

AGENCY SNAPSHOT

ACCESS for Community & Cultural Education Programs Training (ACCEPT)

ACCEPT is the only community-based organization providing HIV/AIDS prevention education, intervention, and support services targeting African Americans in Washoe County. ACCEPT was founded in 1995 by Pastor Glenn E. Taylor Sr., as an outreach ministry of the Greater Light Christian Center Church. At that time, no one in the State of Nevada was targeting African Americans, who have been disproportionately affected and infected since the epidemic's beginning. In 1999 ACCEPT acquired its own 501c3. Currently we are still the only organization targeting this population. African Americans account for more HIV and AIDS cases than any other ethnic group. Although only 12% of the US population, African Americans account for 50% of AIDS cases.

Although we target African Americans, we do not discriminate in our provision of services. We serve all ethnic groups and races. We have subsequently added substance abuse prevention classes for children and parents, parenting education, wellness groups and trainings, capacity building trainings, and supportive care services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in addition to HIV/AIDS prevention.

Mission Statement

Mission: Our mission is to empower underserved individuals and families by providing public health services and resources through community partnerships serving a multicultural population with emphasis on at-risk communities.



Positive Action – A substance abuse prevention program directly targeting youth. The *Positive Action* philosophy is that "positive thoughts lead to positive actions, positive actions lead to positive feelings about yourself, and positive feelings lead to more positive thoughts." Positive Action teaches specific positive actions in the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional areas through six focus units that are common to all of our programs: self-concept: What it is, How It's Formed, and Why It's Important, physical and intellectual Positive Actions for a Healthy Body and Mind, Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Managing Yourself Responsibly, Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Getting Along with Others by Treating Them the Way You Like to be Treated, Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Being Honest with Yourself and others, and Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Improving Yourself Continually.



Free existing programs include:

HIV/AIDS Health Education and Risk Reduction (HERR) is for Men and Women Living with HIV/AIDS. The HERR program is to reduce the risk of HIV transmission among men and women living with HIV/AIDS in a culturally competent manner. ACCEPT's HERR program will provide services that educate clients with HIV/AIDS about HIV transmission and how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission. This includes the provision of information; including information dissemination about medical and psychosocial support services and counseling to help clients with HIV improve their health status. ACCEPT will provide this information to HIV/AIDS infected individuals, their partners, family members and/or caregivers via community outreach workshops and presentations. The HERR Groups meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Family

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members and Partners of Ryan White clients are welcomed to attend these bi-weekly meetings. All services are FREE.

Non-Medical Case Management Services (NMCM) provide guidance and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. Non-Medical Case management services may also include assisting eligible clients to obtain access to other public and private programs for which they may be eligible, such as Medicaid, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, other state or local health care and supportive services, or health insurance Marketplace plans. This service category includes several methods of communication including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication deemed appropriate by the RWHAP Part recipient.

Medical Transportation Services are conveyance services provided, directly or through a voucher, to a client to enable him or her to access health care services. Funding for Medical Transportation Services that enable an eligible individual to access HIV-related health and support services, including services needed to maintain the client in HIV medical care, through either direct transportation services or vouchers or tokens.

Eligibility Program - Referral to Health Care and Support Services directs a client to needed core medical or support services in person or through telephone, written, or other type of communication. This service may include referrals to assist eligible clients to obtain access to other public and private programs for which they may be eligible (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, and other state or local health care and supportive services, or health insurance Marketplace plans).

Partnerships

Ryan White Part B Services Nevada
Vocational Rehabilitation
Northern Nevada HOPES
Washoe County Health District
JOIN
JTNN (Join Together Northern Nevada)
Access To Health Care (AHN)
University of Nevada, Reno
Community Foundation of Western Nevada Kid's View Inc.
Boys & Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows
NAACP
NNBCAS (Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society)
Dermody Properties Foundation
AWCMS (Doctor's Wives)

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