

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



BASIC NWFL, Inc.

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About BASIC NWFL, Inc.

Founded on World AIDS Day in 1989, as a volunteer governed, community-based organization, BASIC NWFL, Inc., is a 501(C)(3), nonprofit organization that serves the six counties of Area 2A of the Central Panhandle of North Florida (Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington). BASIC's mission is dedicated to aiding, assisting, and comforting people diagnosed and living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), their families and friends. As the lead agency of Ryan White Part B funding program for the Area 2A since 1994, BASIC provides and coordinates HIV/AIDS care and treatment services including case management services, housing assistance, and other support services to approximately 300 unduplicated PLWHA annually. By the end of 2018, at least 1,243 of the total 119,661 people diagnosed and living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) cases in Florida were reported in Area 2A (FLCHARTS).



BASIC also is dedicated to reduction of community viral load and healthy community by providing comprehensive high impact prevention of HIV, Hepatitis, and substance abuse. Through different prevention and testing programs, we have annually reached thousands of general and target populations.

Therefore, BASIC has played a critical role in combating HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis (C), and substance abuse epidemics in the region by addressing impacts of HIV/AIDS, reducing community viral load, and mobilizing local and external resources/funding to the community. BASIC has thrived to make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of people who are infected with and affected by these epidemics in the area. These accomplishments could not be made possible without the concerted efforts and support of all those who share our mission and generous financial support from the federal and state government, corporate and foundation partners, as well as local community and individual donors.

Message From the President/CEO

Dear Friends,

This past year 2019 represented another milestone for BASIC NWFL, Inc. as we reached our 30-year anniversary in difficult times. This past year was also a very challenging one as we were recovering from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Michael. We continued to provide our services by operating in mobile units, a trailer, and clinic-in-cans in the office parking lot for 7 months and finally moved in our renovated office building. We were able to go through these challenging times and become more resilient due to the continuous support from many of you and we cannot thank you enough for your support and assistance in allowing us to continue to fulfill our mission.



Valerie Mincey, M.S.W.
President/CEO

In the meantime, we are proud to share our accomplishments while we continue to recover from the devastating impact and to be part of our community in addressing needs for our community, especially to those who are living with and those who are affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our area. This report is only a snapshot of our main accomplishments during the past year. We hope that the community can be proud of BASIC's accomplishments through your love, support, and generosity!

Finally, our wholehearted thanks to our Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers for their strong commitment and dedication.

Sincerely,

Valerie Mincey, M.S.W.
President & CEO

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CLIENT SERVICES

Ryan White Part B (RWPB) Program Services

BASIC has provided case management services and has acted as the lead agency for all services provided under Ryan White Part B funding to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) since 1994. A total of 237 unduplicated clients were served under RWPB funding program, including 30 newly enrolled in 2019. Of these, at least 81 (34%) were uninsured and 66 (28%) were below 100% of federal poverty level. At least 77 (92%) of these clients have received antiretroviral therapy (ART) during this reporting period and 61 (73%) had reached viral suppression. The following table illustrates a summary of the number of clients receiving various program core and support services in 2019:

Indicators/Services	Number Clients	Number Visits
Core Services:		
Medical Case Management (including treatment adherence)	179	899
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services	88	228
Oral Health Care	65	162
Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assist.	35	76
Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance	26	49
Support Services:		
Non-Medical Case Management	103	409
Medical Transportation	35	66
Psychosocial support	10	10
Emergency financial assistance	5	5
Housing Services	1	1

Housing Assistance Services

During the grant period (July 2018-June 2019), a federal program HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) funding allowed us to provide housing assistance to 73 unduplicated individuals including 58 PLWHA eligible clients and 15 other family members who live with them. BASIC was also able to provide other supportive services such as housing case management to 58 clients. The following table shows the number of clients or households that received housing assistance services:

Housing Assistance Services	Number Clients/ Households
1. Housing subsidy assistance:	
• Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)	6
• Transitional/short-term facilities assistance	10
• Short-term Rent/Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU)	38
• Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHP)	6
2. Supportive services:	
• Housing case management	58

Other Client Service Programs

BASIC was fortunate to receive extra funding from other sources such as SMART Ride (10% Lifeline Grant), Bay County Commissioner (Outside Agency Grant), and Project Hope to fill service gaps that are not covered by the Ryan White Part B funding, specifically in the areas of health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance, outpatient/ambulatory care, as well as life-sustaining medication assistance. Project Hope is a cooperative effort with PanCare Health (a local Federally Qualified Health Clinic) to provide primary medical and dental care for individuals in a timely manner and with an expertise and service of quality care covering all six counties of Area 2A.

The following table shows the number of clients served under each grant as of December 2019.

Services	Clients Served		
	SMART Ride	Bay County Commissioner	Project Hope
Health insurance premiums, deductibles, copayments	49	53	113
Life-sustaining medications	31	35	113
Ambulatory outpatient medical office visits	15	19	19

HIV PREVENTION SERVICES

U Think (High Impact Prevention Program)

The U Think Program was designed for very high risk individuals, especially African Americans and men who have sex with men (MSM) of all races, as well as PLWHA. This program is composed of six main components: HIV Testing, Prevention for Positives, High-Risk Negative Intervention, Condom distribution, Outreach (face-to-face), and Community Outreach/Mobilization.

The following table shows the number of target populations reached and served:

Main Indicators/Services	Achieved
HIV testing and linkage	204
Prevention for Positives (Partnership for Health) intervention sessions	200
High-Risk Negative Intervention (PrEP and risk reduction)	192
Condoms distribution	32,325
Face-to-face HIV prevention outreach	1,038
Established partnership with community organizations	19
Community events conducted with partners	29



Program team at one of the community events conducting program outreach

PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) UP

The PrEP UP program goals are to reduce the number of new HIV and HCV infections and related deaths among African American men and MSM (all races) in the area by increasing their awareness of HIV and HCV epidemics and different prevention and risk reduction interventions including PrEP, and increasing access to HIV and HCV testing and care as needed. The following table illustrates a summary of the PrEP program services provided in 2019:

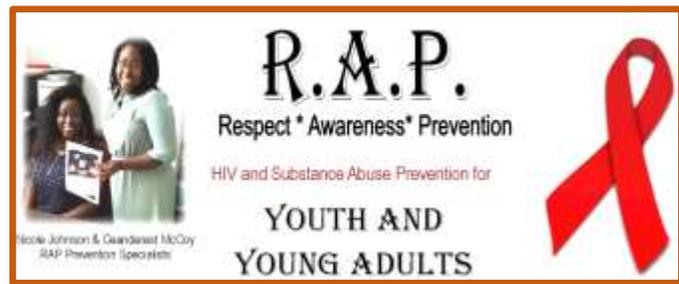
Indicators/Services	Achieved
Target individuals reached and received receive education on prevention/risk reduction interventions and testing for HIV/HCV infections.	615
Target individuals tested for HIV/HCV infections, as indicated, and referral of those testing positive to care and treatment services, as needed.	101
Educational presentations on HIV/HCV infections and testing services at local community meetings/events.	38



Program staff (Tamilyn McCray), at one of outreach events.

RAP (Respect Awareness Prevention)

RAP is an integrated HIV/Substance Abuse prevention program for preventing and reducing the onset of substance abuse, and the transmission of HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis. It is an age-appropriate, culturally/socially peer-based local response to the impact of the twin epidemics of HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse among potentially at risk African American youth and young adults between the ages of 13 and 24. The program recruitment was conducted during the last three months of grant period (Jun-Sep 2019) and was not achieved due to the late approval for program intervention/recruitment by the grantor and relocation of many target populations in the area after Hurricane Michael. The following table illustrates a summary of the main program services provided:



The program recruitment was conducted during the last three months of grant period (Jun-Sep 2019) and was not achieved due to the late approval for program intervention/recruitment by the grantor and relocation of many target populations in the area after Hurricane Michael. The following table illustrates a summary of the main program services provided:

Indicators/Services	Year One Achieved
Completion of the first three steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) process	Complete
Peer guided outreach, education/risk reduction services	377
Target individuals enrolled and completed the three 2 hour-sessions of BASIC Curriculum	6
Target individuals who were tested for HIV	6
Target individuals who were tested for Hepatitis C	5

FULLY COMMITTED-X Program

With our main goal of increasing access to care and treatment services, as well as improving health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), so that they can be more productive in the community, our FULLY COMMITTED-X program has been designed and successfully implemented by using the following main strategies: 1) strengthening current linkage systems and navigating new/reengaged PLWHA to HIV/AIDS treatment/care and other support services through active case management and partnership with other local service providers; 2) ensuring those PLWHA are retained in care and adherent to their HIV medications; and 3) implementing four key components: Positive Education, Positive Referral, Positive Connection, and Positive Adherence. The following table illustrates a summary of program services provided during Year Two of the project (Oct 1, 2018- Sep 30, 2019):

Indicators/Services	Reached
Attempted to link to medical care	72
Successfully linked (newly and re-linked) to receive medical care	45 (63%)
Retained in medical care	45 (100%)
Received additional adherence support and remained adherence	22 (100%)



Linkage program staff (Jasmine Webb), at one of outreach events

HIV/HCV Education and Testing Program

BASIC has been fortunate to receive funding from the Bay Health Foundation for supporting and expanding the integrated HIV/HCV program by expanding the implementation of Hepatitis C education and testing to all adult individuals (of all races) in Bay County. The following table illustrates a summary of main program services provided during grant period (March 1, 2019 - February 28, 2020):

Indicators/Services	Achieved
Individuals reached by program outreach for education/risk reduction on HCV/HIV infections	175
At risk adults are tested for HCV and/or HIV	63
% HIV-positives who are tested for HCV	100%
% of those testing positive for HCV and/or HIV are linked to care and treatment services, as needed	NA

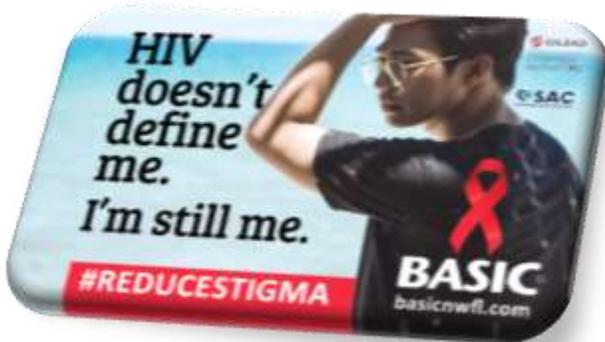
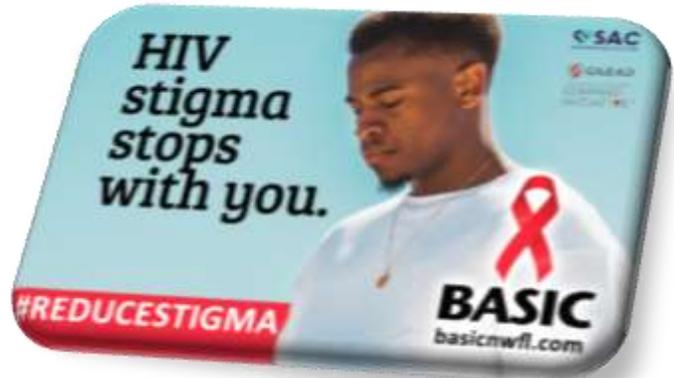
NA: no individual tested positive



\$10,000 from the Bay Health Foundation at the luncheon on February 7, 2019

Other Prevention/Educational Programs

BASIC was fortunate to receive SPARK grant funding through Southern AIDS Coalition to implement RISE Together project with an overall goal to increase awareness about negative effects of HIV-related stigma and reduce the HIV-related stigma in communities. We have launched billboard campaigns in 5 of 6 counties in our services area as billboard locations in Calhoun County, which is the smallest county in our service areas, are not available for this billboard campaign.

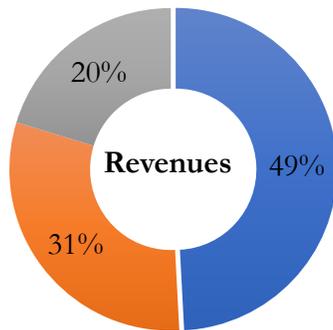


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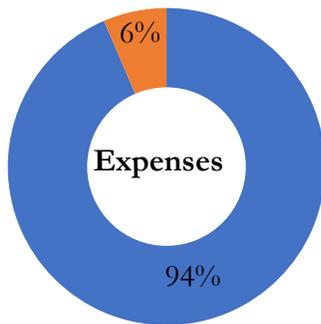
BASIC is a good community partner, and has served the local community for the past 30 years. Besides funding support from outside federal, state and private foundation grants, BASIC undertook several fundraising projects with the help of community sponsors. The agency has continued to receive tremendous support from the community. We were able to hold our annual Red Tie Ball last November 2019 to fundraise and recognize our funding sources and supporters. This event which began in 2014 as a "thank you" and celebration of BASIC's accomplishments has now turned into a major fundraising event. Additionally, BASIC has been fortunate to receive for the past several years charitable donations from Pineapple Willy's, a local beach restaurant during "Pay It Forward" Days. Notably, BASIC has been privileged to benefit from many other generous anonymous and local contribution/donations including those through United Way Northwest Florida and from regular donations made by Mr. Bingo.

In 2019, at least \$1,752,403 was spent to implement different programs for assisting our clients in the community, maintaining agency operations, and other expenses such as fundraising events. Please find the below graphs illustrating our revenues and expenses.



Revenues

	Grants	49%
	Other Funding Agreement	31%
	Local Contributions	20%



Expenses

	Client Assistance Programs	94%
	Agency Operations and other expenses	6%

Special Thanks TO OUR DONORS/SUPPORTERS

BASIC would like to thank all of our donors and supporters, as well as many other anonymous individuals for their generous and continuous support during 2019.

Major Funding Sources

AIDS United/Southern Impac Fund
Bay County Commission
Bay Health Foundation
Florida Department of Health
Gilead Foundation
PanCare of Florida, Inc
SAMHSA
SMART Ride
Southern AIDS Coalition
United Way Northwest Florida
ViiV Healthcare

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BASIC's President/CEO and Staff at the Red Tie Ball event on November 23, 2019

WAYS TO SUPPORT BASIC NWFL, Inc.

BASIC NWFL, Inc. is always grateful and thankful for your continuous thoughtful and generous donations to support our mission and to ensure that the people with HIV and those at risk for contracting HIV in the six-county communities are given the essential services which they need. All charitable donations are tax deductible and 100% of contributions received go to our organization.

Donations can also be made at www.basicnwfl.com or for more information call Ms. Valerie Mincey, **850-785-1088 Ext. 121**. We now accept credit cards online via PayPal. Donors may also donate by mailing checks, money orders, and gifts, to P.O. Box 805, Panama City, Fl 32402, and by dropping off donations at our front desk.

Other Needs

BASIC NWFL is a non-profit organization that continuously strives to meet the needs of its clients. Sometimes, we are in need of items necessary to aid our clients or the agency. We ask people in the community for help so we don't have to use valuable dollars that could be used to help extend the number of clients we can serve.



Backpacks donated by Allen Chapel AME Church to BASIC NWFL's clients for their children

Yes, I want to Support BASIC NWFL!

Here is my tax-deductible contribution to ensure that the people with HIV and those at risk for contracting HIV in the six county communities are given the essential services which they need.

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