

THE AIDS UNITED AMERICORPS PROGRAM was founded in 1994 with support from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Operated in collaboration with AIDS United Community Partnerships, the program was the first national AmeriCorps program to focus exclusively on HIV/AIDS. Over its history, more than 650 AIDS United AmeriCorps members have provided HIV testing, prevention and quality of life services to tens of thousands of individuals and families.

PROGRAM MODEL:

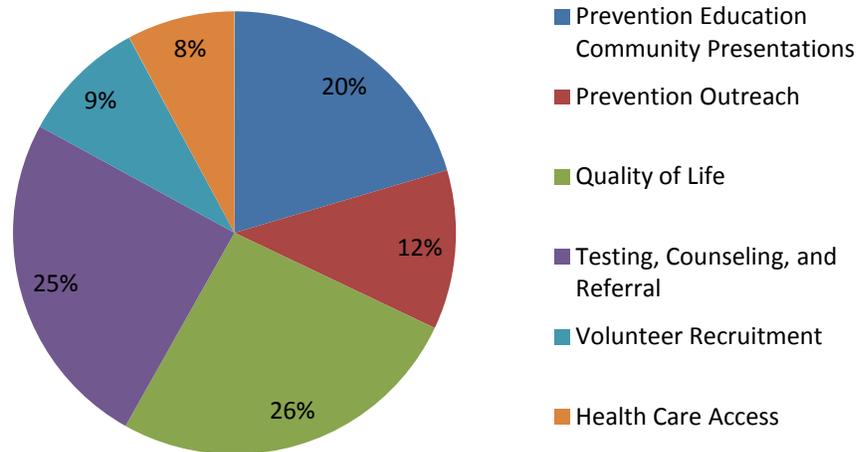
- ✓ 54 members are selected out of a pool of more than 1,000 applicants to serve for 11 months (August-July) in one of our Operating Site cities:
 - Albuquerque/Santa Fe, NM
 - Chicago, IL
 - Cleveland, OH
 - Detroit, MI
 - Indianapolis, IN
 - New Orleans, LA
 - Washington, DC
- ✓ Members are trained nationally and locally to provide direct HIV/AIDS services at individual Host Agency placements 4 days a week in the following areas:
 1. Prevention Outreach
 2. Prevention Education
 3. HIV Testing and Counseling
 4. Health Care Access
 5. Client Support Services
 6. Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination
- ✓ The “Fifth Day” of the week is dedicated to a team-based service project outside of the member’s Host Agency. In the second half of the service year, members work together to complete a “Long-Term Project” in their communities during many of their scheduled Fifth Days.
- ✓ The AIDS United AmeriCorps program provides members with 5 layers of support to help them complete their 1,700-hour service commitment.
 1. **Team**—social support
 2. **Team Coordinator**—liaison with AIDS United, assistance with reporting, member support
 3. **City Supervisor**—member support, mentorship, general supervision
 4. **Host Agency Supervisor**—day-to-day guidance on service activities, mentorship, professional development
 5. **AIDS United**—administration of member benefits, monitoring member satisfaction, technical assistance to members and supervisors

MEMBER SERVICE OUTCOMES, 2011-2012:

- Member Retention Rate: **93%**
- Logged **83,894** service hours
- Conducted **352** Collaborative Service projects (Fifth Day projects)
- Recruited or Coordinated **1,894** volunteers
- Reached **14,119** individuals through HIV Prevention Education Sessions

- Provided Prevention Outreach Services to **7,879** individuals
- Conducted **9,138** HIV anti-body tests
- Provided Quality of Life Services to **6,832** individuals
- Provided **2,439** clients with information on health insurance, health care access and health benefits programs

2011-2012 Distribution of Service Hours



PROGRAM IMPACT*:

ON MEMBERS

Preparation for a Career in Public Health:

- Employed alumni hold a wide variety of jobs, the most predominant of which are in health care (32%) and HIV/AIDS (21%).

Developing a Commitment to Civic Responsibility:

- 86% of alums are actively involved in community service and volunteerism.

ON COMMUNITIES

Filling Service Gaps at Host Agencies:

- An overwhelming majority of Host Agencies (84%) report that an increased quantity or quality of work was accomplished as a result of their participation with AmeriCorps.
- The vast majority (92%) of Host Agencies view their participation in AmeriCorps well worth the investment they make in the members.

Expanding Local Workforce:

- Half (50%) of the Host Agencies have hired an alum member into a staff position.

Increasing Agency Collaboration/Comprehensive Response to HIV/AIDS:

- Operating Sites believe participation in the program helps them meet their missions by enhancing their grantmaking to the community, developing resources for the community, increasing collaboration with other agencies, focusing their efforts on youth development and taking a regional approach to HIV prevention.

* Ameen, Christine A. (2009). Commissioned report to the National AIDS Fund, "Impact Evaluation of the National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps/Caring Counts Program".