

HIV Outreach Enhancement

Building a HIV Health Ministry

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Before You Start...

- Talk to your pastor and local management for support
- Talk to other ministries, health professionals, and students
- Identify your team
- Have an interest meeting
- Develop a plan for the ministry

Build on Congregation's Health Interest

- Survey the congregation about their health needs
- Have team members make brief presentations in Sunday School classes
- Put a HIV and health information in the bulletin each week
- Ask your Pastor to deliver a message emphasizing the need to maintain good health
- Distribute printed information about HIV and other topics of concern to people

Plan a Commission Service

- This validates the ministry, affirms its spiritual roots and raises awareness to the new ministry
- It should be a day committed to HIV health ministry so plan health activities and games
- Provide incentiveRecruit for people to be standing members of the ministry

Organizing Information & Reports

Keep accurate and secure information of: members, guest speakers, community partners (Faith-Based Organizations and Community-Based Organizations).

Make reporting a habit even if ministry is not grant funded:

- Keeps you prepared and organized.
- Keeps your team and pastor informed
- Keeps granters informed
- Gets the ministry paid
- Makes team accountable

Strengthening Your Ministry

Revise your plan, broaden your goals and strengthen your team as you grow!

Some Ideas:

- Partner with other churches in a weight loss contest
- Hold a “Health Fair” include HIV testing
- Start a study of the scriptures about good health
- Involve kids and teens in the ministry (ask them what will work) – Have a contest on HIV Ministry logo, flyer or poem for the youth.
- Develop a cookbook of healthy recipes for your congregation
- Collaborate with marriage counseling ministry for session of HIV testing for couples
- Observe awareness days like WAD, National HIV testing Day, HIV and youth
- Partner with other congregations for a community wide outreach