

RAPIDO: Rapid ART Program for Individuals to reach unDetectable Outcomes

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Background:

RAPIDO is a SPNS initiative developed to provide rapid ART services within Latinx communities. The RAPIDO team developed a system of care that was culturally appropriate, educational and empowering.

This program was initiated at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, which facilitated us to be flexible with our service delivery and develop unconventional strategies during unconventional times.

Objectives:

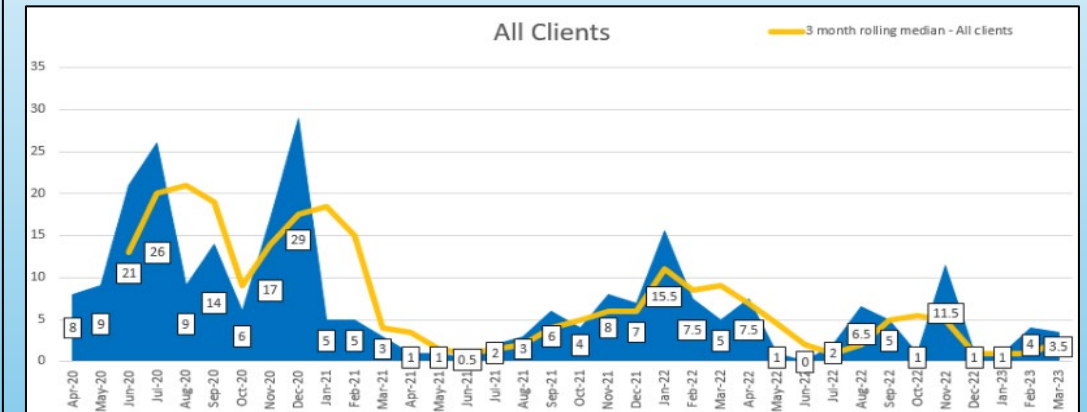
- Explain the components of the RAPIDO Program.
- Report the data collected throughout the program.
- Review the material developed to engage and empower people to access rapid ART services

Methods:

- Health education was the core of the program.
- Creating and utilizing tools that highlighted the benefits of early HIV treatment and using U=U as a goal in their care.
- The RAPIDO Program consisted of the following staff:
 - RAPIDO Case Manager
 - RAPIDO Navigator
 - RAPIDO Medical Team
- Data results to drive health messages.
- Tele-Health Services

Findings:

- Viral Suppression in 29 days initiating ART same day.
- Undetectable VL levels in 34 days initiating ART in 6 days.
- Average monthly linkage rate during RAPIDO:



Conclusions:

- Increased knowledge of U=U
- Quick access to ART and medical care
- Improved communication between staff and with clients.
- Improved health outcomes and faster attainability to viral suppression.

Implications for Practice:

- Organizational buy in
- Culture change



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