



BC PERSONS WITH AIDS SOCIETY

Prison Outreach Program



What We Do

- ✓ Support to Federal and Provincial HIV+ inmates throughout BC.
- ✓ HIV/AIDS treatment information
- ✓ Harm reduction education/counselling
- ✓ Advocacy and release planning

Prison Outreach Visits

- ✓ Each month, POP volunteers conduct outreach visits to Institutions and provide support for HIV+ inmates
- ✓ Collect and record stats on prisoners based on outreach visits and services provided

“POP” line

- ✓ Cost free to any inmate in BC Region
- ✓ On Correctional phone system
- ✓ Staffed from 10-10 every day
- ✓ Anonymous, confidential and secure line

Educational Workshops

HIV/AIDS related topics:

- ✓ Current treatment information
- ✓ Harm reduction methods
- ✓ Safer tattooing
- ✓ Community resources after release

Prison Advocacy

Advocacy for inmates:

- ✓ Access to adequate health care
- ✓ Harm reduction materials
- ✓ HIV related grievances
- ✓ Pre-release help with welfare/disability claims, housing, and support services

Release Planning

- ✓ “CHIPS” program to access community health resources
- ✓ Volunteer opportunities for job-skills training
- ✓ Referral to service organizations



**Breaking the Cycle
HIV, IDU and Prison Recidivism**

Breaking the Cycle

- ✓ Average length of stay in jail is 17 days
- ✓ Majority of prisoners we see are “repeaters”
- ✓ Lack of resources upon release
- ✓ Structure and stability
- ✓ Incentive to change vs. institutionalization

Stats collection

- ✓ Demographics
- ✓ Issue specific
- ✓ Support- emotional vs. “other”
- ✓ Treatment- advocacy vs. information
- ✓ Release planning

Data Collection

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POP Vol Initials

Date: Month Day Year		Duration of contact: Hours and/or Minutes	
Name:		Type of contact: <input type="checkbox"/> walk in <input type="checkbox"/> prison visit <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> phone <input type="checkbox"/> mail <input type="checkbox"/> fax	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> T		Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> afr <input type="checkbox"/> arab <input type="checkbox"/> asn <input type="checkbox"/> cau <input type="checkbox"/> fn <input type="checkbox"/> latino <input type="checkbox"/> declined to answer	
Age: <input type="checkbox"/> <18 <input type="checkbox"/> 19-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-39 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50>		HIV Status: <input type="checkbox"/> HIV+ <input type="checkbox"/> HIV- <input type="checkbox"/> HCV+ <input type="checkbox"/> HIV&HCV <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Prison:		Group outreach (number): <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Infected in Prison		<input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosed in prison	
What did you talk about?			
Advocacy Issues (no healthcare)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes About what? <input type="text"/>	Material distributed	<u>POP brochure</u> <input type="checkbox"/> # mailed out <input type="checkbox"/> # given out <u>Community Resources</u> <input type="checkbox"/> # mailed out <input type="checkbox"/> # given out <u>HIV myths</u> <input type="checkbox"/> # mailed out <input type="checkbox"/> # given out <u>Release planning issues</u> <input type="checkbox"/> # mailed out <input type="checkbox"/> # given out <u>Other BCPWA (list):</u> <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> # mailed out <input type="checkbox"/> # given out Other <input type="checkbox"/> # mailed out <input type="checkbox"/> # given out
Letter of support	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes About what? <input type="text"/>		
CHF	<input type="checkbox"/> application <input type="checkbox"/> status of cheque <input type="checkbox"/> delivery of cheque <input type="checkbox"/> delivery of goods <input type="text"/>		
Harm Reduction Addiction Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes About what? <input type="text"/>	Counselling /support	<input type="checkbox"/> Emotional support <input type="checkbox"/> Other, about what? <input type="text"/>

Outreach database

- ✓ Workshops, health fairs, community liaisons
- ✓ Reporting of “raw” numbers for funders
- ✓ Qualitative data in “notes” sections

Evaluation Form

PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATIONS OF A PRISON OUTREACH PROGRAM

"Get outta jail FREE (of HIV) Workshop"

Presented at the PAN Conference in Cranbrook, March 4, 2006

Presenter: Prison Outreach Program Coordinator Terry Howard

Number of participants: _____ Returned evaluations (partially and fully completed): 17

Gender	Male	4	Ethnicity	Caucasian	10
	Female	12		First Nations	2
	No Response	1		Métis	2
				South Asian	1
				Asian	1
				No Response	1
Age	18 or below	0	HIV Status	Positive	3
	19-29	4		Negative	11
	30-39	4		Unknown	2
	40-49	7		No Response	1
	50+	1	Hepatitis C Status	Positive	3
	No Response	1		Negative	10
Sexual Orientation				Unknown	3
	Heterosexual	11		No Response	1
	Gay	3			
	Bisexual	2			
	No Response	1			

OVERALL EVALUATION

Learning Experience	Poor	0	Fair	0	Good	3	Excellent	14
Information Presented	Poor	0	Fair	0	Good	2	Excellent	15
Expertise of Presenters	Poor	0	Fair	0	Good	1	Excellent	16
Workshop Format	Poor	0	Fair	0	Good	1	Excellent	16

HAS YOUR OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TOPICS CHANGED?

KNOWLEDGE BASE	BEFORE THE PRESENTATION			AFTER THE PRESENTATION		
	Low	MEDIUM	High	Low	MEDIUM	High
	4	7	2	0	1	12

VERBATIM WRITTEN COMMENTS

What did you like most about the workshop?

- "The new information"
- "Information delivery"
- "Format fun! Great info?"
- "Interactive – fast paced"
- "Q&A, interactive, very knowledgeable! Thanks!"
- "Clear, concise, relevant information"

Statistical Summary

POP OBE results for 1/1/2006 and 1/1/2008

Inmate Workshop	23
Number of Participants	632
New materials developed	20
Materials distributed	7423
#of info booths deliver	3
# of calls received on POP line	1204
# of individual visits with POP clients	2187
# of individual prison visits	1121
# of requests for advocacy	419
# of requests for healthcare	431
Pre-release info	296
Post-release info	111
Harm reduction	386
Newly diagnosed	84
Referral	182
Support counselling sessions	1963
Access to the CHF facilitated	1248
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Reg. Advisory Cmttee Mtgs	24
# contracted info & advice requests	58
Volunteer hours	

Advocacy Notes

re: 5 and personal files

PWD status

RELEASE PLANS

court appearance

personal records from

banking and welfare/disability

PWD status while still in prison

False positive drug tests were linked to the quinine sulphate takes for diabetes related blood circulation problems. Health Care will not put mistake in writing and Andy fears this will impact his parole. Working with Prison Legal Services.

Questions for model

- What is the effect of release planning on recidivism?
- How does harm reduction training affect HIV/AIDS incidence rates?
- Best practice, trends, Federal vs. Provincial service provision differences

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