



ELEMENT I

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT: AAPIS AND HIV/AIDS

© SECTION 1: TARGETED COMMUNITY ANALYSIS A CHECKLIST TO CONSIDER

This aspect of the Community Needs Assessment involves collecting and analyzing information about the local community and specific targeted group(s). The community analysis will help you to see what the community views as important, as an asset, or a need. Data collected at this stage can help identify upcoming obstacles, redundancies, and, if planned appropriately, establishes baseline data for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

HIV and the AAPI Community: A Local Needs Assessment Checklist

1. What are the HIV incidence and prevalence rates in this city or region? For the AAPIs in this region? Any emerging trends (increasing or decreasing rates)?

2. What sectors of the AAPI population are at highest risk for HIV/AIDS? Is there local data available?

3. What are their risk factors?

4. What are their lifestyles? Where do they live, work, play?

5. What do their social networks look like? Who are their community leaders?

6. What types of media are they exposed to?

7. What language(s) do they speak?

8. What are the most serious obstacles to reducing the spread and the impact of HIV our specific AAPI communities?

9. What enabling factors protect against HIV infection in our AAPI populations?

10. What are the differences in HIV risk within demographic categories such males and females, youth and adults, urban and rural, recent immigrant and acculturated, heterosexual and Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual/ Transgender (LGBT)?

11. What is the current level of HIV awareness and action among the AAPI communities?

12. Are there currently HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, and care messages on the radio or TV? In the newspaper? Bus stops or other public spaces? In what languages?

13. Where do AAPIs get their health information? HIV/AIDS information?

14. What other agencies are already providing care and support for families and people at risk for or living with HIV/AIDS? Are there any coalitions groups or collaboration between agencies?

15. What activities does the HIV Planning Council have in place? The Community Planning Group (CPG)?

16. Where, if any, are there gaps in HIV/AIDS services especially for AAPIs? In what areas — prevention, education, testing & counseling services, care management, treatment providers, culturally competent care, patient advocacy, others?

In asking these types of questions in your targeted community assessment, you will have the data that you need to support your program development. This analysis of the needs and gaps in HIV services for AAPIs will confirm your hunches, or give you a new perspective on how your agency may best fill the community need.

