they are doing. We were joined by Suhey, another project facilitator, who also circled the streets passing out condoms and having brief conversations from her car. The outreach was incredibly effective and provided an example of safe ways to do late night outreach with sex workers.

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Unlike the original SISTA intervention, designed for non-transgender African American women who have sex with men, Bahacú en TACAS does not focus on ethnic pride. This component of the adaptation is attributed to the location of the intervention in Puerto Rico, where all of the participants are living within their culture. Ethnic pride is brought into the intervention through pictures of Puerto Rican transgender women on the walls and in the session presentations.

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Agencies Implementing Transgender HIV Prevention Interventions:

apiwellness.org/trans_thrive.html

www.childrenshospitalla.org

Tanama Project: Tanama TG A SISTA adaptation.
www.face-pic.com/tanamatg
www.myspace.com/tanamatg

Howard Brown Health Center: TWISTA, Transgender Women Informing Sisters on Topics of AIDS. A SISTA adaptation.
www.howardbrown.org

La Clinica del Pueblo: An Mpowerment adaptation.
www.lcdp.org

www.bodypositive.org
www.myspace.com/yep_phoenix

www.preventionpointphilly.org
www.myspace.com/tipphiladelphia

Upcoming Conferences

2009 Philadelphia Trans Health Conference
The Philadelphia Trans Health Conference brings together transgender and gender-variant people, partners, allies, and healthcare providers for three days of workshops, keynotes, discussion, and networking.
The first day focuses on provider training and the last two days, focus on transpeople and our health concerns.

2009 National LGBTI Health Summit
The 2009 National LGBTI (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex) Health Summit is an event dedicated to preserving and improving the emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual, psychological, environmental, and social health and wellness of LGBTI people, a population that continues to experience significant health disparities because of its members’ sexual orientations and/or gender identities.
August 14-18, 2009
Chicago Hilton and Towers
www.2009gbthealth.org

2009 United States Conference on AIDS
The United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) is the largest AIDS related gathering in the United States. The 2009 USCA will have a special focus on HIV prevention within transgender communities.
The 2009 USCA will occur at the Hilton San Francisco Hotel in San Francisco, California from October 29th –31st.
USCA Deadlines:
Scholarship Application: 7/10/09
Early Bird Registration: 7/17/09
Hotel Reservations: 9/25/09
www.2009usca.org

06-618 Transgender Network Conference
The Transitions Project hosted a two day long conference for the seven agencies directly funded by the CDC to implement HIV interventions for transgender youth.
Held in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in the historic Union Square District of San Francisco, the 06-618 Transgender Network Conference offered a unique opportunity for CDC funded transgender HIV interventions. The conference included very popular breakout sessions where organizations separated into three groups: Homegrown Interventions, Mpowerment Project adaptations, and SISTA adaptations.

During the open discussion at the end of the conference, participants decided to co-author an abstract for the 2009 United States Conference on AIDS addressing collaborative findings and recommendations for the future of a transgender specific HIV prevention policy strategy in the United States.

From Left to Right: Christina (TG-AIM), Bionka (T-LISH), Suhey (Bahacú en TACAS), Fiona (T-LISH), Queen Victoria (Transitions Project CAB), Ivana (Bahacú en TACAS), Gladys (Mpodértate!), Alexandra (EU/La), Lois (TWISTA)
Hundreds of transgender community members, transgender service providers, and representatives from public health departments throughout California attended Equality and Parity II in January, 2009. Organized through the California State Office of AIDS and a local host committee in Los Angeles, the theme of Equality and Parity II was “We Count/Contamos.” This theme reflected one of the largest challenges that transgender communities face trying to combat HIV with limited data. Plenary sessions included a presentation from the Center of Excellence in Transgender HIV Prevention, Latina/o transgender HIV Prevention and Care Perspectives, and a final Legends and Youth plenary. Forty one breakout sessions were offered over the two and a half day conference. Breakout session topics included information on local interventions, integrating allies into transgender HIV prevention, economic empowerment, the future of transgender HIV prevention, and many more topics!

To learn more about Equality and Parity, visit www.equalityandparity.org or www.myspace.com/equalityandparity

One fun activity at Equality and Parity II involved the creation of a Transgender Historical Timeline by the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center (PTC). A large piece of butcher paper was left up throughout the conference and attendees were encouraged to fill in transgender historical information. The California PTC then compiled all the information and created four Transgender Historical Timeline PDF documents:

- 1676—1952
- 1960—1989
- 1991—1999
- 2000—2009

This would be a fun and interactive activity to bring to transgender programs! Allow the participants to fill in local timeline information and watch transgender history evolve before you!

Transgender Historical Timeline 2000 - 2009

- 2000: California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act (SSVP) signed to protect all students, including transgenders, in public education from gender identity expression discrimination.
- 2001: Healthy People 2010: A National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Strategy is developed to examine health care disparities and lack of access to needed services related to sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 2003: California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act (SSVP) signed to protect all students, including transgenders, in public education from gender identity expression discrimination.
- 2004: In San Francisco, CA, TLC begins as a locally sponsored project of the National Center for Lesbian Rights and is California’s first fully staffed, statewide, transgender, legal organization.
- 2007: The Center of Excellence for Transgender HIV Prevention is founded in California. Funded by CA Office of AIDS and in collaboration with the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center and the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies.
- 2008: Positively Aware magazine publishes a whole issue on transgender and HIV.
- 2009: In January, Equality and Parity II A statewide action for transgender HIV Prevention and Care kicks off in Los Angeles, California.
The Transitions Project provides capacity building assistance (CBA) and technical assistance to community based organizations (CBOs) and health departments throughout the US to promote knowledgeable, sensitive, and effective HIV/AIDS prevention for transgender communities of color and HIV+ transgender people.

This CDC-funded capacity building project is the first of its kind to address the HIV prevention needs of transgender communities. Estimates of HIV prevalence among transgender women, especially transgender women of color, have been the highest for any risk group in the US.

The Transitions Team is available for consultation, training, capacity-building and technical assistance throughout the United States. Please let us know what we can do to assist your organization to effectively address the needs of trans and gender variant persons in your community.

The Transitions Project is a program of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco.

What’s New in Trans News!

Groundbreaking legal guide to assist transgender immigrants

New Research Articles:
