

Primary Prevention

Target Expansion Project for Outreach and Treatment (TEPOT)

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Project Description: “Target Expansion Project for Outreach and Treatment (TEPOT)” is a five- year project funded by SAMHSA. This project is a collaboration between UCSF-CAPS Health Studies for People of Color and the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA). NAPAFASA is a national advocacy agency for improvement of substance abuse treatment and prevention for APIs in the US.

TEPOT's primary objective is to extend outreach efforts to include MSM and high-risk API women. Health Educators provide outreach, brief risk assessment, and referral services for the target API populations in San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Through NAPAFASA's member organizations, we will provide HIV prevention education for clients in substance abuse treatment programs and sensitivity training for clients and staff at selected agencies to improve access to substance abuse treatment programs particularly for API women and gay men. These programs will also increase clients' retention and completion rates of the programs. In addition, these participating agencies will improve their treatment capacity by increasing sensitivity toward AAPI gay men, women, and other under-served populations in the AAPI community.

Significance: On a national level, there is no integrated drug abuse and HIV prevention programs for Asian populations. To meet this need, the project combines HIV prevention efforts with existing substance abuse treatment programs for API populations throughout the country. Although a few community-based organizations in various states may provide culturally sensitive and appropriate substance abuse treatment or HIV prevention programs for API populations, substance abuse treatment programs do not often have HIV prevention programs for their clients. Moreover, HIV prevention programs targeting APIs typically do not address drug abuse prevention and treatment issues to their clients.

Project Recruitment Dates: Now to June 30, 2007

Project End Date: September 2007