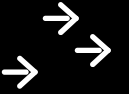
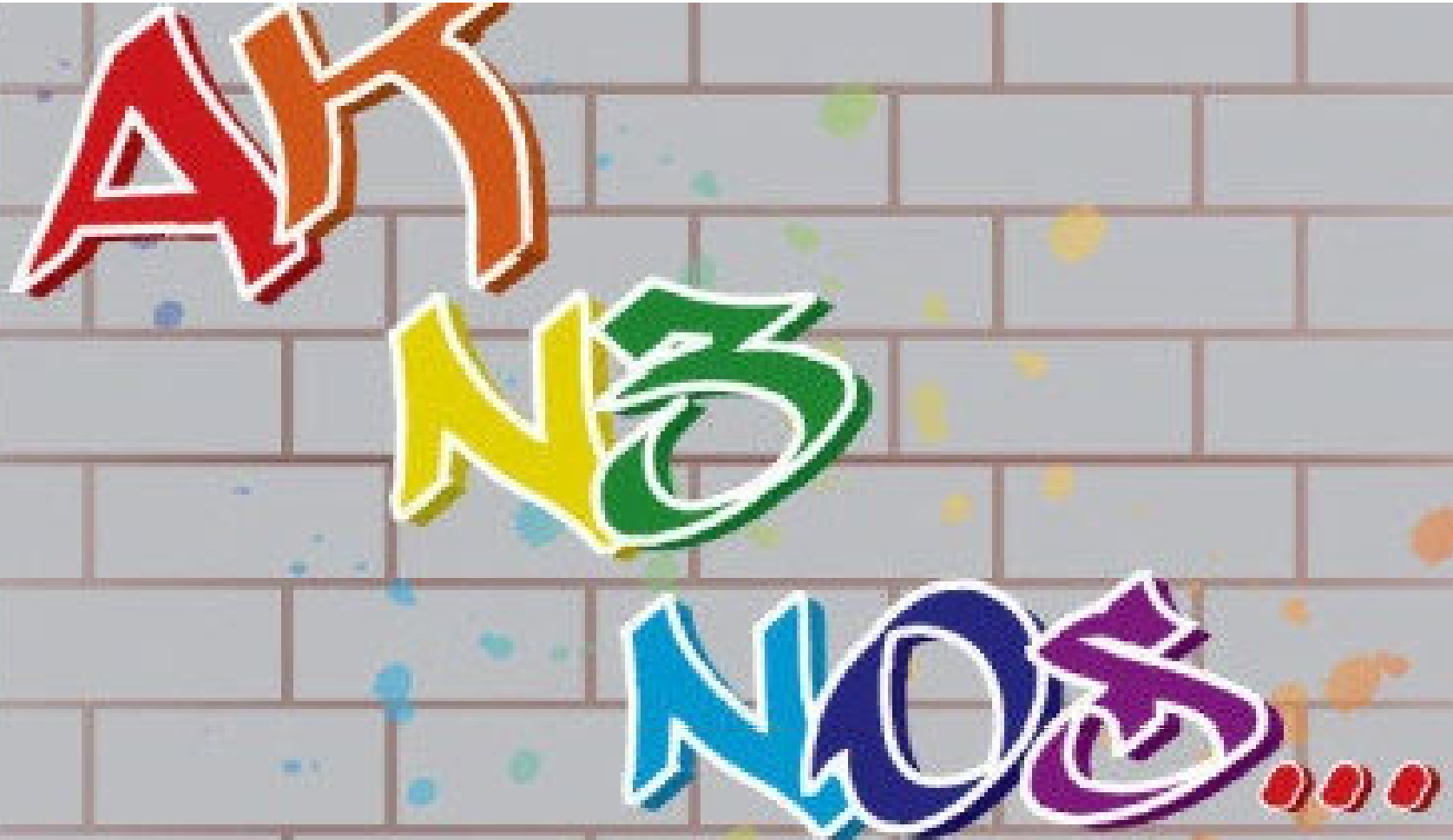


# YOUTH CENTER Puerto Rico CoNCRA



MAI Initiative, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).



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# GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



# Puerto Rico in the Caribbean



# Geographic Location of the Project

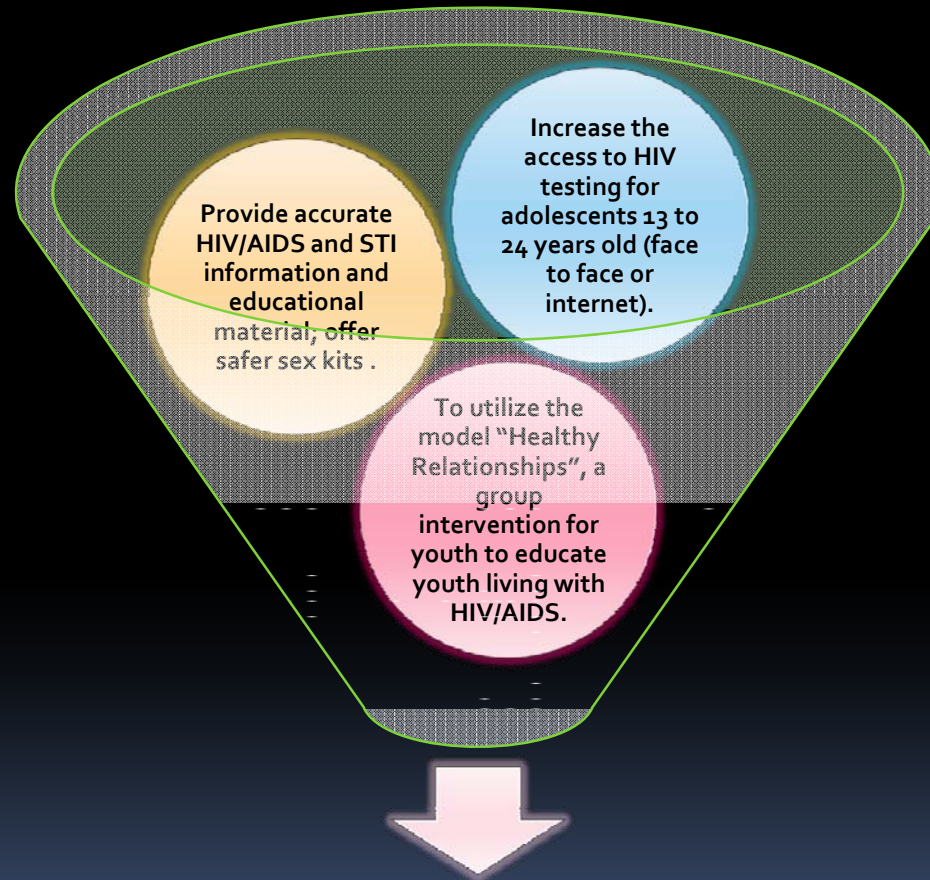


# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(GOALS AND INTERVENTIONS)



# Goals of the Project



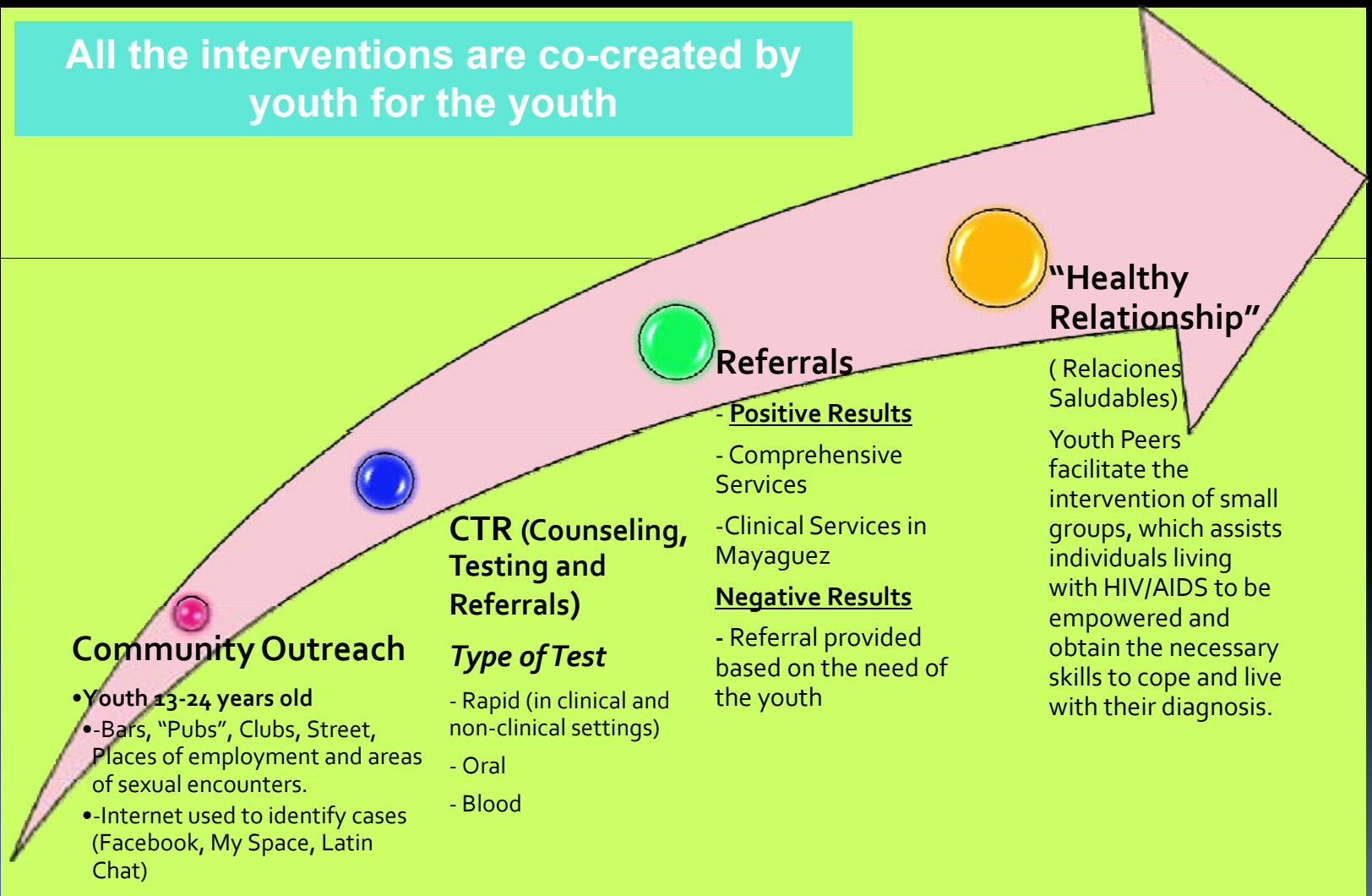
Identify HIV positive youth and integrate these youth to care in the Western area.

# Continuous of Interventions

AK N3 Nos, 2009



All the interventions are co-created by youth for the youth





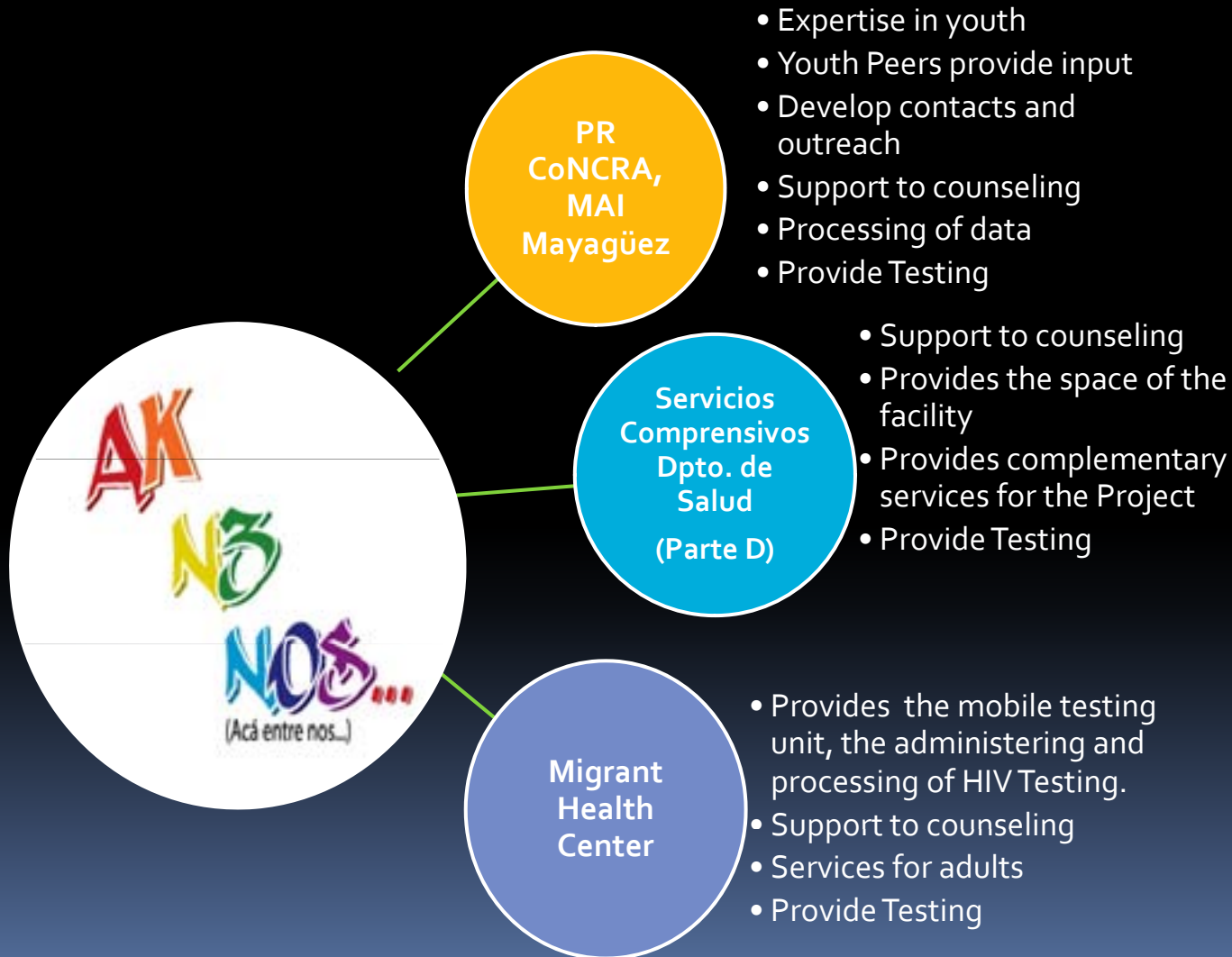
# Objective #1

Present strategies to accomplish effective collaborative agreements that will enable to identify, integrate and retain youth in care.





# Composition of Collaborative Group



# Strategies for the Development of Effective Collaborations



## Clear and Shared Definition

- Goals of the project (Youth)
- Collaborative Agreements
- Process for integration
- Roles of each organization
- Effective Communication

## Continuous Improvement

- Trainings (strengthen knowledge)
- Frequent evaluation meetings
- Process for obtaining effective and empathetic feedback
- Promote the evaluation and correction

## Integration (Synergy)

- Recognizing the history of each organization
- Celebrating accomplishments
- Promoting and validating creativity and participation
- Promote the happiness of serving others and the gratefulness towards the collaborating organizations

# Comparisons of Strengths and Challenges: Collaborative Processes of the Project



## Challenges

Different physical spaces. Geographic distance.

Integrating the different policies and protocols of the organizations.

## Strengths

Project for youth by youth

Passion and commitment to the work.

Commitment to provide excellent services (Continual evaluation)

Technical assistance and support from HRSA. Support from CDC and OPHS at HHS



# Comments on Collaborative Process and Participating Organizations



*“Grade A, very big. A great team, all are very willing to work and learn more.” .”*

**Health Promoter, TAC PR Department of Health**

*““In short time we have accomplish to complement each other and we have a lot of integration of the 3 agencies”*

**Youth Facilitator AK N3 NOS Project, PR CONCRA**

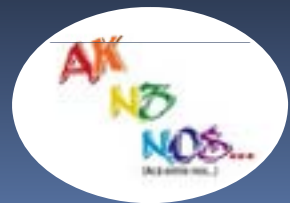
*“The integration has been enriched due to each agency’s expertise making the project complete and ideal. We count on all the necessary resources, which is not usually the case.*

**Rapid Testing Provider, Migrant Health Center, Inc.**



## Objective #2

Explore the role of collaborative youth peers in the design, implementation of DEBIs, community outreach and the counseling youth driven for youth.



# Youth as Co Creators in the Strategies of the Project



## "OUTREACH"



- Complete community mapping of the geographic area (establish contacts, visits and tendencies). Co creators of the plan of activities and implementation.
- Identify youth, ages 13-24, in the western area through activities and community outreach via face to face or internet, designed by youth peers for youth.

## CTR



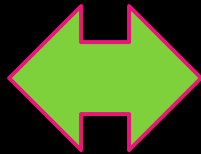
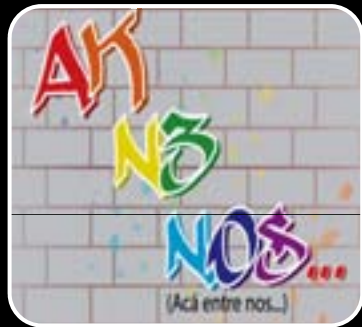
- Coordinate and implement CTR (Counseling, Testing and Referrals) in different public areas, pubs, clubs and areas of social encounters for youth.
- We are link to the comprehensive services at the Immunologic Clinic in Mayaguez.
- Refer HIV positive youth to necessary care.

## EDUCATION



- Design the marketing and informational materials sensitive to our youth peers.
- Promote accurate information on HIV/AIDS and STIs through educational material and safer sex kits.
- Adapt and facilitate intervention in Healthy Relationships for HIV positive youth.

# Approach through Investigation-and Participatory Action in the Project



## INVESTIGACION

- The process of researching information and knowledge of the project recognizes that youth know their reality better than anyone else and can transform their reality.
- The youth are the leaders and co designers of all activities, materials and interventions. Ex: the project's logo

## ACTION

- The youth not only design, they also are the leads of the intervention that look to generate a transformation through their reality.
- EX: The participation of youth in the process of adaptation and facilitation of DEBIs, their development as counselors in the project.

## PARTICIPATION

- The project includes the community and shares their knowledge with them.
- Promotes the integration of youth in the project and leadership experiences as counselors and collaborative groups.
- Each experience permits the promotion of the project and educates the community about the situation of the youth and their transformation.



# Recommendation for organizations in the development of Projects for Youth Peers



What Youth Peers look for in employment:

Innovative, professional and fun environments

Opportunities to help others and have a legacy

Conditions that promote creation, participation, design, evaluate and input.

Non-traditional learning (Ex: youth peer model, mentorship, coaching, group participation, forums and committees)

Empathy, happiness, compassion and support

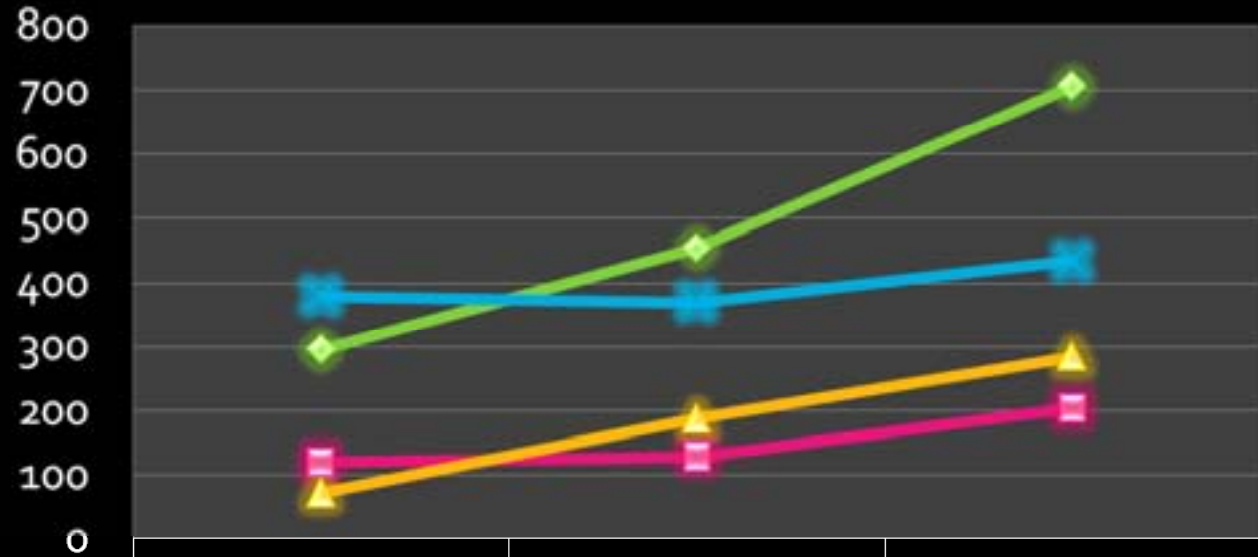
# GENERATED RESULTS IN MEDULLAR AREAS OF THE PROJECT

(FROM YOUTH TO YOUTH)



## Quarterly increases in medullar areas of the Project AK N3 Nos, Outreach, CTRs and Internet contact, May 2010

Amount of services



	November	December to February Second Quarterly	March to May Third Quarterly
◆ Outreach	295	454	706
■ CTRs	119	128	203
▲ FB contact	72	187	284
✧ My Space contact	379	370	434

Summary of the results obtained throughout outreach and the CTR's by information category, October 2009 to May 2010

Category Information	Summary to May 2010
Quantity "Outreach"	1,455
Participants Information of CTRs	Summary to May 2010
Number of testing realized	450
Quantity of persons tested for the first time.	360 (80%)
Sex without condom	254 (57%)
Sex under the influence of alcohol and drugs.	78 (39%)
HIV positive cases identified in Comprehensive services, Mayagüez Clinic.	6

# Comments about Services Participants Evaluations



*“Total support to the Program”*

*“Excellent” “Bring Sexual Transmitted Diseases testing”*

*“It was a great experience and they treat me nice”*

*“The treat was very nice” “Really good”*

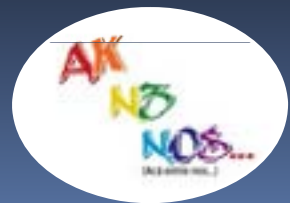
*“Do another activity promptly”*

Level of satisfaction of the participants: Between 97% to 100%



## Objective #3

How to use internet effectively to do Outreach with the purpose to identify, integrate youth participants, and disseminate HIV prevention activities information within the community.



# Facebook Page



facebook  Inicio Perfil Cuenta ▾

**Aca Entre Nos** Aca Entre Nos les agradece a todos aquellos chicos que nos han apoyado en nuestras actividades y que permanecen en contacto con nosotros a través de las páginas de Myspace y Facebook, estamos para tí!!! El martes

Muro Información Fotos Enlaces Eventos

Escribe algo...

Adjuntar:

Crear un anuncio

**Harco Antonio Solís** x

¡Gané un iPad! Visite su página de facebook y presione Me Gusta para entrar en el sorteo! A Donde Vamos A Parar esta disponible ahora.

A Annetta Solís y Ruthy Currais les gusta Harco Antonio Solís.

Me gusta

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A Alanis Miranda le gusta este anuncio.

Me gusta

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**2da Actividad de Casa Abierta para tí!!!** 0.0

Lugar: En el >>2do Piso << Edif. del Departamento de Salud detrás del Centro Médico de Mayaguez (Tenemos Mapa)

Horario: miércoles, 18 de agosto de 2010 1:00

Hace 2 horas · Comentar · Me gusta · Compartir

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El Martes a las 10:49 · Comentar · Me gusta

**Aca Entre Nos** 2da Casa Abierta de Aca Entre Nos, bajo el lema Back 2 School >>Miércoles, 18 de agosto de 2010 a partir de las 12:30PM para que también munchedes!!

**2da Actividad de Casa Abierta para tí!!!** 0.0

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Horario: miércoles, 18 de agosto de 2010 1:00

El Martes a las 9:39 · Comentar · Me gusta · Compartir

**Aca Entre Nos** Somos Aca Entre Nos, un Proyecto de jóvenes y para jóvenes de 13 a 24 años, que brindamos servicios gratuitos de Prevención del VIH.

En la Actividad de Casa Abierta...

\*\*Realizaremos Pruebas de VIH

\*\*Tendremos entremeses, Dulces y Bebidas

Ver más

**2da Actividad de Casa Abierta para tí!!!** 0.0

**Información**

Fecha de nacimiento:  
15 de septiembre

Ciudad actual:  
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Sitio web:  
<http://www.myspace.com/proyecto-a>

**Amigos en común**

3 amigos en común

Ivette Rodriguez Fuentes · Jaime Santana · William Gabriel Garcia

**Amigos**

371 amigos

Jaime Santana · Jose Collazo · Brenda M Santiago



# My Space Page

A screenshot of a Facebook page for 'Proyecto "AK NO NOS"'. The page is framed by a yellow border and is held by four hands. The background is black with colorful 'AK NO NOS' logos. The page content includes:

- Header:** Project name, cover photo, and navigation links (Home, About, Photos, Videos, Posts, Friends, Events, Pages).
- Left Column:**
  - Latest King Stories:** A list of posts with dates and snippets of text.
  - Advertencia:** A section with a red ribbon icon and text regarding HIV/AIDS awareness.
- Right Column:**
  - Inicio:** A paragraph of text about the project's mission.
  - AK NO NOS:** A framed image of the project's logo.
  - Más de 1'000 de miembros:** A paragraph of text about the project's reach.
- Bottom Section:**
  - Friends (156):** A list of profile pictures of people who are friends with the page.
  - Logotipos:** A row of logos from partner organizations.

# Questions and/or Comments

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