

# County of Los Angeles-Department of Public Health Office of AIDS Programs and Policy

## HIV Testing Landscape: Los Angeles County

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# Overview

- Introduction
- Los Angeles Epidemic
- Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) HIV Testing Principles & Objectives
- HIV Testing Efforts in Los Angeles
- HIV Testing Data
- Social Marketing
- Conclusions



# County of Los Angeles

Square Miles: 4,086  
Population<sup>1</sup>: 10.3 Million

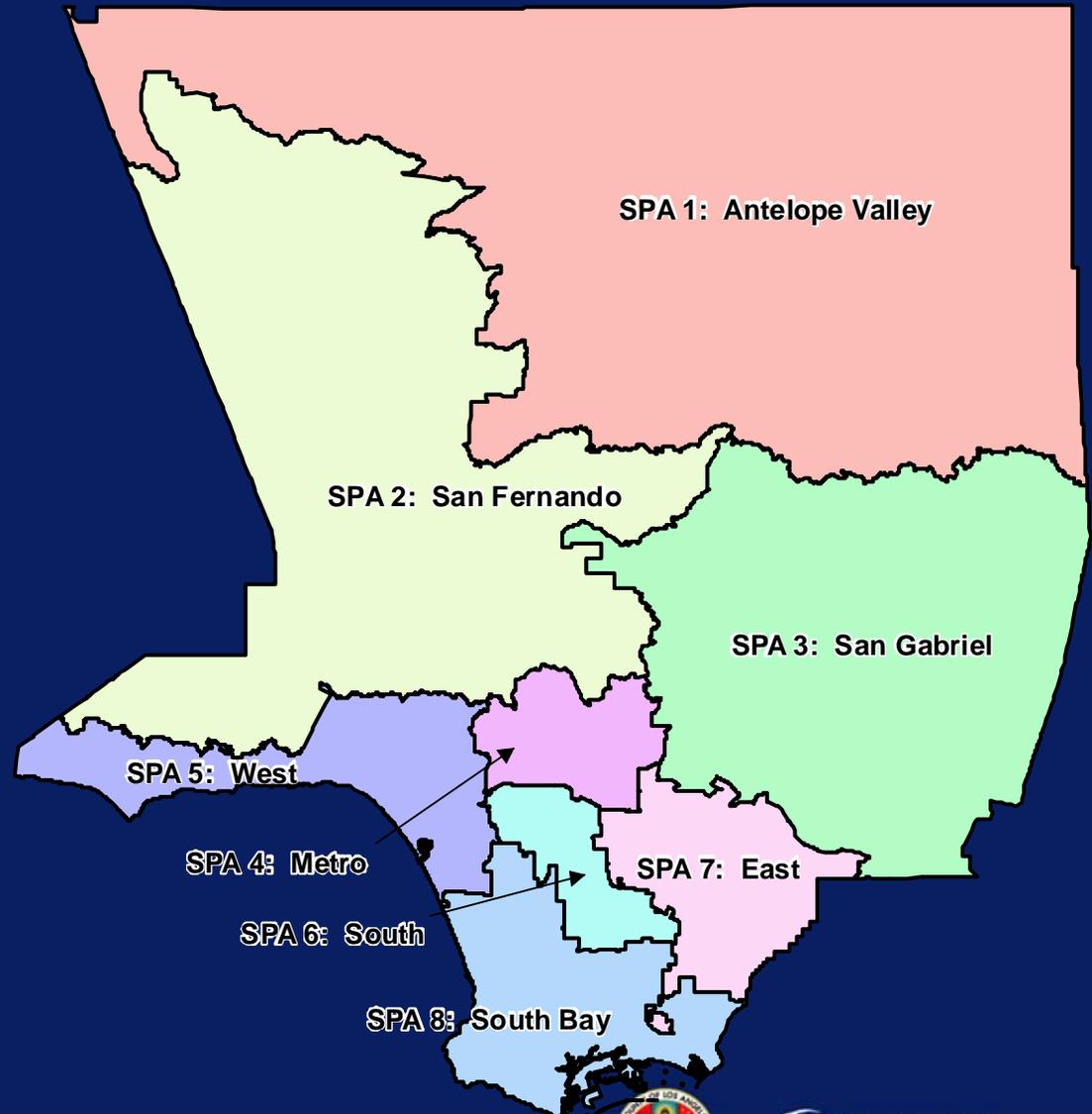
Latino/a 47%  
White 28.9%  
Asian/PI 12.6%  
African-American 9.0%  
Native American 0.3%

Proportion of California  
Population<sup>2</sup>: 29%

Proportion of California AIDS  
Cases<sup>3</sup>: 36%

Proportion of U.S. AIDS Cases<sup>3</sup>:  
5%

Living with HIV/AIDS<sup>3</sup>:  
60,000 (Estimated)

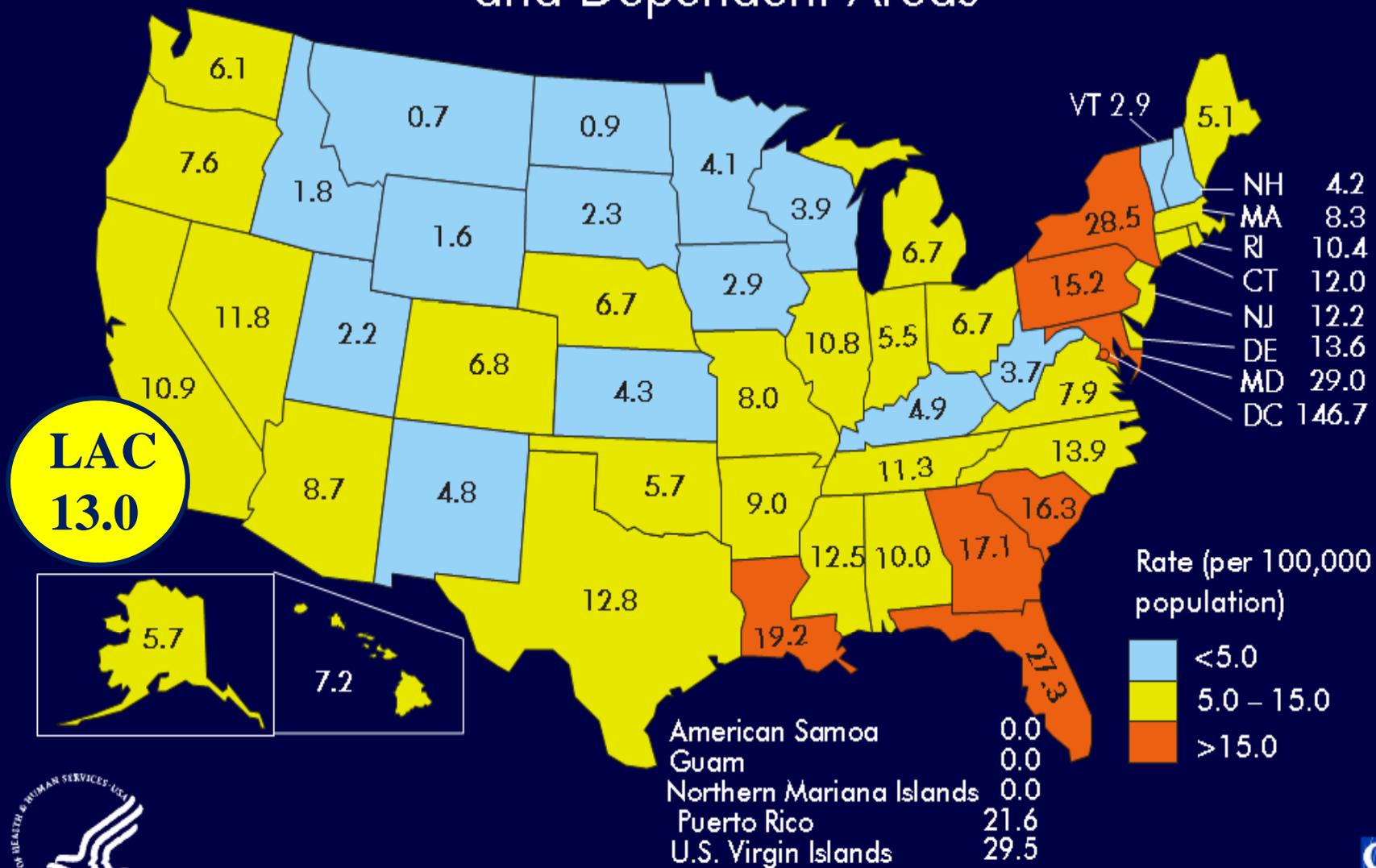


<sup>1</sup>United Way, Los Angeles (2008)

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Department of Commerce (2008)

<sup>3</sup>Los Angeles County HIV Epidemiology Program (2008)

# AIDS Rates, Reported in 2006—United States and Dependent Areas



# Impact of HIV on LA County

- LAC second only to NYC among US metropolitan areas in cumulative number of reported AIDS cases
- Only 4 states (CA, TX, NY, FL) have more reported AIDS cases than LAC
- 36% of all California reported AIDS cases are from LAC



# HIV Prevalence and Incidence US and Local Statistics

## HIV Prevalence Estimates:

- US: **1,106,400** persons living with HIV<sup>1</sup>
- LAC: **61,700** persons living with HIV<sup>2</sup>

## HIV Incidence Estimates:

- US: **56,300** persons newly infected.<sup>3</sup>
  - 27% Female and 73% Male
- LAC: **3,138** persons newly infected.<sup>2</sup>
  - 16% Female and 84% Male

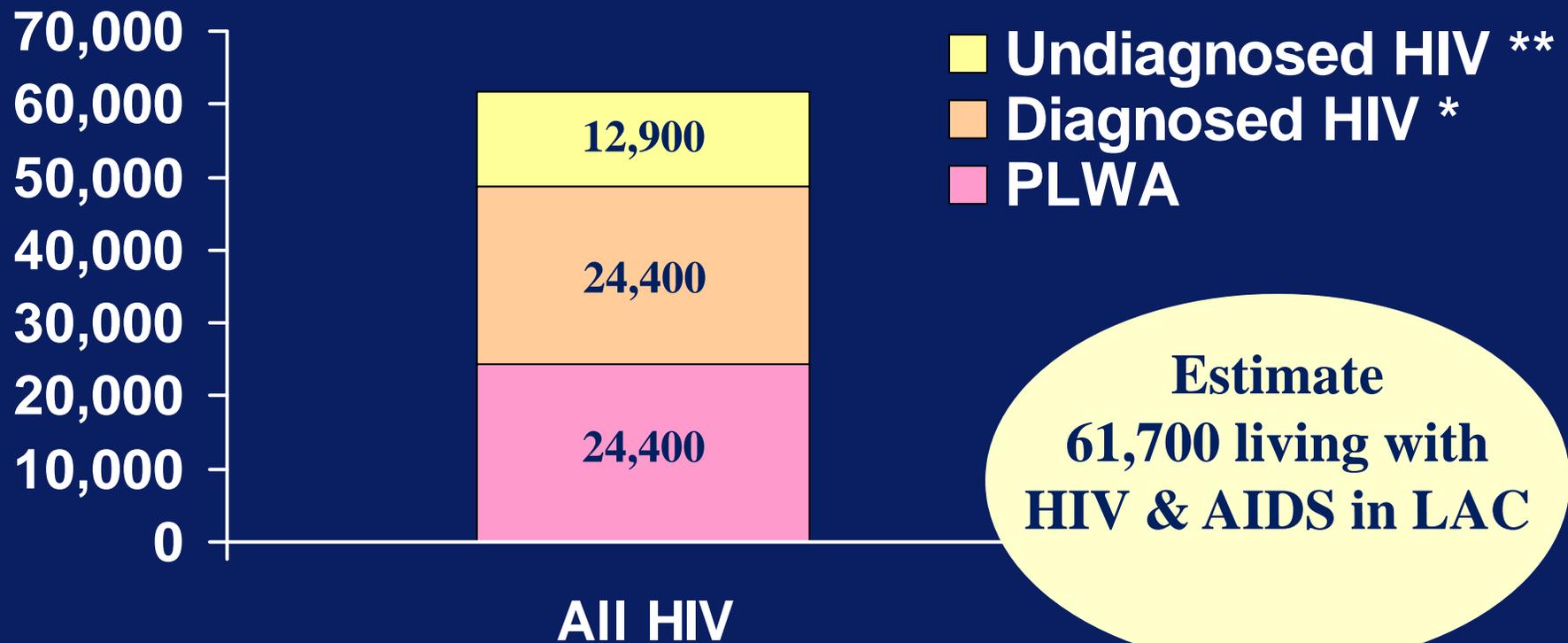
<sup>1</sup>CDC. [HIV Prevalence Estimates—United States, 2006](#). MMWR 2008

<sup>2</sup>HIV Epidemiology Program, LAC/DPH, 2007.

<sup>3</sup>Hall HI, et.al. *JAMA* 2008.



# Estimated Number of Persons Living with HIV or AIDS in LAC as of July 2009

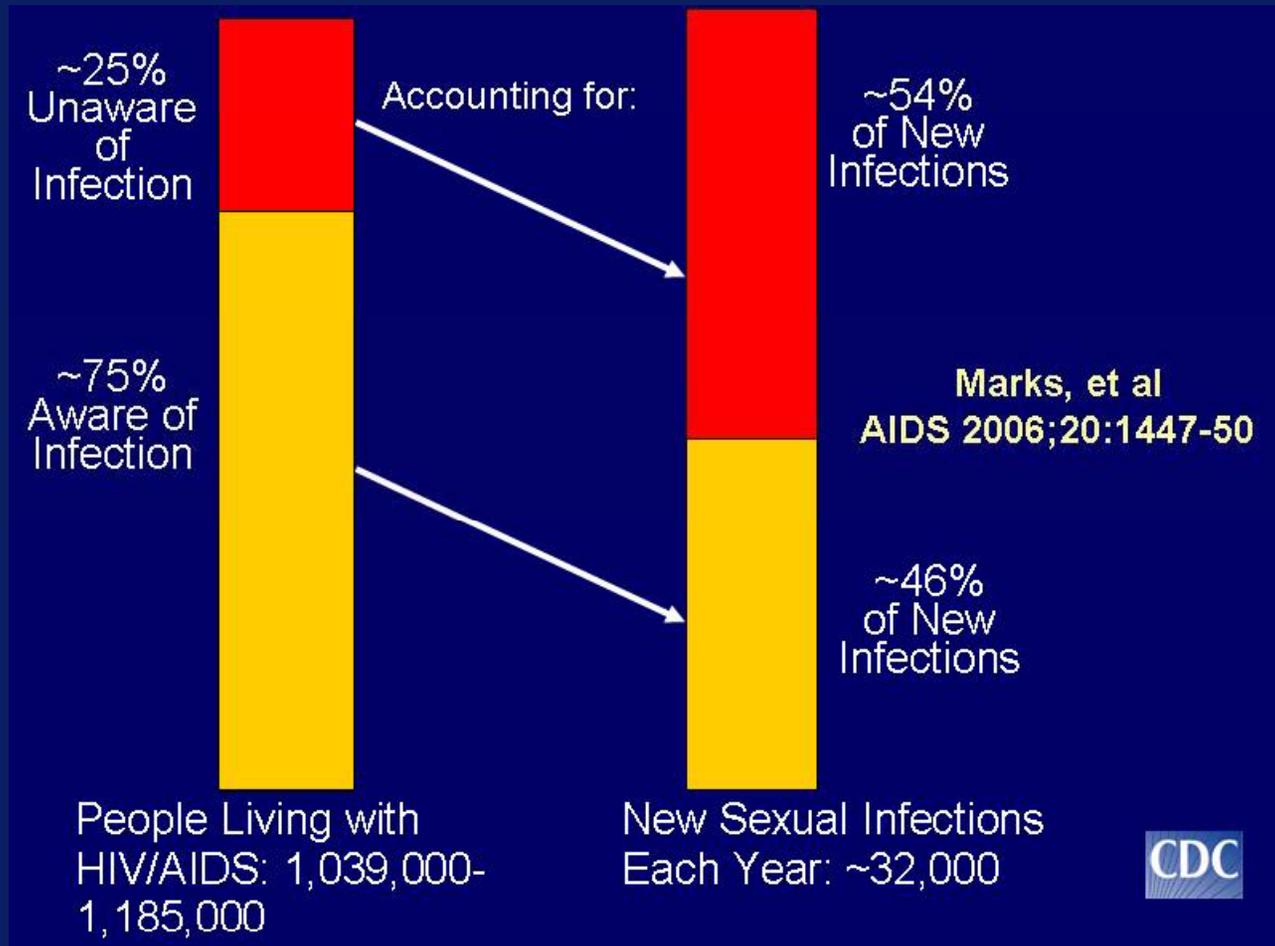


\*Estimate based on a 1:1 ratio of HIV (non-AIDS) to AIDS cases

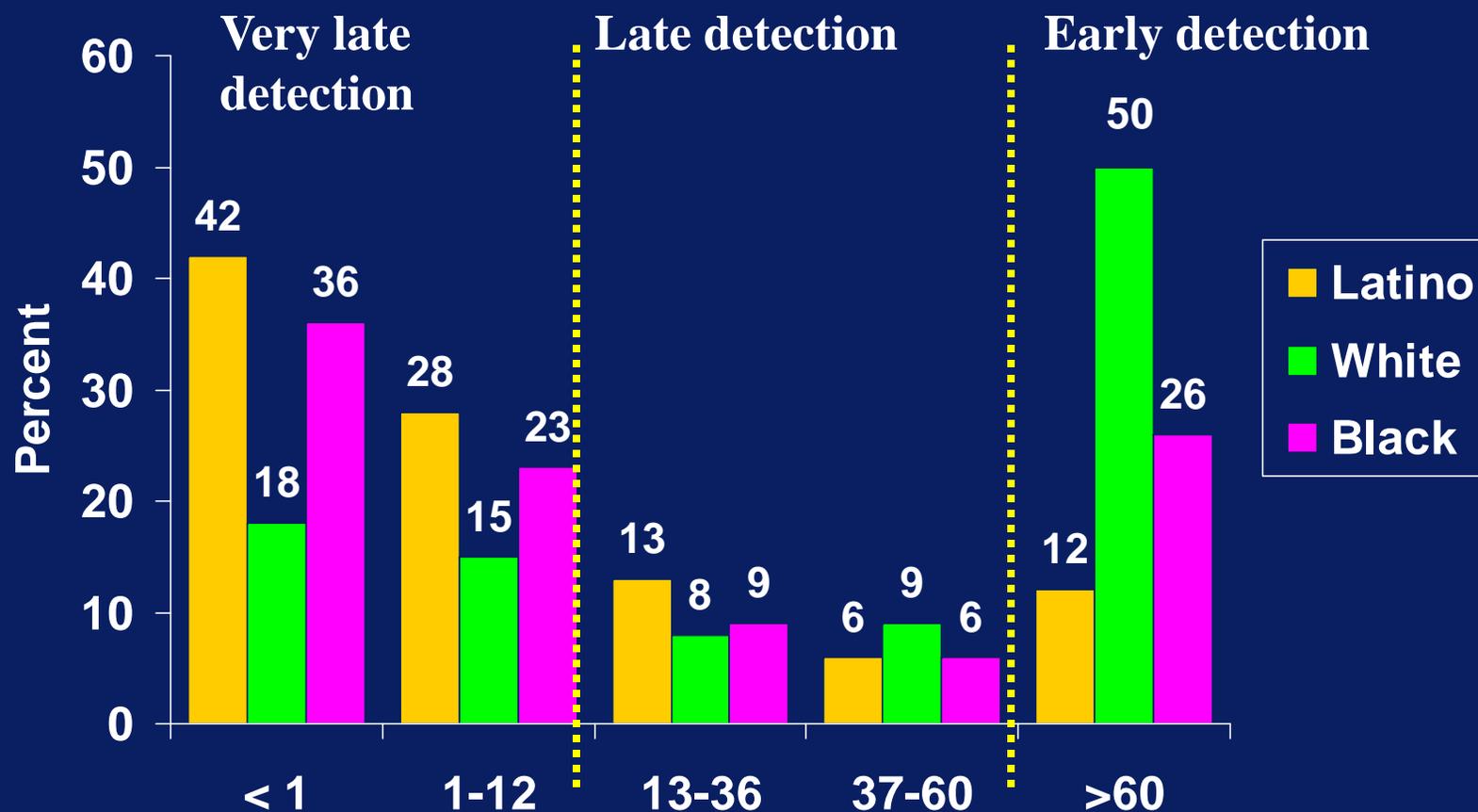
\*\*Estimate based on CDC's 2008 estimate that 21% are unaware of their HIV infection (CDC, 2008)



# Awareness of Serostatus Among People with HIV and Estimates of Transmission



# Time Between First Learned of HIV+ Status and AIDS Diagnosis



# OAPP HIV Testing Principles

- HIV testing is part of a comprehensive prevention strategy
- Ongoing need for multiple HIV testing modalities
- Data and evidence should guide response
  - Number of tests versus positivity rate must be considered
  - Geo-mapping is an important tool and resource
- Focus on diagnosing those with undiagnosed HIV infection given transmission data



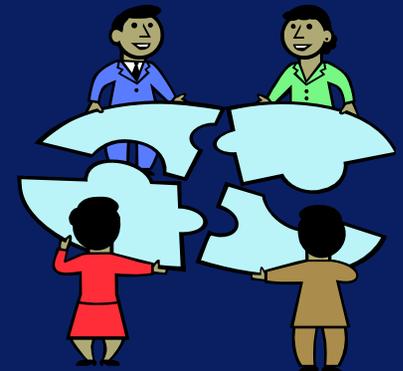
# OAPP's HIV Testing Objectives

- Diagnose more persons with HIV each year than the estimated number who become infected
- Diagnose 10% of the estimated 12,900 undiagnosed HIV infection in Los Angeles
- Test over 70,000 people annually
- Achieve a 2% HIV-positivity rate in OAPP-funded testing sites
- Ensure 100% linkage into care for newly diagnosed persons

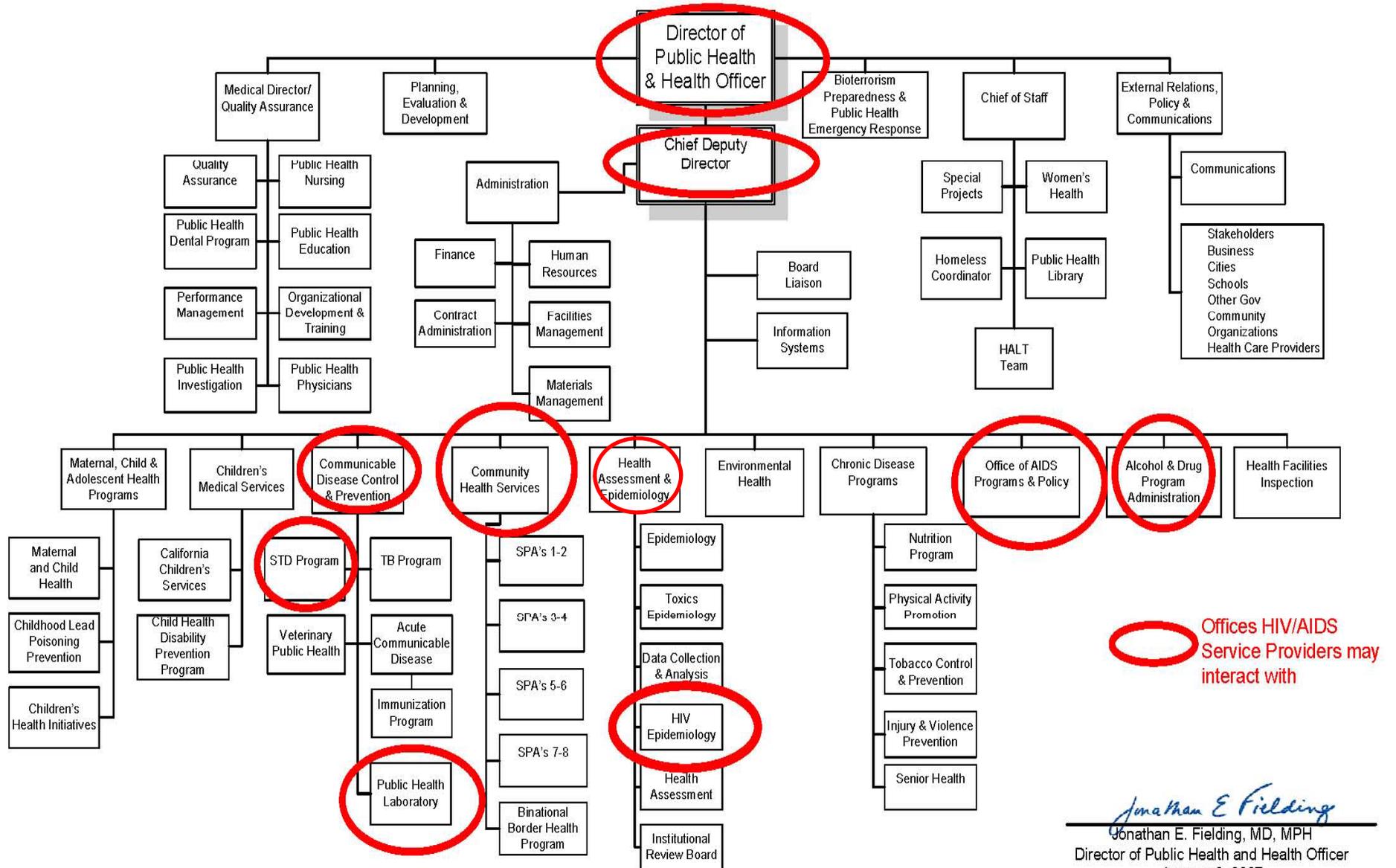


# HIV Testing Efforts

- Department of Public Health (DPH) Direct HIV Testing Services
  - Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP)
  - STD Program
  - Public Health Centers (STD, HIV, TB testing)
  - HIV Epidemiology
- Community Based Organizations and Clinics
- Department of Health Services
- Other Health Departments – Long Beach and Pasadena
- Private Sector



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 Director of Public Health and Health Officer  
 January 3, 2007

# HIV Testing Efforts: OAPP Supported Testing

- OAPP Direct HIV Testing Services
  - Court Testing
  - Substance Abuse Clinics
  - Jails
  - Homeless Shelters
  - Research Projects  
(e.g., Social Network Testing)



# HIV Testing Efforts: OAPP Supported Testing

- CBO and Clinics via OAPP support
  - HIV Testing Models/Categories
    1. Storefront Testing
    2. Mobile Testing Unit – HIV Testing
    3. Multiple Morbidity Mobile Testing Unit
    4. Social Networks Testing
    5. Routine Testing in Clinics
  - Medical Outpatient Partner Testing
  - Research Projects



# HIV Testing Efforts: Other DPH Supported Testing

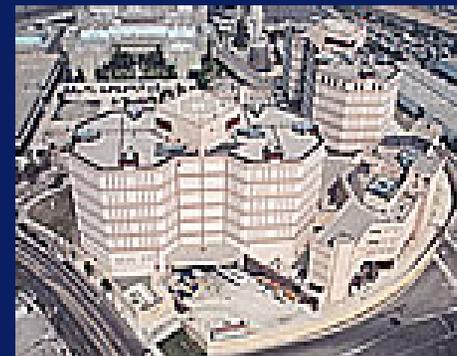
- Public Health Centers Services

- 13 Public Health Clinics (HIV, STD, TB)



- STD Program (STDP) Direct HIV Testing

- Jails – K6-G (STDP)
  - Research Projects (STDP)
  - Select Mobile Testing (STDP)



# HIV Testing Efforts: DHS and Other Supported Testing

- Department of Health Services
  - Public Hospitals, Clinics, Public/Private Partnerships
- Other Health Departments
  - City of Long Beach
  - City of Pasadena
- Other CBOs and Private Sector



# HIV Testing Data - Estimates

Agency	# of HIV Tests	HIV-positive Tests	HIV Positivity Rate
DPH- OAPP (2008 data)	36,436	498	1.37%
DPH-Public Health Clinics (2007 data)	25,044	200	0.80%
City of Pasadena (2009)	1,384	28	2.03%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,864</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1.15%</b>

... Do not have overall LA County HIV Test Number

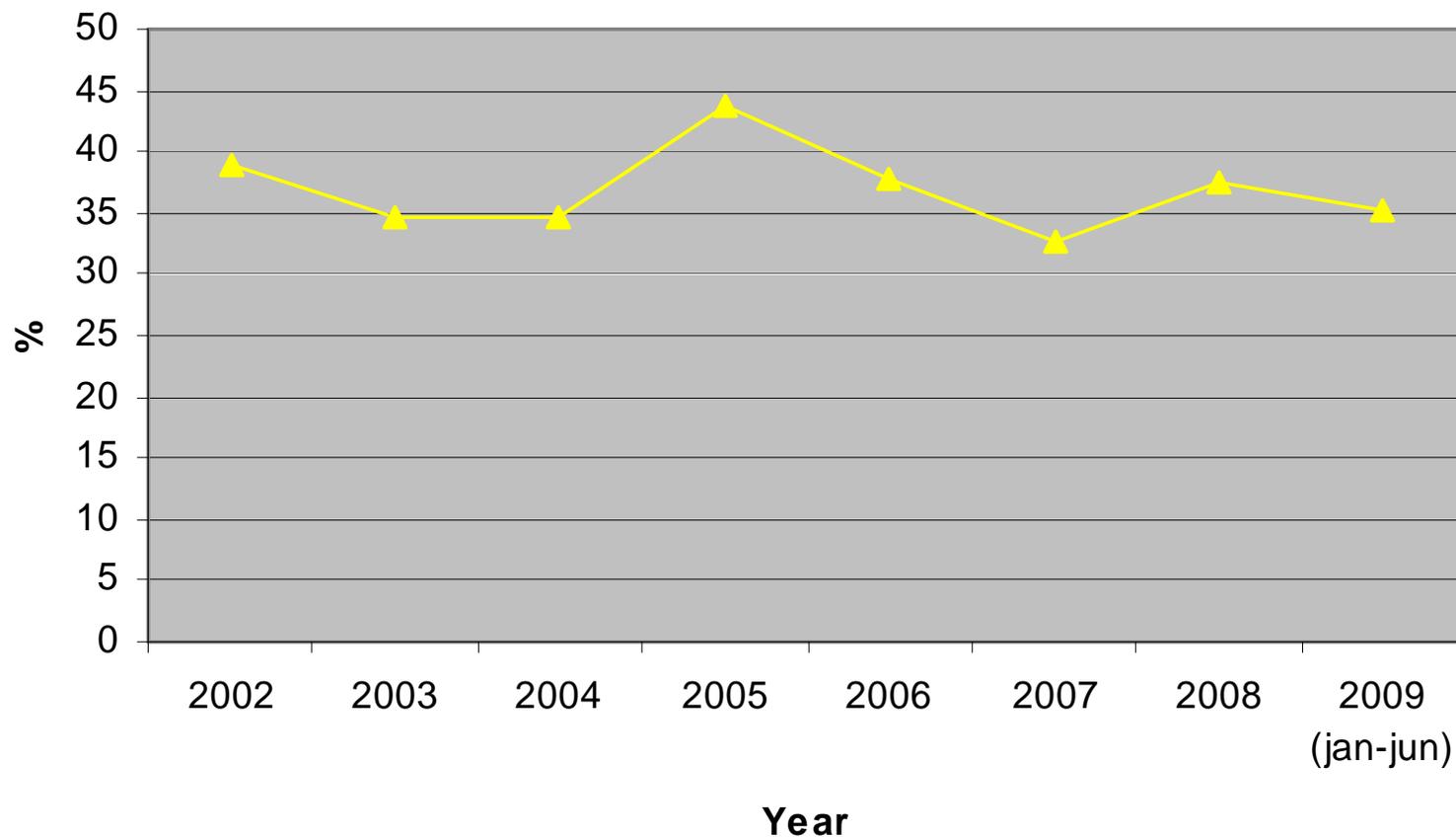


# HIV Testing Data

- 2005 Los Angeles County Health Survey
  - Percent of Adults who Reported Being Tested for HIV in the Past 2 Years = 31%
  - Estimates that nearly 1 out of every 3 adults 18 years or older reported being tested for HIV during the past 2 years. (Participants were asked not to count HIV tests that were done as part of a blood donation.)
  - N= 8,648 adults 18 yrs or older



# Estimated proportion of new HIV diagnoses from publicly funded sites, LAC, 2002-2009



Source: HIV Incidence Surveillance data, HIV Epidemiology Program

## Estimated proportion of new HIV diagnoses from publicly funded sites, LAC, 2002-2009

- Estimated 35-45% of new HIV diagnoses are from publicly funded sites
- Conversely, 55-65% of new HIV diagnoses are from privately funded sites



# OAPP HIV Testing Data



# HCT Data from OAPP-funded Sites, 2008

Characteristic	All Tests		Rapid HIV Test		Conventional HIV Test	
	N	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Number of HIV Tests</b>	<b>36,332</b>		<b>26,124</b>	<b>71.9%</b>	<b>10,208</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
<b>Test Election</b>						
Confidential	<b>29,702</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>20,246</b>	<b>77.5%</b>	<b>9,456</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
Anonymous	<b>6,630</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>5,878</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>7.37%</b>
<b>Positive</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>1.79%</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1.24%</b>
New Positives <sup>1</sup>	<b>482</b>	<b>1.33%</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>1.49%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>0.91%</b>
Previously Positive	<b>113</b>	<b>0.31%</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.33%</b>
<b>Disclosure of Test Results</b>						
All Tests <sup>2</sup>	<b>32,363</b>	<b>89.1%</b>	<b>24,420</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>7,943</b>	<b>77.8%</b>

<sup>1</sup> New Positives refer to individuals who self-report never having a prior positive HIV test result.

<sup>2</sup> Received a disclosure of a negative, preliminary positive, or confirmed positive result.



# New Positives and Positivity Rate at OAPP-funded HCT Sites, 2008

Characteristic	N	New Positives <sup>1</sup> (n)	New Positivity Rate (%)
Number of HIV Tests	36,332	482	1.33%
Homeless	3,650	51	1.40%
<b>Target Populations<sup>2</sup></b>			
HIV Positive Individuals <sup>3</sup>	595	482	
Youth (12-24 years)	9,448	89	0.94%
Men	24,337	437	1.80%
<i>Gay men</i>	9,209	313	3.40%
<i>Non- gay identified men who have sex with men<sup>4</sup></i>	3,965	56	1.41%
Women	11,773	34	0.29%
Transgender Individuals	221	11	5.00%
People who Share Needles/Works	2,151	25	1.16%

<sup>1</sup>The number of new positives that received a disclosure of a preliminary positive rapid test result or a conventional new positive result. New Positives refer to individuals who self-report never having a prior positive HIV test result.

<sup>2</sup>Target populations as identified in Table 4.6 in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health HIV Prevention Plan 2009-2013 <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/aids/PreventionPlan.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> Includes newly identified positive individual and individuals who previously tested positive.

<sup>4</sup> Includes males who self-identified as bisexual or heterosexual and males who responded “didn’t know/refused” and reported having sex with men.



# New Positives and Positivity Rate at OAPP-funded HCT Sites, Jan-Jun 2009

Characteristic	N	New Positives <sup>1</sup> (n)	New Positivity Rate (%)
<b>Number of HIV Tests</b>	18,207	210	1.15%
<b>Homeless</b>	2,319	35	1.51%
<b>Target Populations<sup>2</sup></b>			
HIV Positive Individuals <sup>3</sup>	251	210	
Youth (12-24 years)	4,861	38	0.78%
Men	12,758	182	1.43%
Gay men	4,242	135	3.18%
Non- gay identified men who have sex with men <sup>4</sup>	2,026	26	1.28%
Women	5,318	16	0.30%
Transgender Individuals	130	12	9.23%

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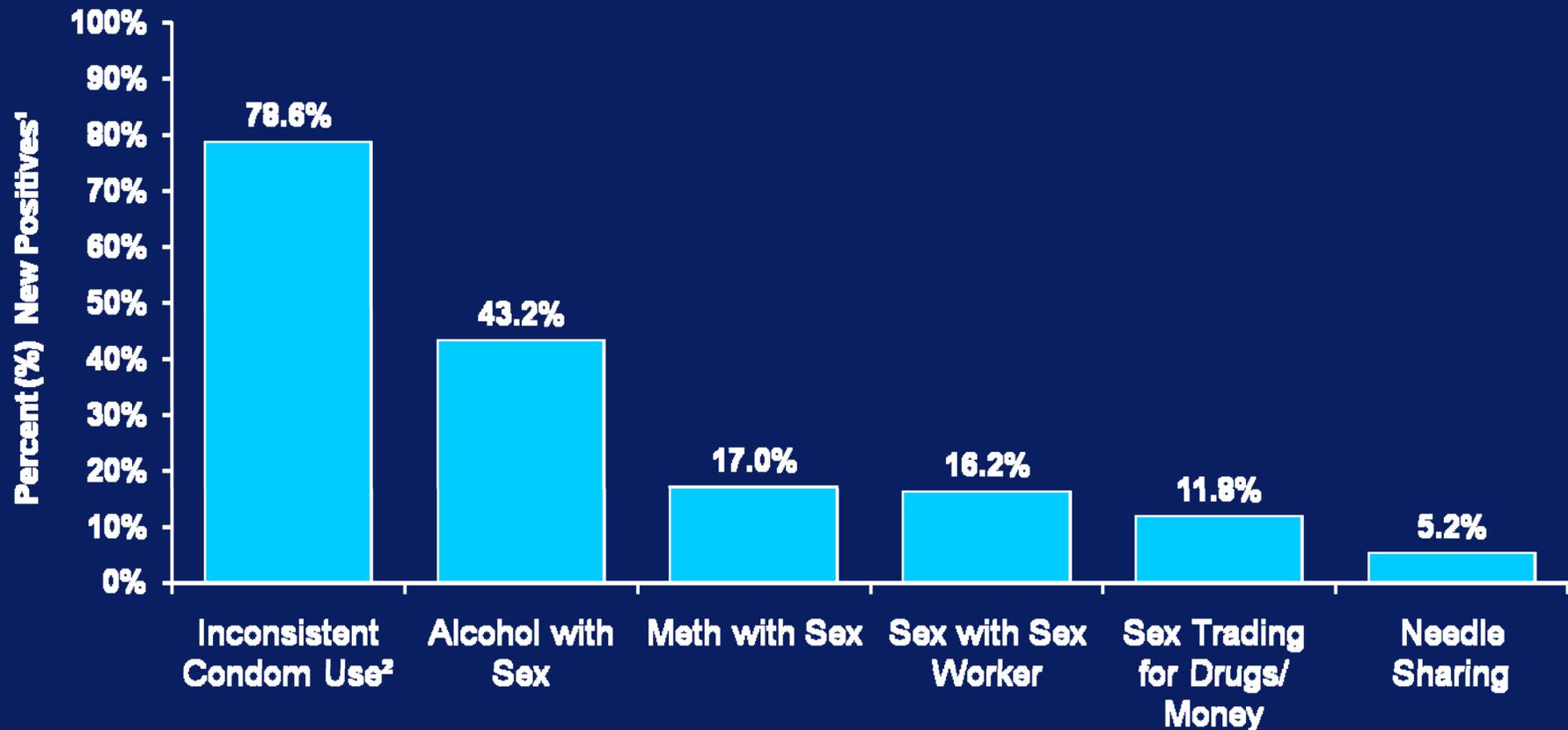
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# New Positives Identified at OAPP-funded HCT Sites by HIV Risk Behavior, 2008



## High Risk Behavior\*

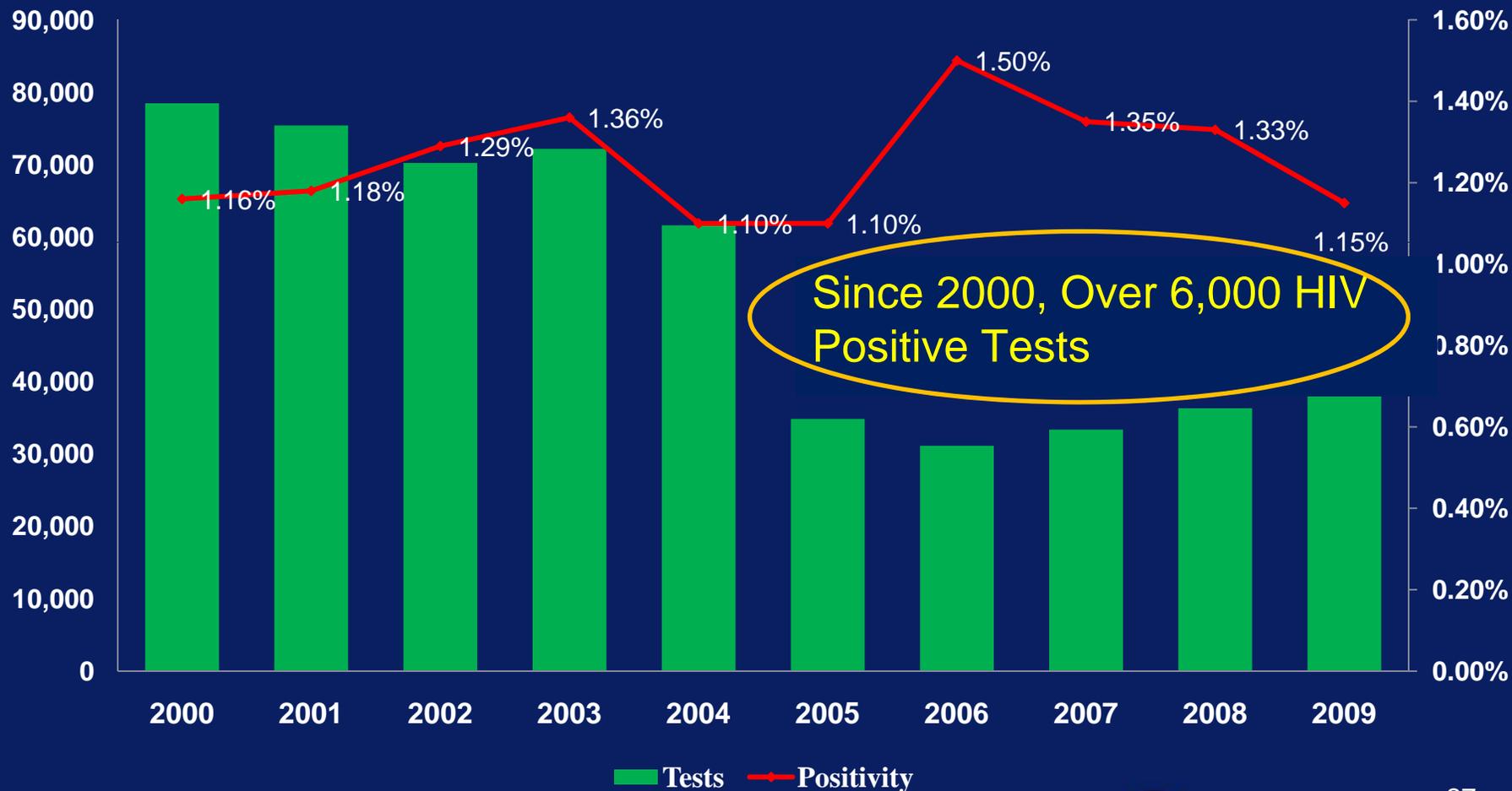
\* High risk behaviors are not mutually exclusive. Individuals may have engaged in more than one high risk behavior.

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<sup>2</sup> Inconsistent condom use includes never or sometimes using condoms.



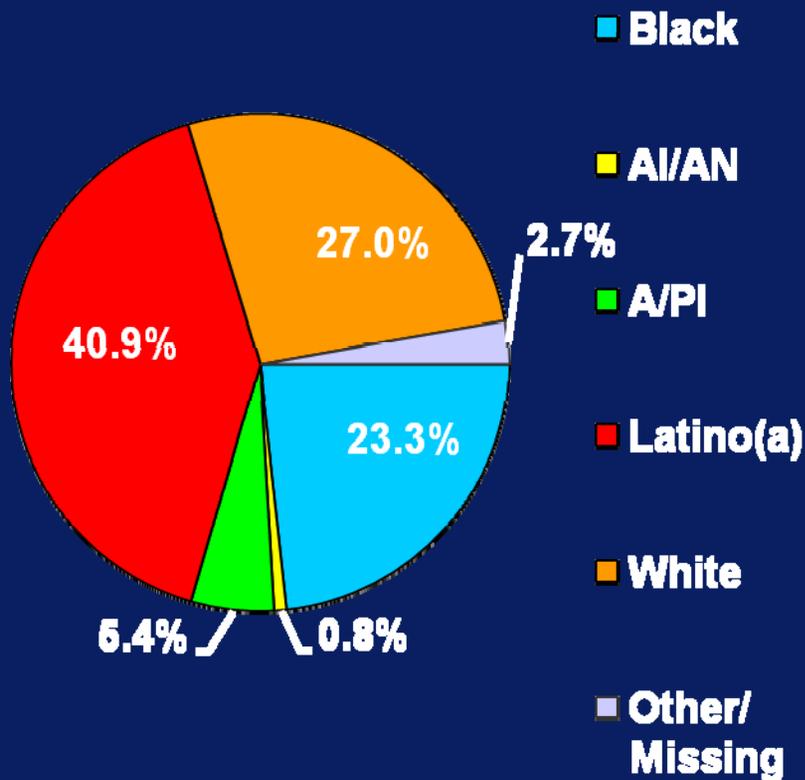
# New Positivity Rates and Number of HIV Tests Performed at OAPP- funded HCT Sites by Year



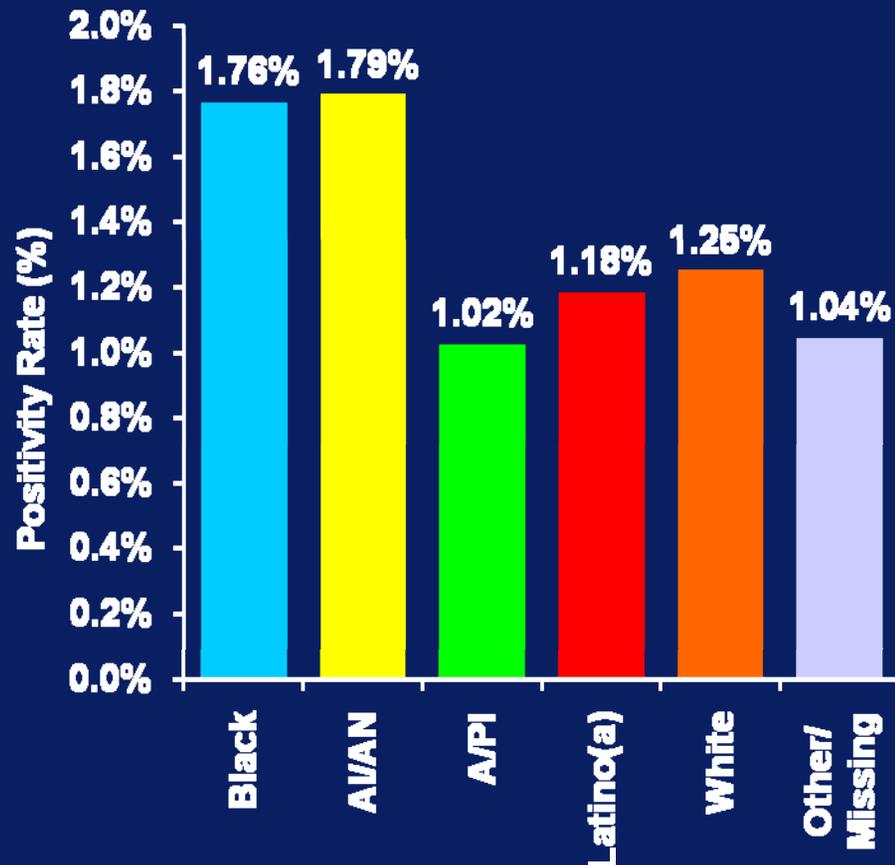
# HIV Tests by Race/Ethnicity, 2008

(N=36,332)

## Total Number of Tests



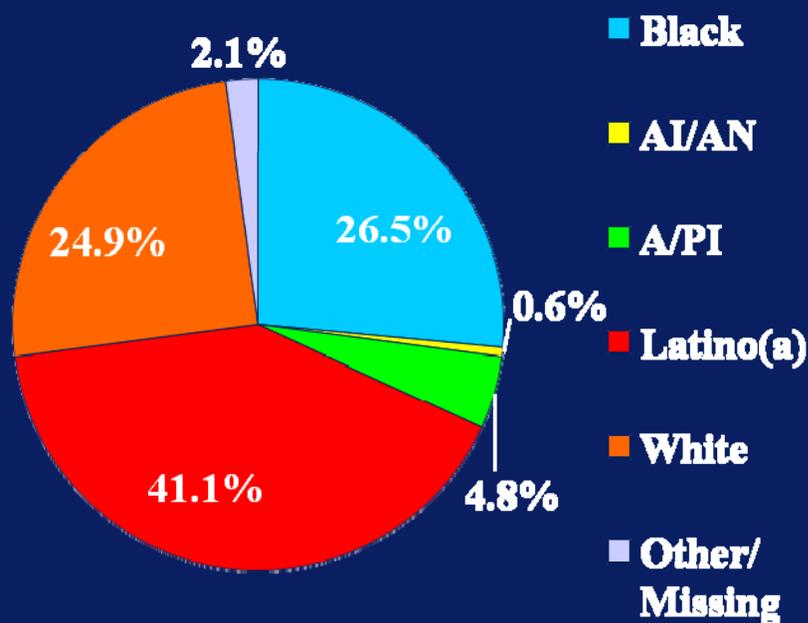
## New Positivity Rates



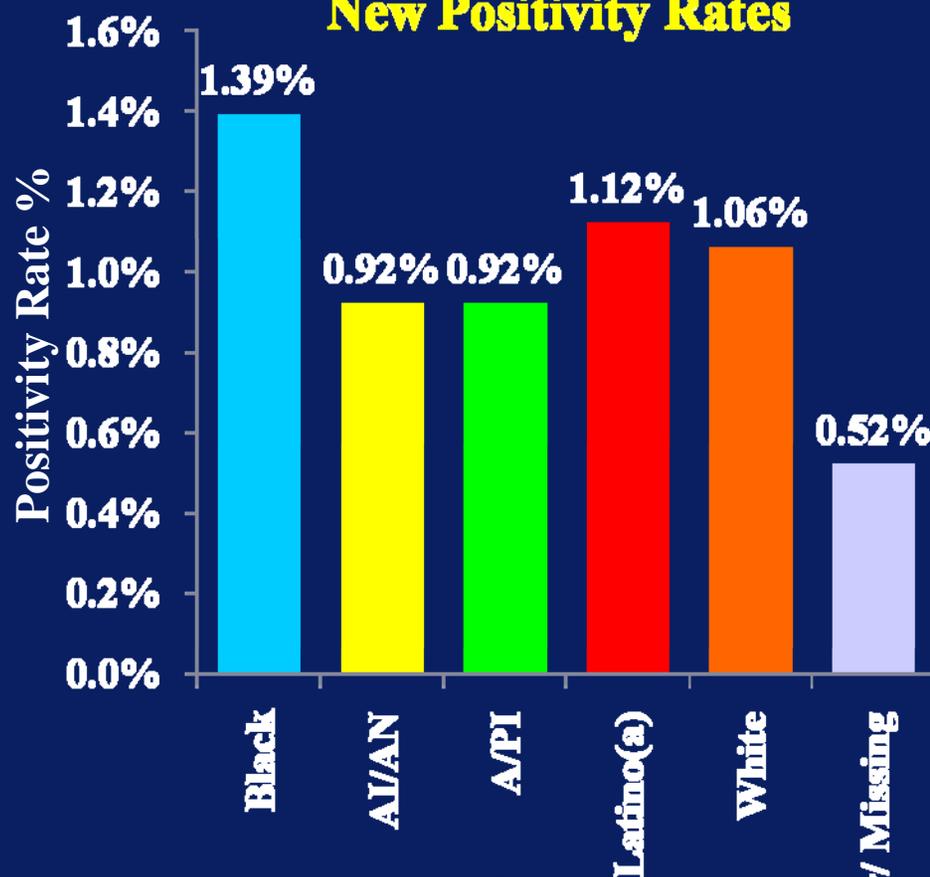
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(N=18,207)

**Total Number of Tests**



**New Positivity Rates**



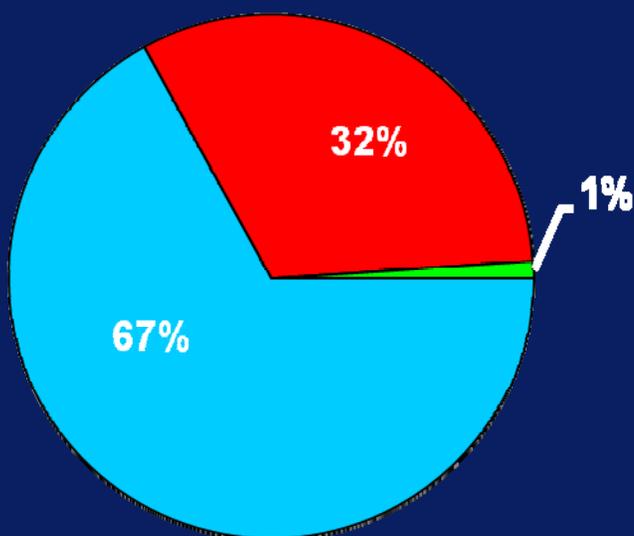
Data Source: HIV Counseling and Testing Data, HIV Resources Information Systems (HIRS), January 1 - June, 2009. Data are provisional, numbers are based on tests, not necessarily individuals.



# HIV Tests by Gender, 2008

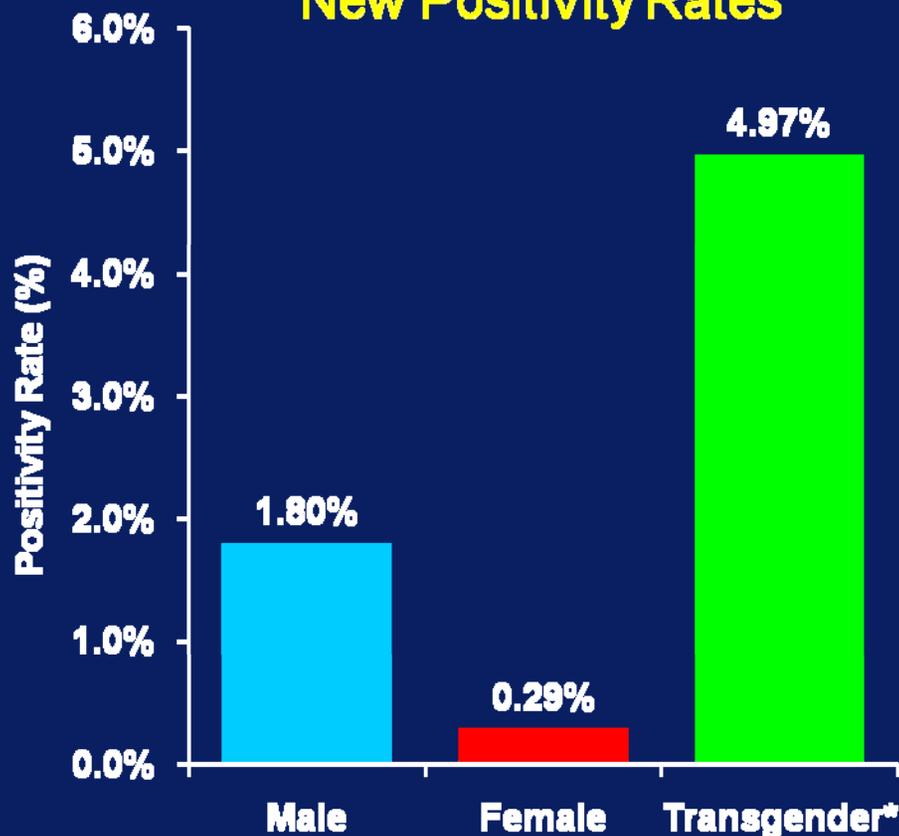
(N=36,332)

## Total Number of Tests



■ Male      ■ Female  
■ Transgender\*      ■ Other

## New Positivity Rates



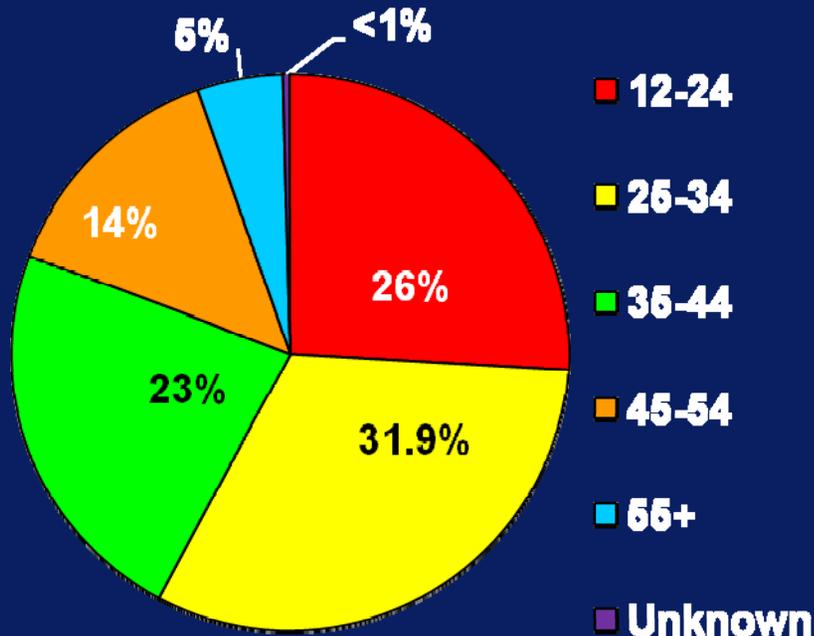
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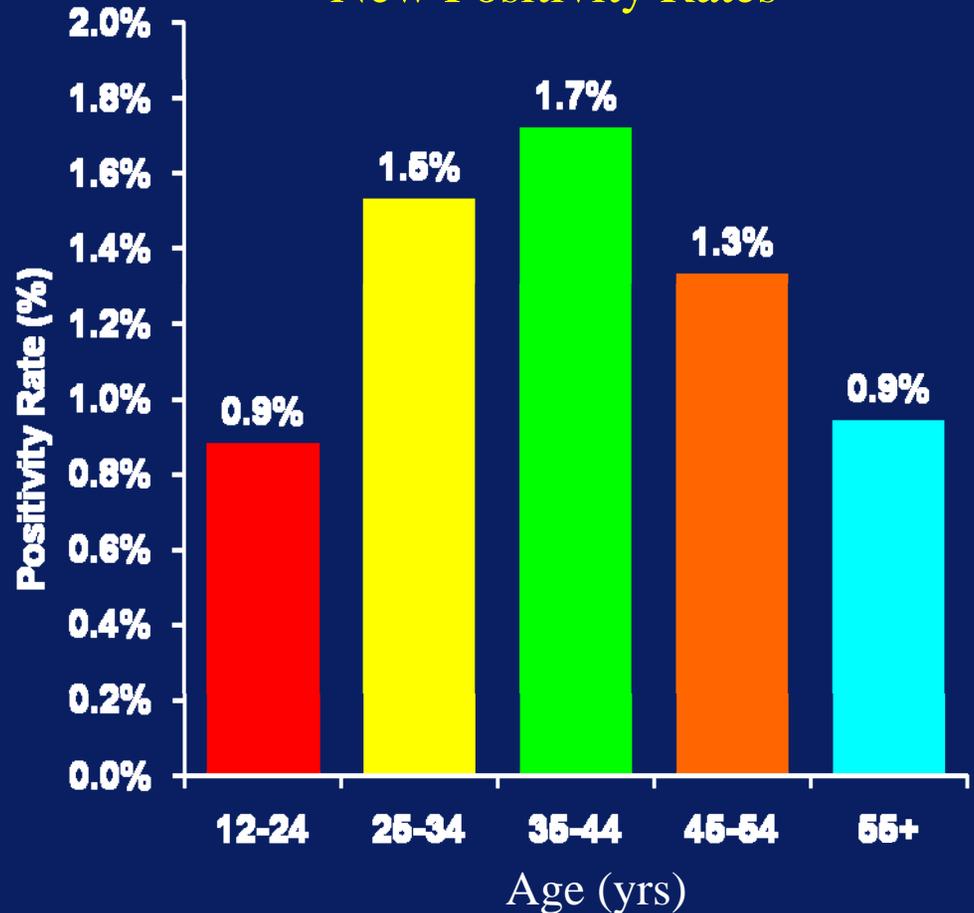


# Total Number of Tests by Age Group, 2008 (N=36,332)

## Total Number of Tests



## New Positivity Rates



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How do we decide what  
testing models to support  
and where?



# HIV Counseling and Testing Data, by Modality, 2008

Model	# Tests	# Positives	HIV Pos Rate
Storefront/Combo	19,002	340	1.79%
MTU	5,998	130	2.17%
Multiple Morbidity	2,462	32	1.30%
PCRS with Testing	1,638	9	0.55%
Medical Outpatient	194	11	5.64%
Jails	1,844	3	0.16%
Jails-07768	390	3	0.77%
DREX	1,340	12	0.90%
Court	971	22	2.27%
Other <sup>2</sup>	2,493	33	1.32%
PCRS-STD Program	333	58	17.4%
Comm. Sex Venues	1,771	45	2.54%
STD Clinics <sup>3</sup>	25,044	200	0.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,480</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1.41%</b>

Data are provisional      1. HIRS 2008 data ; 2. Women Alive and LA Free Clinics  
 3. Provisional 2008 data provided by STD Program, data as of March 2009



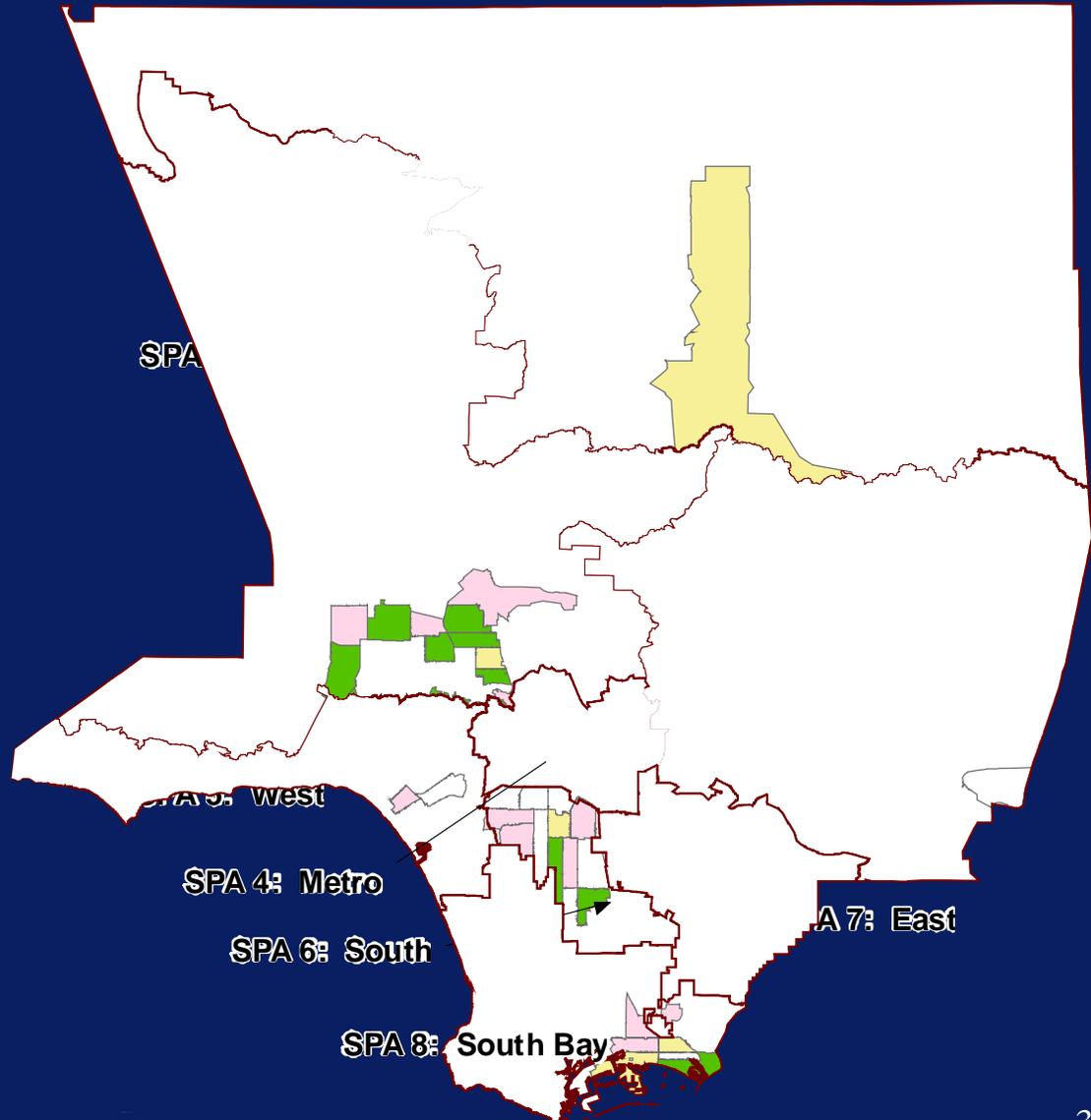
# High-risk Zip Codes\*, 2008

## Legend

-  LACHNA
-  HCT
-  Both Data Sources
-  Service Planning Area

\*Defined by 4 risk factors:

1. HIV-positive test result reported
2. Inconsistent condom use
3. Methamphetamine, crack, cocaine, or heroin drug use
4. Sharing injection paraphernalia



# OAPP Supported Testing Models (Review)

- HIV Testing Models/Categories
  1. Storefront Testing 16 programs
  2. Mobile HIV Testing Units (MTU) 6 programs
  3. Multiple Morbidity MTU 3 programs
  4. Social Networks Testing 2 programs
  5. Routine Testing in Clinics 6 programs
  6. Court and Jails Testing 1 program
- Partner Services



# Social Marketing



# Social Marketing

- Promoting HIV and Service Awareness is a Core Component of Public Health
- Launched New Campaign in July 2009
- Reduced Scope of Campaign and Awareness Activities due to Funding Reductions



# HIV Testing Marketing Strategy

- 1) Create a symbol/logo/brand
- 2) Initially target people of color (both men and women), but also work with a general audience
- 3) Motivate people to get tested.



# Journey to the “Erase Doubt” Campaign

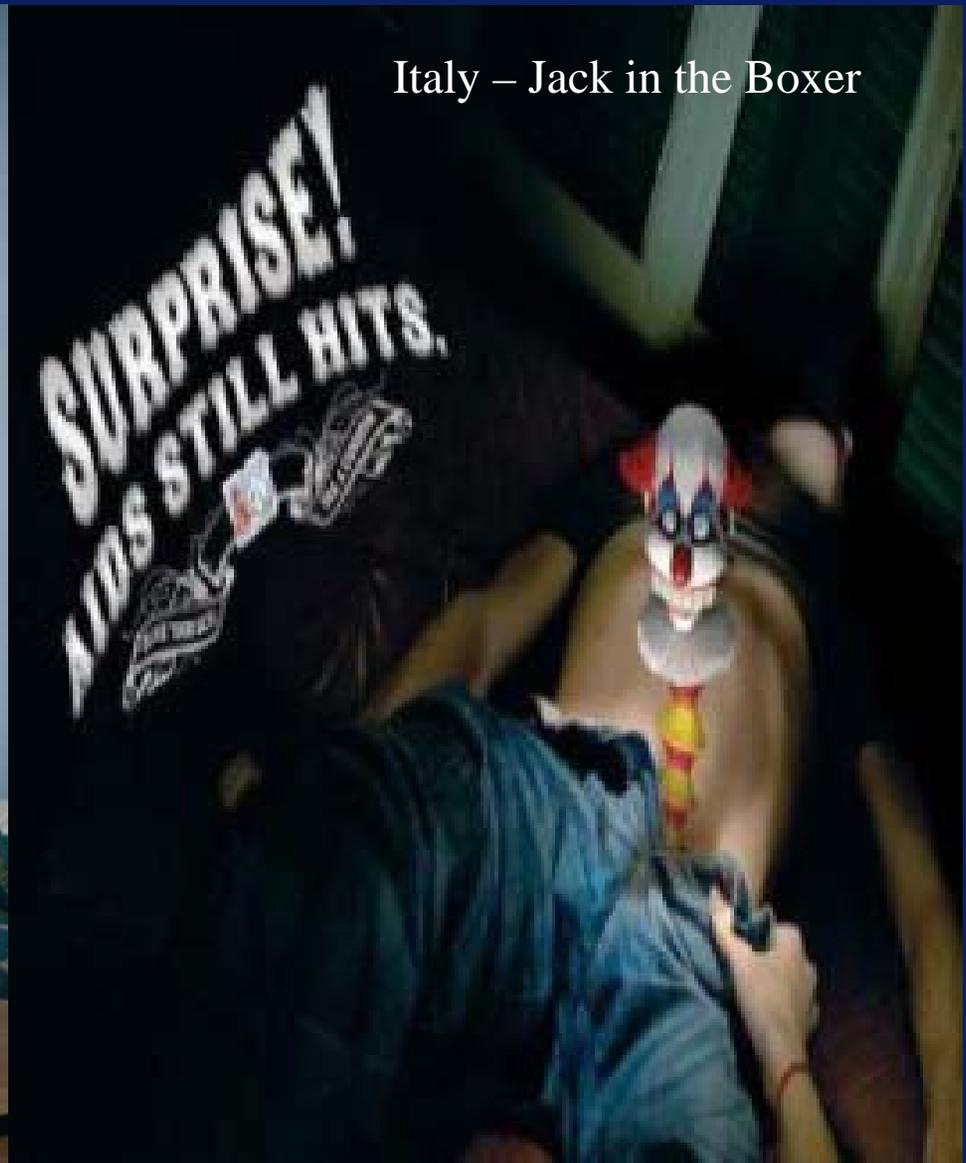
- Research
  - Review HIV/STD campaigns from all over the world
  - Ads show messages around safer sex, condom use, testing, drug use, etc.
  - Testing themes were actually the smallest number of ads we found



Belgium



Italy – Jack in the Boxer



## International Ads

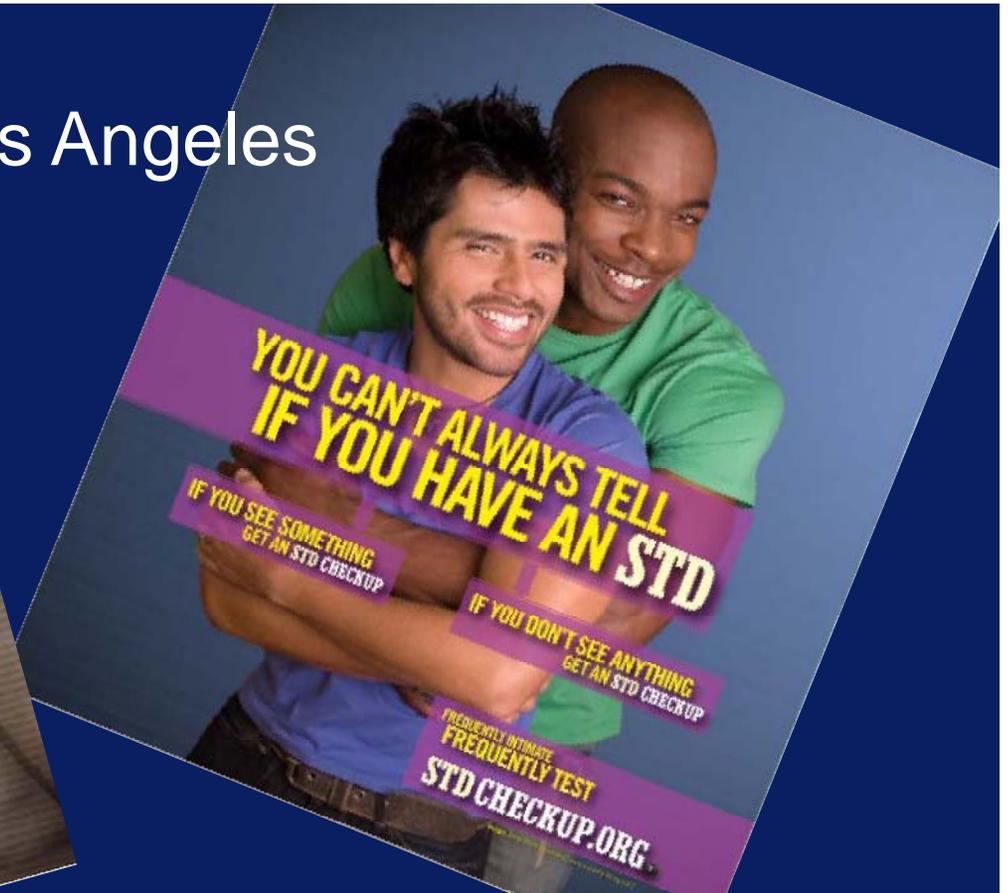




# Testing



# Los Angeles



# "Man Up"

free **HIV** test.net

AIDS  
HEALTHCARE



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15 BUCKS FOR SEX ISN'T NORMAL.  
BUT ON METH IT IS.

**METH**  
NOT EVEN ONCE.

MontanaMeth.org

MONTANA METH PROJECT

I know my son  
messes around with men.

We never talk about it,  
but I want to support him.



Soul Food is a free program where brothers are supporting each other • Be There • Be Heard • Be a Volunteer • Get involved  
Call 212 367-1353 or 212 807-6655 (hotline) • E-mail [askgmhc@gmhc.org](mailto:askgmhc@gmhc.org)

Come for a free HIV test...  
because knowing your HIV status matters.



It's just a swab or finger prick  
to know your HIV status.



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# Focus Groups- Pre Creative

- We tested some of these ads and ad themes (eg. fear based; have fun, but be safe; get tested) with focus groups
  - African-American and Latino gay men
  - Women of color
  - Latino gay men (Spanish-language)
- Results
  - Simple visuals
  - Know your audience
  - Do not patronize
  - Reduce stigma, generate awareness, increase testing over time
  - Need to Create Doubt



# Second Round of Focus Groups

- We tested the new creative with:
  - African-American and Latino gay males
  - African-American women
  - Latinas (Spanish-language)
  - Latino gay men (Spanish-language)
- Findings
  - Red Ribbon “Erase Doubt” as logo worked well
  - Combination of campaigns with Virus
  - Make statistics stand out
  - “Relationship” and virus imaging resonated



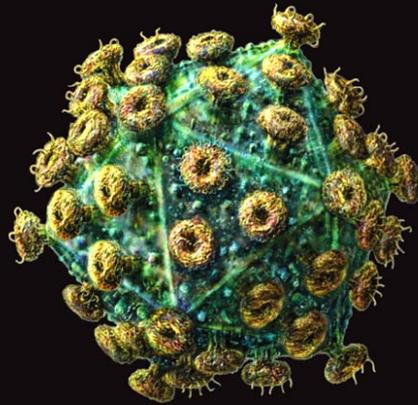
# Our Symbol



**Erase**Doubt.org



# “Erase Doubt” Campaign



Is it in you?

This is the HIV virus. 70% of infections are spread by those who don't know they have it. Are you one of them?  
Get tested. The virus could be in you.



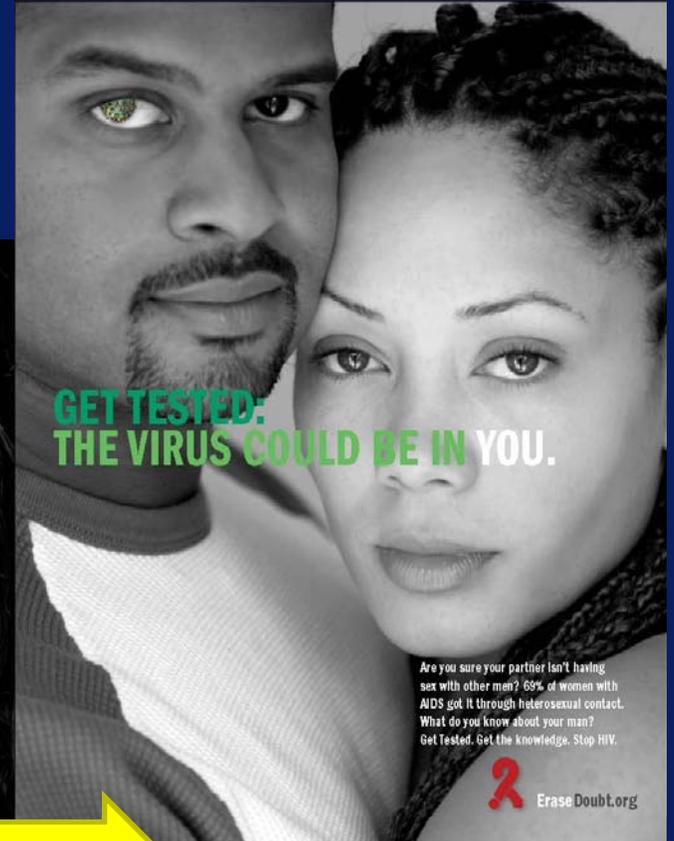
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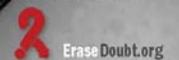
Are you sure your partner isn't having sex with other men? 69% of women with AIDS got it through heterosexual contact. What do you know about your man? Get Tested. Get the knowledge. Stop HIV.



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# PR Strategy-Online

- Erasedoubt.org
- Twitter.com/EraseDoubt
- Facebook.com/EraseDoubt
- YouTube.com/EraseDoubt



twitter

Home Profile Find People Settings Help Sign out

**EraseDoubt**

Name EraseDoubt  
Location California  
Web <http://www.erasedoubt.org>  
Bio Bio interested in latest HIV/AIDS news

95 Following 89 followers

Updates 64

Favorites

Actions  
message EraseDoubt  
block EraseDoubt

Following

View All...

RSS feed of EraseDoubt's updates

This is the HIV virus.  
Is it in you?  
Get tested.  
EraseDoubt.org

High Percentage of U.S. Residents Receiving Late HIV Diagnoses <http://ow.ly/gpjW> and Get Tested! In LA, find out more at EraseDoubt.org #HIV

0:02 PM Jul 2nd from HoodSuite

Ryan White's mom remembers Michael Jackson reaching out to her son after HIV diagnosis (video) <http://ow.ly/gpkK> #HIV

3:01 PM Jul 2nd from HoodSuite

New study debunks the myth that men on the Down Low are responsible for the rising HIV rates among black women <http://ow.ly/gphJ> #HIV

2:00 PM Jul 2nd from HoodSuite

About 500K Black Americans are estimated to be HIV positive - United Black Media Respond to Confront AIDS <http://ow.ly/gfug> #HIV

2:01 PM Jul 1st from HoodSuite

Have you been "Text-ed" for HIV? <http://ow.ly/gtW> #HIV



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**EraseDoubt**

Wall Info Photos Discussions Video Notes +

What's on your mind?

Attach  Share

Options

**EraseDoubt** President Obama message on HIV Testing Day! Video of him getting tested on the White House blog.

STAY CONNECTED

**The White House Blog - Get Tested!**  
Source: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)  
For the 14th commemoration of National HIV Testing Day, we wanted to share this video of the President and First Lady with you:

June 27 at 1:02pm · Comment · Like · Share

**EraseDoubt** From El Clasificado...

**El Condado de Los Angeles inicia la semana de asesoramiento y exámenes contra el SIDA, del 22 al 27**  
Source: [articulos.elclasificado.com](http://articulos.elclasificado.com)  
calendario de eventos, hiv, sida, salud, feria de salud, informacion de la salud

June 24 at 6:35pm · Comment · Like · Share

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Write something about EraseDoubt.

Information

Founded: 2009



# PR Strategy-Community

- “Test Fests”
- Big Rubber HIV Balls
- Release Images to CBOs
  - to adapt and localize campaign
    - Creative Kit
    - Brand Usage Guide





Watts, 2009

“Test Fest 2009”

Social Marketing Launch





# PR Strategy-Community

- Next “Test Fest”

Salazar Park

East Los Angeles

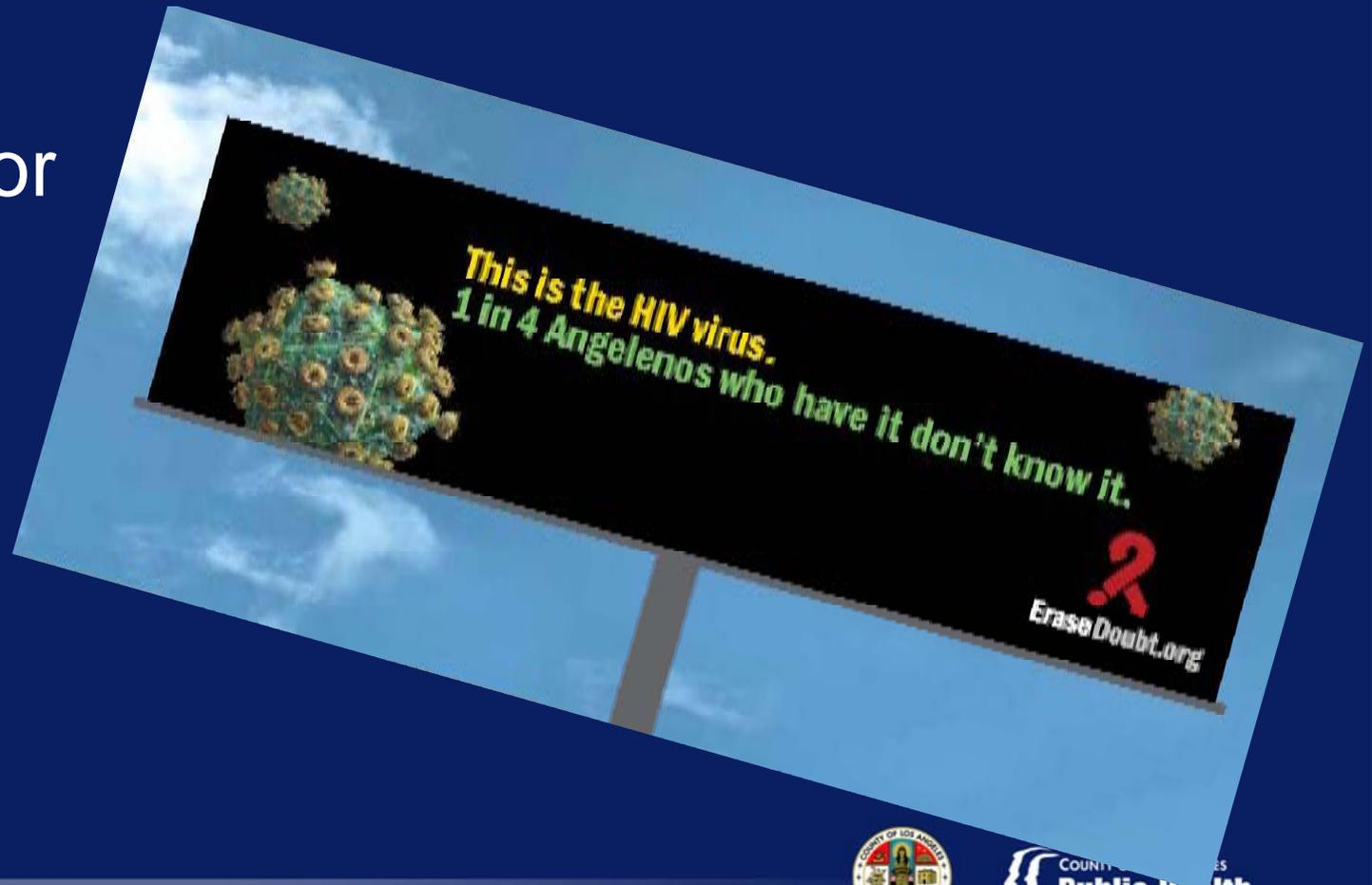
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# PR Strategy-General

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier

- Outdoor
- Radio
- TV



# Summary/Conclusions

- Variety of HIV Testing Modalities Key
  - Respond to mixed or “pockets” of epidemics
  - Targeted Testing Effective
- Geo-Mapping and using Evidence/Data is Critical
- Routine Testing
  - Patience and Persistence
  - Learn from Lessons
  - Normalizes Testing
  - Work with Providers to Accept
  - “Tipping” Point Concept



# Summary/Conclusions

- Linkage to Care Improvements Critical
  - HIV Counselor Role
  - Co-locating Testing and Care Services
  - Documentation
  - NIH and CDC Collaboration: Strategic Multisite Identification Linkage and Engagement in Care of Youth with Undiagnosed HIV Infection (SMILE in Caring for Youth)
- Partner Services Focus
- Review Data and Studies to Inform, Improve, and Enhance Services
  - Rapid Testing Algorithm
  - “Test and Treat”
  - Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) or PrEP
  - Social Network Testing



# Summary/Conclusions

- Support our Partners
  - Capacity Building
  - Quality Assurance and Monitoring
  - Evaluation
  - Workforce Skill
- Collaborate, Collaborate, Collaborate
  - Asset Mapping
  - HIV Testing Summits
  - Sharing Data



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# Requirements to Perform CLIA-Waived Rapid HIV testing



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements

## What is CLIA?

- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver
- CLIA of 1988
  - Established quality standards for laboratory testing to ensure the accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of patient test results. CLIA requires that any facility examining human specimens for diagnosis, prevention, treatment of a disease or for assessment of health must **register with the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and obtain CLIA certification.**



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements

- Waived tests must use unprocessed specimens (whole blood or oral fluid), be easy to use, and have little risk of an incorrect result.
- Any agency that is performing waived rapid HIV tests is considered a clinical laboratory.
- Non-clinical testing sites that plan to offer waived rapid HIV tests **must** either apply for their own CLIA Certificate of Waiver or establish an agreement to work under the CLIA Certificate of an existing laboratory.



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements

- FDA requires that any facility planning to perform waived rapid HIV tests **must** have a quality assurance plan.
- All sites that order rapid HIV tests must certify to the manufacturer that they agree to comply with specific requirements and restrictions that the FDA has established for rapid HIV tests.
- Many states have additional regulations that apply to laboratory testing, and some require separate applications to the state agency.



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements

- California Office of AIDS (OA) issued Guidance for Agencies interested in conducting rapid HIV Testing
  1. OA funded
    - HIV Counseling and Testing Programs
    - OAPP funded HIV testing agencies covered under “OA funded” providers
  2. Non-OA funded
    - Clinics, hospitals, etc. (everyone else)



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements for OA Funded Agencies

- Must secure Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Waiver (federal)
- Must register with State Lab Field Services
  - \$100 Registration certificate
  - \$25 per additional site



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements For OA Funded Agencies

- Personnel Qualifications
  - Counselors in good-standing with the Office of AIDS/OAPP
  - Other health care personnel qualified to conduct CLIA-waived testing under BPC 1206.5;
    - Business Professions Code Section 1206.5- such as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse, medical assistant, or other health care personnel providing direct patient care.
  - Successfully completed OA/OAPP approved training
  - Qualified to conduct necessary sample collection (e.g., phlebotomy, finger stick, oral swab)
- Quality Assurance Procedures



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements for Non- OA Funded Agencies

- **NOT** a part of a OA-funded counseling and testing program
- Requirements are Administered through Laboratory Field Services Branch (LFS) of CA DPH, not the Office of AIDS



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements for Non- OA Funded Agencies

- CLIA
  - Must obtain a CLIA certificate of waiver or higher
- California Laboratory License or Registration and Approval to Perform HIV Tests
  - Approval to Perform HIV Test: No longer need special approval
  - Must obtain a California clinical laboratory license or registration
  - Proficiency Testing has been modified



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements for Non- OA Funded Agencies

- Personnel Qualifications
  - Personnel conducting the test must be qualified to conduct CLIA-waived tests under Business Professions Code Section 1206.5, such as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse, medical assistant, or other health care personnel providing direct patient care.
  - There are no legal training requirements for operating the test kit by the manufacturer or through the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).
  - Qualified to conduct necessary sample collection (e.g., phlebotomy, finger stick)



# HIV Rapid Testing Requirements for Non- OA Funded Agencies

- Quality Assurance Procedures
  - Agencies must conduct the test in accordance with the manufacturer's current package insert.
  - Agencies must also comply with all relevant Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards.



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