
- Good Case managers
- Food Delivery
- Heterosexual Drop-in Center
- Mental health services are critical for people with HIV/AIDS
- Affordable Housing – Very Critical
- Phone cards for individuals without phones
- Standard Checklist of available services provided at each agency

Barriers to Services

- Attitudes from providers, case managers, etc.
- Credit checks for housing, most HIV+ cannot pass
- Must have Rep Payee to access shelter plus care
- Being dropped from case management is not symptomatic
- Too much turnover in MD's at clinic (Ciaccio)
- Long waiting lists for housing programs
- Confidentiality issues at YMCA & Choices
- Staff not HIV friendly/knowledgeable at Choices
- Hard to access services without address or telephone
- All case managers do not give consistent information
- Wheelchair access in regards to transportation
- Insufficient promotion of existing programs—some consumers unaware of services

Quality of Services

- Case Managers – Excellent
- Mama's Kitchen – Good
- Owen clinic not conscious of client's time, must wait for long periods before being checked in and seen by doctors
- Overcrowded conditions at choices

African-Americans - Group 2 (Southeast San Diego)

Attendance: 10
Date: April 26, 2000
Location: Malcolm X Library
Facilitator: Peter Patch
Recorder: Cindi Dailey

Demographics (based on post-group survey) (N=6)

Geographic area of residence=

Average age= 41 (range: 31 to 49)

Average monthly income=\$558 (range: \$692.00 to \$806.00)

Average monthly rent=\$

1 female

5 Males

1 AIDS diagnosed; 1 HIV+ symptomatic; 4 HIV+ asymptomatic

6 African-American, 0 Caucasian, 0 Latino, 0 African American/Native American, 0 African American/Latino

1 Heterosexual, 5 Gay or Lesbian, 0 Bisexual

1 veteran or retired military

Critical Services Needed

- Food Vouchers
- Housing
- Medications
- Transportation
- Access to Medical Care
- Mental Health Services
- Would like to see food bank back in action
- Increase voucher amount (\$20 food voucher doesn't go very far)

Barriers to Services

- Services are scattered, transportation becomes a problem
- Without a case manager it is difficult to access services
- No food pantry in Southeast
- No vouchers available to attract consumer's input in planning process
- Lack of funds for services
- Housing – Long waiting list
- Neighborhood house – Voicemail is a barrier to reaching case managers
- Language barrier with receptionist
- All case managers do not give consistent information

- Wheelchair access in regards to transportation
- Insufficient promotion of existing programs—some consumers unaware of services

Quality of Services

- Case Managers – All case managers do not treat clients equally
 - No enough case managers - some case managers deal with demanding clients which results in burnout
 - Karibu services offered for sex
 - Favoritism to “compliant” clients
 - Shelter Plus Care Program not responsive – Applicants never get contacted
 - Clients are directed to specific units if they don't lease up within 60 days
 - Shelter Plus care are problematic
 - Shelter Plus Care staff at Karibu unprofessional
 - Being Alive offers good services
 - Neighborhood House – Phone calls not returned in a timely manner
 - Thelma Collins is an excellent case manager
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