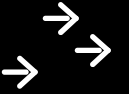
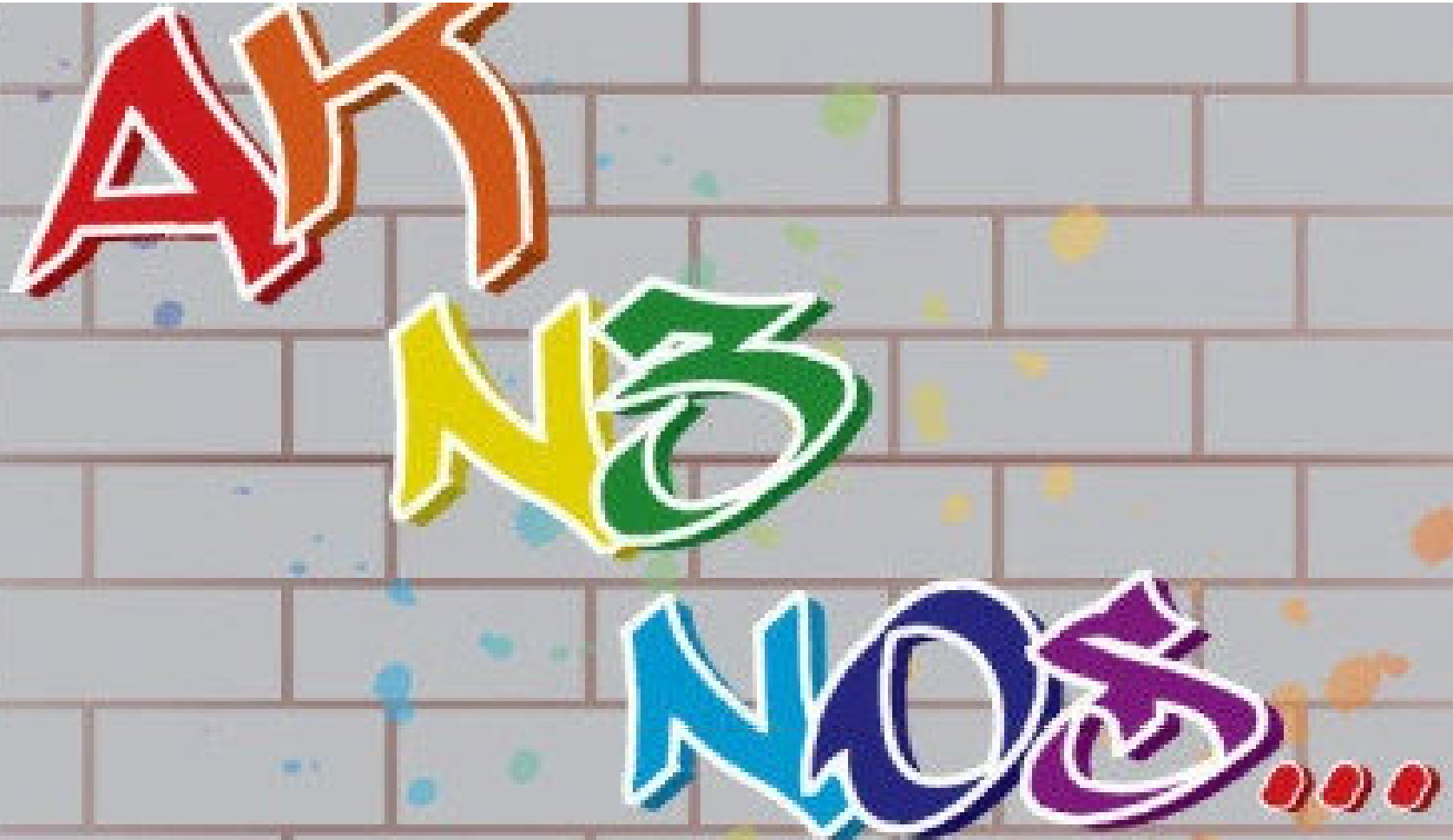


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MAI Initiative, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).



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GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



Puerto Rico in the Caribbean



Geographic Location of the Project

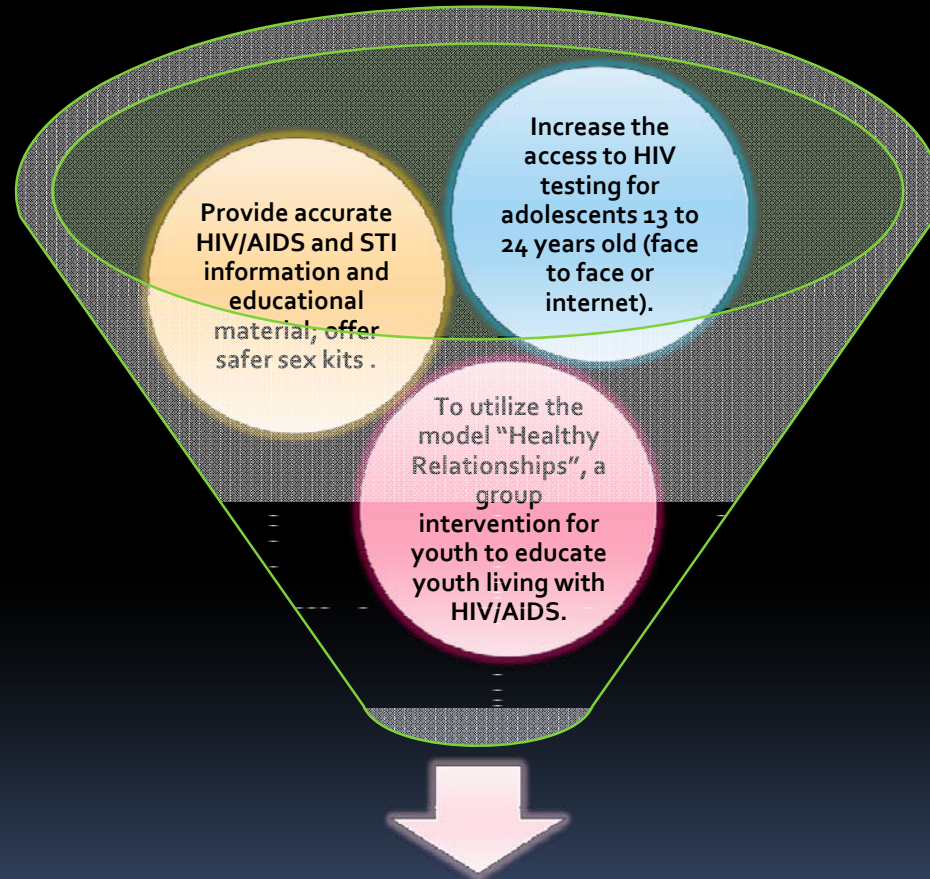


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(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

Community Outreach

- Youth 13-24 years old
- -Bars, "Pubs", Clubs, Street, Places of employment and areas of sexual encounters.
- -Internet used to identify cases (Facebook, My Space, Latin Chat)

CTR (Counseling, Testing and Referrals)

Type of Test

- Rapid (in clinical and non-clinical settings)
- Oral
- Blood

Referrals

- Positive Results
- Comprehensive Services
- Clinical Services in Mayaguez
- Negative Results
- Referral provided based on the need of the youth

"Healthy Relationship"

(Relaciones Saludables)

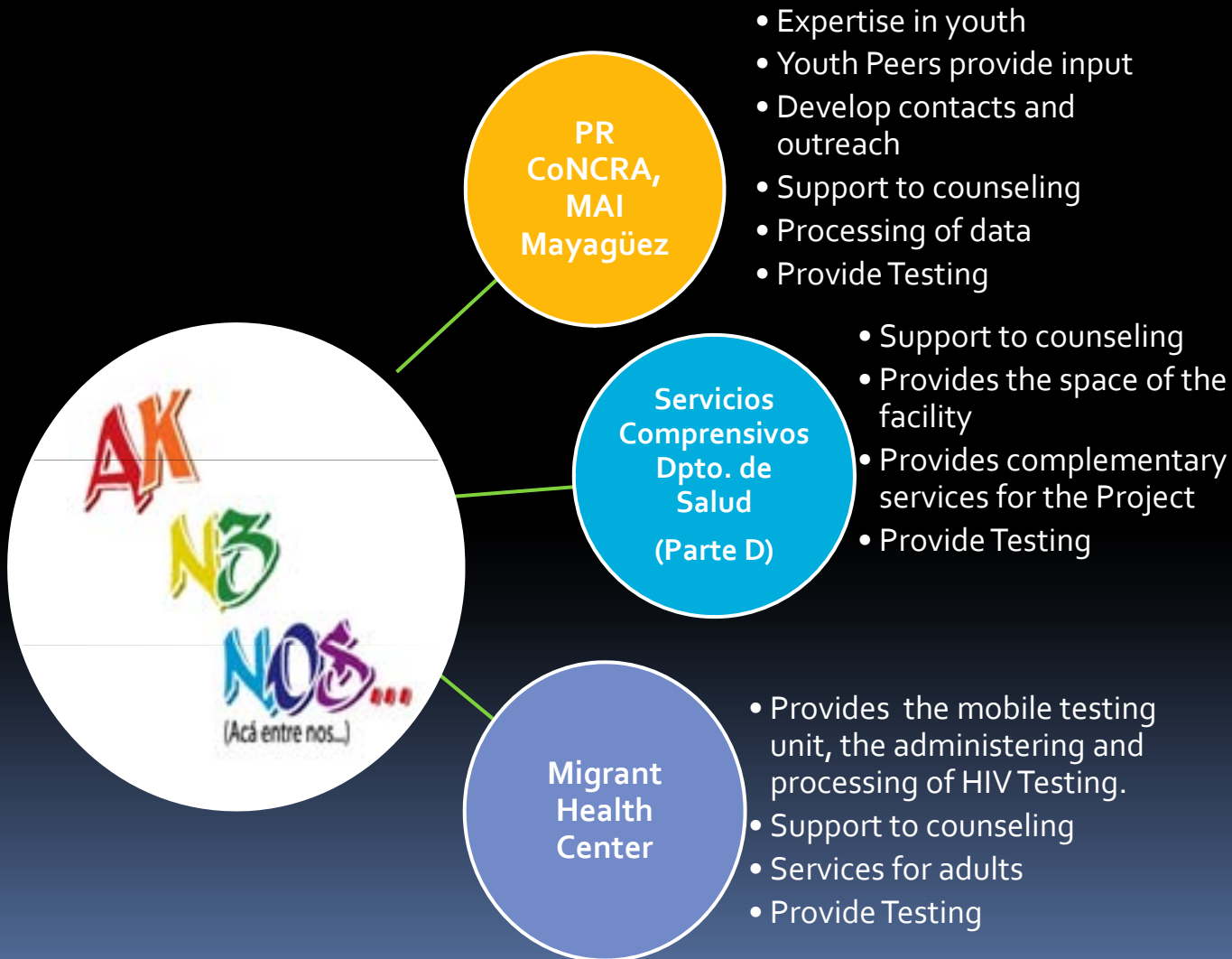
Youth Peers facilitate the intervention of small groups, which assists individuals living with HIV/AIDS to be empowered and obtain the necessary skills to cope and live with their diagnosis.

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

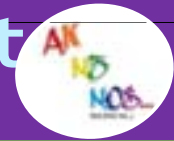
Continuous Improvement

- 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

Strengths

Different physical spaces. Geographic distance.

Integrating the different policies and protocols of the organizations.

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



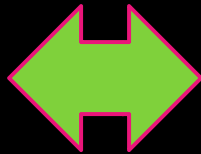
- Coordinate and implement CTR (Counseling, Testing and Referrals) in different public areas, pubs, clubs and areas of social encounters for youth.
- We are link to the comprehensive services at the Immunologic Clinic in Mayaguez.
- Refer HIV positive youth to necessary care.

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

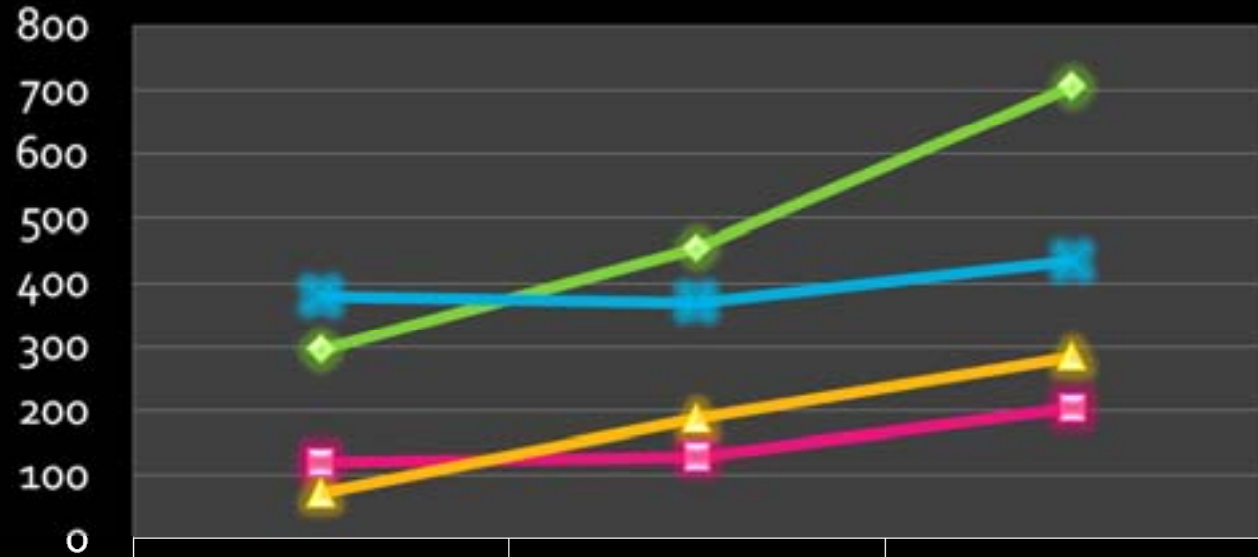
GENERATED RESULTS IN MEDULLAR AREAS OF THE PROJECT

(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.



My Space Page



Proyecto "AK NO NOE"
Una página de Facebook...
Crea tu perfil de Facebook...
Crea tu perfil de Facebook...
Crea tu perfil de Facebook...

Lament King Enrique
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