

Center of Excellence for Transgender HIV Prevention

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Project Description

The Center of Excellence for Transgender HIV Prevention (CoE) began in July 2007 and is a collaborative partnership between the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center (PAETC), and the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, both of whom are part of the University of California, San Francisco.

The CoE's mission is to provide leadership, capacity building, professional training, policy advocacy, research development, and resources to increase access to culturally competent HIV prevention services for transgender people in California.

The CoE creates and evaluates mechanisms to expediently and effectively disseminate and translate transgender HIV prevention science to public health practitioners in California and to integrate community-based priorities into the statewide research agenda. The CoE serves as a vital bridge between research and service and is the statewide avenue through which cutting-edge community-based transgender HIV prevention science is disseminated to local communities via marketing, materials development, publications, an interactive website, and educational activities.

Our program goals are as follows:

- **Information Consolidation and Analysis** To systematically review and analyze the previous and ongoing research and programming completed in California to identify best evidence to decrease HIV infection and transmission among transgender people and their partners.
- **Leadership** To stimulate innovative and effective research and culturally competent services to prevent HIV infection in transgender communities by identifying priorities, developing a research agenda, and producing ongoing reports about emerging issues, as well as serving as a resource for organizations seeking to begin or improve research and service efforts in California.
- **Dissemination** To synthesize and disseminate the consolidated information and best evidence in accessible formats so that it has optimum impact on further transgender HIV prevention research, practices and policies in California.
- **Program Sustainability** To obtain and develop resources for continued sustainability beyond the initial three-year period.

Significance

There is a prevailing lack of medical and cultural competence among providers regarding transgender HIV prevention and care. Existing research needs to be consolidated and analyzed to determine what additional research would benefit our understanding of the needs of California's diverse transgender communities around HIV prevention.

Project Website: www.transhealth.ucsf.edu

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