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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

2018 IN REVIEW

From our Chief Executive Officer

This was a year of exciting growth and transition at Philadelphia FIGHT. We completed several major projects which expanded our capacity to provide the highest quality medical care, health education, and essential resources for Philadelphians in need. Our Health Centers are taking care of more patients than ever before. In 2018, we saw nearly 5,800 patients, three times as many as when we became a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in 2013.

We opened our new Pediatric and Adolescent Health Center in March, in collaboration with our newly-expanded Y-HEP Health Center, at 1207 Chestnut Street. Philadelphia FIGHT Pediatrics, under the direction of Mario Cruz, MD, is dedicated to providing high quality, comprehensive, primary care to address the physical and emotional health needs of Philadelphia's children from birth through age 18. Specially tailored to care for children who have experienced social adversity, our practice is already showing impressive growth and retention of new patients.

The new Critical Path Learning Center opened in the former AIDS Library space. The newly-remodeled Learning Center is an educational commons and stigma-free space devoted to the intersection of health and literacy for the digital age. The new technology-filled Learning Center features a café, a health library reference collection, computer training, health and wellness workshops, hospitality services, and much more. Since opening our doors in June 2018, we are serving almost twice as many individuals per day in the new Learning Center.

The Diana Baldwin Mental Health Clinic (DBC) and TREE Drug and Alcohol Recovery Programs relocated to a larger newly-renovated space located at 1211 Chestnut Street. DBC expanded to include non-HIV+ clients in order to make mental health services available to the entire community. In 2018, we have significantly increased our client numbers and we project continual growth in the upcoming year.

Also in 2018, our C a Difference program began partnering with the Philadelphia Department of Prisons to provide Hepatitis C (HCV) testing to all sentenced individuals prior to release. Incarcerated individuals with chronic HCV infection work closely with FIGHT prison linkage staff to be linked to HCV cure and reentry programs at the Institute for Community Justice (ICJ). Approximately 400 individuals were cured or began HCV cure treatment at the John Bell Health Center in 2018, and those numbers are expected to grow in 2019.

We are extremely proud of all we've accomplished in 2018, but there is still much work to be done. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to support the ongoing development of our programs and services at Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers.

Without your help, we couldn't continue to do all that we do for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your support.



Chief Executive Officer



About Us

MISSION

Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center, is a comprehensive health services organization dedicated primarily to low income individuals, people living with HIV/AIDS and to those at high risk. Our mission is to provide clients with state-of-the-art, culturally competent HIV specialty care, primary care, consumer education, advocacy, social services, outreach and access to the most advanced clinical research.

MODEL

We offer a full array of medical programs and services in one stop. Clients can work with FIGHT from start to finish, from testing to primary care, case management, mental health therapy, substance abuse programs and education. All FIGHT programs and services are offered regardless of gender, race, color, sex, religious beliefs, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, insurance status or your ability to pay.

CLIENTS

Philadelphia FIGHT serves some of the city's most marginalized and disenfranchised individuals. Annually, we provide direct services to more than 8,000 people and over 10,000 through community outreach.

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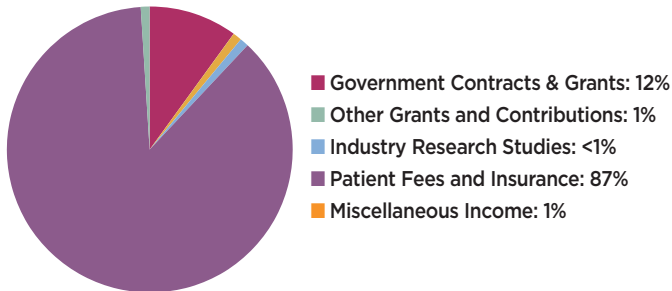
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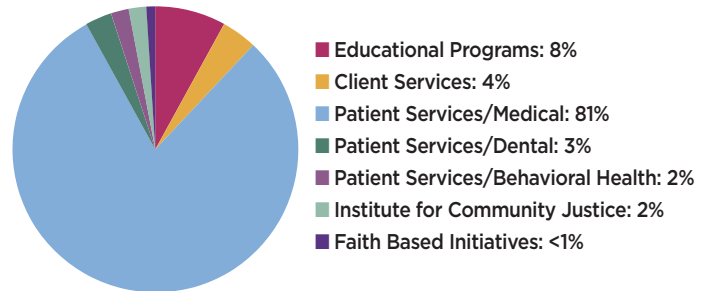


REVENUE

Government Contracts & Grants	6,201,281
Other Grants and Contributions.....	534,723
Industry Research Studies.....	304,497
Patient Fees and Insurance	47,125,427
Miscellaneous Income	102,494
Total Revenue	54,268,422

NET ASSETS

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	11,779,506
Net Assets, Ending of Year	12,494,151
Net Loss on Investments	37,904
Change in Net Assets	714,645



EXPENSES

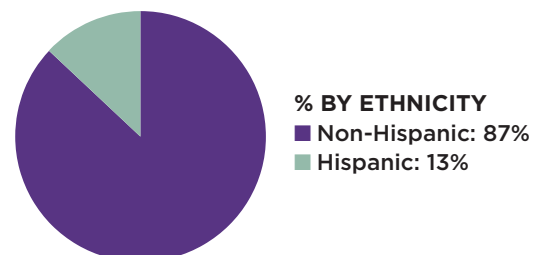
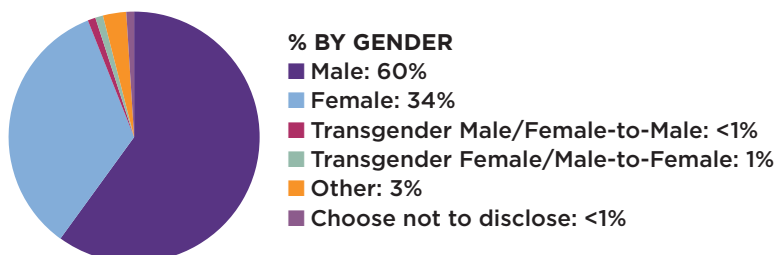
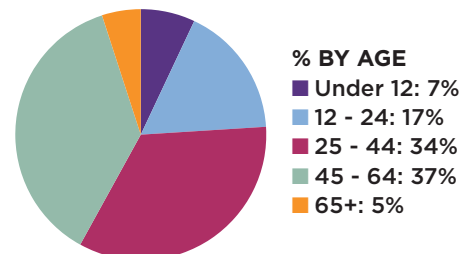
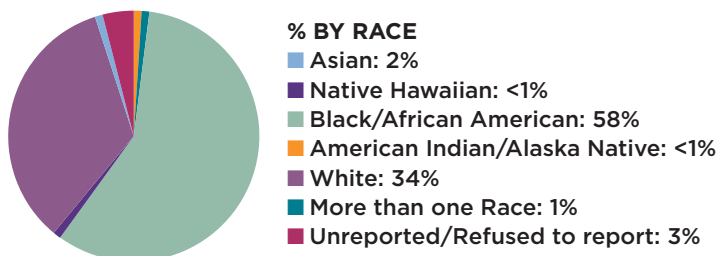
Educational Programs	3,975,102
Client Services	1,832,598
Patient Services - Medical	39,858,948
Patient Services - Dental	1,478,864
Patient Services - Behavioral Health	1,054,574
Institute for Community Justice.....	1,101,841
Faith Based Initiatives	140,623
Total Program Expenses	49,442,549

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Administrative Expenses	3,537,942
Fundraising Expenses	535,382

Total Expenses 53,515,873

CLIENT POPULATION



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JONATHAN LAX CENTER

Located in the heart of Center City Philadelphia, the Jonathan Lax Treatment Center provides state-of-the-art HIV primary care. Our team offers compassionate, patient-centered medical care and social services for people living with HIV. We see patients from all walks of life, and our team of dedicated providers works to address the unique needs of each individual. Our goal is to provide comprehensive care to all patients in a “one-stop-shop” setting.



1,507
PATIENTS



6,720
MEDICAL VISITS

NUTRITION 280
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CONSULTANT 198
NURSING 773
LAB 1,141



WOMEN'S HEALTH

The Lax Women's Health Program is committed to excellent care for women with HIV that is comprehensive, team-based, and respectful of diverse cultural backgrounds and spiritual traditions. We partner with and support HIV-positive women to heal, grow, maintain health, and achieve their goals. Patients feel welcomed and respected by the supportive, multidisciplinary team that includes a primary care clinician, access to a social worker, a case manager and a care navigator. The team partners with women to provide excellent care that allows them to heal and remain healthy.



Sashawna S. Parris, LCSW
Women's Program Supervisor



Lizzy Schmidt, MSN, CRNP
Primary Care Provider



Lynette Trawick
Navigation Specialist



MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT

In addition to our medical services, the Jonathan Lax Treatment Center and John Bell Health Center offer full-time Medical Case Management on-site to offer support for the needs of our patients living with HIV/AIDS. Whether it's linking patients to medical care and resources, adherence counseling, providing HIV/AIDS education, or working on a realistic game plan based on personal growth towards a better quality of life, our Medical Case Managers are accessible to support the growing needs of our patient population.

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JOHN BELL HEALTH CENTER

The John Bell Health Center (JBHC) is a comprehensive healthcare clinic that provides culturally competent primary medical care to adults age 18 and older. In 2018, JBHC continued its strong growth. Comprehensive medical care continues to be the focus of JBHC, including state-of-the-art HIV primary care, Hepatitis C (HCV) care, and mental health and substance use services. In 2018, we hired a new PharmD who has hit the ground running assessing patient's needs regarding medication adherence, directly observed therapy visits, as well as providing a seamless bridge to Community Walgreens to streamline patient care.

We provided onsite Fibroscan Ultrasounds to our Hepatitis C patients and also have created a fast track appointment schedule to increase patient volume, as well as promote retention during their journey to cure.



2,056
PATIENTS



5,271
MEDICAL VISITS

C A DIFFERENCE

The C a Difference program has successfully integrated routine HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV) testing at the Y-HEP and John Bell Health Centers and the Jonathan Lax Treatment Center. C a Difference provides navigation and linkage to care services for all new and existing HCV-positive patients. HCV rapid testing with immediate phlebotomy for confirmatory testing has been made available at over 75 community-based locations, including recovery centers, senior centers, community centers and homeless shelters. Medical case management and support groups are now available for individuals who are or were previously infected with HCV. Specialized Narcan training is offered to all C a Difference patients. Narcan is the first and only FDA-approved nasal form of naloxone for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose.

In 2018, C a Difference began partnering with the Philadelphia Department of Prisons to provide HCV testing to all sentenced individuals prior to release. Incarcerated individuals with chronic HCV infection work closely with FIGHT prison linkage staff to be linked to HCV cure, and reentry programs at the Institute for Community Justice (ICJ). C a Difference has acquired a mobile Fibroscan machine that allows liver disease staging to be included in our comprehensive clinical and community-based programming.



1,000
Individuals were
tested in the
community setting



1,472
Individuals were
tested within the
Philadelphia jails



254
Individuals began HCV
treatment at John Bell
Health Center in 2018



341
New HCV+ patients
were seen at John Bell
Health Center in 2018



144
Individuals were cured
of HCV at John Bell
Health Center in 2018



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FIGHT FAMILY DENTISTRY

Philadelphia FIGHT Family Dentistry provides dental cleanings, periodontal treatments, fillings, complete and partial dentures, and extractions. Our team is committed to providing the highest quality of clinical care while treating every patient with respect and compassion.



1,368
PATIENTS



4,689
VISITS



368
NEW PATIENTS



382
EXTRACTIONS



98
COMPLETE
DENTURES



61
PARTIAL
DENTURES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

This year, FIGHT Family Dentistry partnered with Philadelphia FIGHT Pediatrics to provide access to dental care for the children joining our community. On Mondays, we have 10 “family” appointments in the dental clinic that are reserved for children and their parents, including 5 evening appointments.

We also expanded our partnership with the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Dental Medicine. Through Penn’s “First Five” program, public health dental hygiene practitioner Deanne Wallaert, RDH, PHDHP and honors students initiated a program for dental screenings and cleanings during pediatric medical visits.

Dr. Zach Cole, DMD also joined our practice as our first dentist volunteer, allowing us to provide additional oral surgery appointments for our adult dental patients.

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PHILADELPHIA FIGHT PEDIATRICS

The Pediatric and Adolescent Health Center at Philadelphia FIGHT is dedicated to providing high quality, comprehensive, primary care to address the physical and emotional health needs of Philadelphia's children from birth through age 18, regardless of ability to pay. We are specially tailored to care for children who have experienced social adversity.



SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE:

- Same-day appointments
- Well-child care (routine checkups)
- School, sports and camp physicals
- Sick visits
- Fluoride varnish and dental screening exams
- Immunizations (including catch-up vaccines for children who are behind)
- On-site phlebotomy (blood draws)
- On-site Breastfeeding Counselor
- On-site Social Worker and Benefits Coordinator
- Screening for behavioral health problems (such as ADHD, Depression, Anxiety, and Autism)
- Family planning services for patients age 13+ (through our Y-HEP program)



503
PATIENTS



909
MEDICAL VISITS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

We now offer on-site lactation counseling services for breastfeeding mothers, provided by Lisa Knoflicek, MD, CLC, pediatrician and certified lactation counselor.

We've developed a medical/dental integration with the dental clinic which allows us to provide dental screenings for children during their medical visit!

As part of our child literacy initiative, we became a part of the Reach Out and Read Program, which allows us to give a new book to all young children who come in for a well child visit.



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Y-HEP HEALTH CENTER

The Y-HEP Health Center offers an inclusive, trauma-informed approach to healthcare for adolescents and young adults (ages 13-24). We provide access to comprehensive primary care, sexual and reproductive health services, integrated behavioral health, PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV), and other relevant social services that aim to address the social determinants of health of Philadelphia's most vulnerable youth. The Y-HEP Health Center remains one of the only community-based clinics in Philadelphia with full hours of operation dedicated solely to the specialized needs of our adolescent and young adult population.

In 2018, Y-HEP Health Center re-located to a brand new space at 1207 Chestnut Street, more than doubling our available exam rooms and increasing our capacity to care for more youth. This move also co-locates Y-HEP medical services with Dental, Pediatrics, and the John Bell Health Center, thus allowing for increased coordination of care and collaboration with other FIGHT services.

Through an integrated team of medical, behavioral health, and nursing providers, the Y-HEP Health Center has seen steady expansion of healthcare services for transgender and gender non-conforming youth, ensuring a safe and affirming space for all youth.



560
PATIENTS



2,498
MEDICAL VISITS



PrEP

The PrEP Coordinators at the John Bell and Y-HEP Health Centers provided PrEP education and counseling services to more than 400 patients and clients in 2018. We continue to utilize FIGHT's PrEP hotline to provide consumers direct access to our coordinators to answer questions and connect them to services.

In 2018, we initiated a successful support group for people who are newly starting PrEP, in order to have an informal setting for consumers to ask questions about PrEP and share their experiences with others. We are currently implementing a highly innovative multidisciplinary program to support adherence to PrEP in order to achieve the highest possible success in preventing HIV for our consumers and in our community.



Community Health Centers



hope
trust
compassion
freedom
healing
strength
recovery
community



TREE IOP

(TEACH, RECOVERY, EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT)

TREE is a 9-12 month Drug and Alcohol program focused on establishing and maintaining recovery. Our Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) consists of 3 groups and one individual session weekly. The TREE Outpatient Program (OP), which is a step down from our IOP where clients only attend one individual and one group session weekly, has been a major part of helping clients to transition back into their community. Some of our biggest accomplishments this year are moving into a larger space and joining the Forensic Intensive Recovery network (in order to provide services to court-mandated individuals). Congratulations to Akia Feggans, our Director of Integrated Behavioral Health Services, who received the Treatment Provider of the Year from the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission.



DIANA BALDWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC



The Diana Baldwin Mental Health Clinic provides culturally competent behavioral health services that address the psychological, social and emotional needs of every patient who may be experiencing:

- Depression
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Bipolar Disorder
- Anxiety
- Anger Management
- Family/Relationship Problems

Services include: Individual Therapy, HIV and Trauma-Informed Therapy, Women & Men's Support Groups for people living with HIV, and Referral Coordination.



PATIENTS

BALDWIN: 110
TREE IOP: 50
TREE OP: 31



VISITS

BALDWIN: 1,590
TREE IOP: 2,932
TREE OP: 334

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

In 2018, the Diana Baldwin Clinic opened its doors to non-HIV+ clients in order to make mental health services available to the entire community. We moved to a beautiful new space that allows us to see more clients in a state-of-the-art, trauma-informed environment. DBC runs a weekly HIV+ women's support group that is open to cisgender and transgender women.

The Diana Baldwin Clinic has partnered with several organizations this past year to help spread awareness about HIV and mental illness. We have significantly increased our numbers and we project continual growth in the upcoming year.

Community Health Centers



RESEARCH

Philadelphia FIGHT conducts advanced clinical research trials, testing state-of-the-art HIV medications and novel treatment paradigms, as well as PrEP implementation and HIV cure directed strategies. In 2018, FIGHT Research participated in 15 unique research projects, 5 of which tested new HIV therapies and another 4 examined social and/or programmatic issues surrounding PrEP use. In continuation of a partnership spanning more than two decades, the Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers Research Department is proud to participate in the Martin Delaney Collaboratories (UM1) grant to the BEAT-HIV Delaney Collaboratory to Cure HIV, a consortium of top HIV researchers and community partners led by co-principal investigators Luis J. Montaner, DVM, DPhil, director of the HIV-1 Immunopathogenesis Laboratory at The Wistar Institute Vaccine Center, and James L. Riley, PhD, research associate professor at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 2018, the FIGHT Research Department allied with the Critical Path Learning Center on a HRSA funded Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) project aimed at engaging and retaining young people living with HIV in medical care, resulting in the presentation of interim data at the National Ryan White Conference. Original works from the Research Department in collaboration with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Jefferson University, and the University of Pennsylvania were also presented at the following conferences: International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC), HIV Research for Prevention (HIVR4P), Strategies for an HIV Cure, International AIDS Society Conference, and the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI).

RESEARCH PARTNERS FOR 2018:

- Gilead Sciences
- Janssen
- Merck
- ViiV
- The Wistar Institute
- CHOP
- The University of Pennsylvania
- Drexel University
- Jefferson University
- AccessMatters

COMMUNITY PREVENTION & NAVIGATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In 2018, the Community Based Prevention Services and the Navigation Departments merged to form the Community Prevention and Navigation Services Department (CPNS).

The CPNS department aims to provide HIV prevention services and linkage to care throughout the city of Philadelphia. The CPNS team seeks to reduce HIV acquisition and transmission by providing the most up-to-date information about HIV through testing and education sessions. Aside from testing and education sessions, the department also distributes free condoms, and provides linkage to services for newly-diagnosed, out of care HIV-positive, and high-risk HIV-negative individuals.

In 2018, with funding provided by the AIDS Activities Coordinating Office (AACO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the testing team was able to provide 1,267 HIV tests and identified 15 cases of HIV throughout the city. The department also provided linkage to care at our Jonathan Lax Center and provided short-term case management to over 50 clients, linking them to services such as housing, employment, primary care, PrEP, education and transportation assistance services.



Satellite Clinics



FIGHT @ BROAD STREET MINISTRY

Philadelphia FIGHT's Clinic at Broad Street Ministry (BSM) is a collaboration between two Philadelphia institutions representing decades of experience serving marginalized and vulnerable individuals. In 2018, the clinic's first year, we saw 300 patients for primary care at BSM. We had 944 patient visits and over 40% of those patients came back for a second appointment. We have been able to engage with the guests of BSM, welcoming them to the array of services we at Philadelphia FIGHT offer to support them on their healthcare journey.

Our team of Clare Schoenberg, PA-C, (Primary Care Provider), Kimberly Chiamonte (Program Manager), and Kim Nguyen (Medical Assistant) have welcomed all guests of BSM to become patients of the clinic while utilizing a team of Thomas Jefferson University College of Population Health interns to coordinate care across the FIGHT community and beyond.

CLINICA BIENESTAR

Clinica Bienestar is a comprehensive HIV primary care clinic founded in 2012 as a collaboration between Philadelphia FIGHT and Prevention Point Philadelphia (PPP). Clinica Bienestar is located within PPP's Harm Reduction Services Center in North Philadelphia. Staff members are especially skilled in providing services to the Puerto Rican population in Philadelphia who are either actively using or have a history of using injection drugs and have received inconsistent primary HIV medical care. Dr. Laura Bamford, Medical Director of Clinica Bienestar, and the case management and outreach staff are bilingual in English and in Spanish.

Clinica Bienestar provides HIV primary care services, Hepatitis C treatment, medical case management, harm reduction services, HIV testing, linkage to drug and alcohol treatment programs, and on-site medication assisted treatment for management of opioid use disorder.

In 2018, we started offering portable Fibroscan assessments monthly at Prevention Point to our Clinica Bienestar patients to increase access there to Hepatitis C treatment and cure.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Dr. Laura Bamford, MD, José Benitez, and Miguel Munoz-Laboy, PhD published a manuscript in December in the American Journal of Public Health highlighting the 83% viral suppression rate at 12 months after enrollment in Clinica Bienestar for our patients of Puerto Rican descent with a history of injection drug use. This viral suppression rate compares to a 53% rate for all individuals diagnosed with HIV in Philadelphia in 2016.



Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) from the Health Resources and Service Administration HIV/AIDS Programs, which supports the development of innovative models of HIV treatment, in order to quickly respond to emerging needs of clients served by Ryan White HIV/AIDS, has chosen Clinica Bienestar to be featured in an intervention guide as part of the SPNS Integrating HIV Innovative Practices (IHIP) project.

Institute for Community Justice



The Institute for Community Justice (ICJ) is a comprehensive prison services and reentry program providing health linkages, supportive services, education, and advocacy for individuals, families and communities impacted by mass incarceration.

The mission of ICJ is to serve any person impacted by mass incarceration by providing support services that empower those affected to thrive as their fullest selves. We envision a world free from mass incarceration where communities have equitable access to health, safety, justice, and the opportunity to design their freedom.



In 2018, the Institute for Community Justice continued to transition and reposition under the new leadership of Director Assata Thomas. We began to see some positive results from the expansion and repositioning of the ICJ Reentry Center.

With a concerted effort on expanding our public profile we were successful in strengthening partnerships within the region to include the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Philadelphia Adult Probation and Parole, The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas and other local community and faith-based organizations as well as other stakeholders in providing supportive services to any person impacted by mass incarceration.

Through our collaboration with the John Bell Health Center and the C a Difference team, we continued to make strides in providing testing and health linkage services to individuals in the Philadelphia Department of Prisons.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

In partnership with Eastern State Penitentiary, we delivered holiday toys to over 100 children of currently or formerly incarcerated parents. More than 1400 people attended the 2018 Reentry Summit and Prison Health Care conference, making it one of our largest ever. We improved our assessment and intake process, which has increased our capacity to support more persons and has increased our referrals to all of our Health Centers. With our newly developed Workforce Training and Development Coordinator position, 11 persons have been employed and an additional 8 are in a training program in preparation for employment.

Education Programs



COMMUNITY HEALTH TRAINING ALLIANCE

The Community Health Training Alliance (CHTA) debuted as Philadelphia FIGHT's newest program within the Department of Education and Training at our annual AIDS Education Month (AEM) Kickoff event in January 2018. CHTA is a community and professional training program that provides a year-long series of workshops, conferences, webinars, and symposiums on health topics that impact our most vulnerable populations.

Through alliances with other organizations and groups, CHTA convenes speakers from diverse backgrounds with a priority on elevating the expertise of those with lived experience from around the region on a wide range of topics including the opioid epidemic, Hepatitis C, trauma-informed care, sex work, housing and homelessness, mass incarceration, and more.



In collaboration with Drexel University, CHTA organized Philadelphia's 1st Anal Health Symposium. An educational platform was used to discuss the need for discourse around the best practices and standard of care as they pertain to prevention and treatment of anal dysplasia, which can lead to anal cancer if not treated. The symposium provided an overview of current medical practices, addressed gaps in knowledge around anal health, and proposed ideas of what best practices of care should look like in the future. 160 attendees were present for the Anal Health Symposium, a unique educational gathering that had never been done before.

CHTA also hosted the Reunion Project Philadelphia 2018, an event that celebrates long-term survivors of HIV/AIDS, providing a safe space for reflection and celebration in honor of lives lost, and life longevity for those surviving and thriving with HIV/AIDS. 120 participants attended the Reunion Project, more than double last year's attendance.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

One of CHTA's most significant accomplishments was the introduction of our webinars series. Our webinars focus on a topic or issue that is relevant, current, and rooted in the most pressing health-related issues faced by communities in Philadelphia. CHTA created and offered 10 webinars with an overall total of 459 webinar attendees for the year.



Education Programs

AIDS EDUCATION MONTH

Since 1994, Philadelphia FIGHT has hosted AIDS Education Month (AEM). This is a month-long series of events held in June throughout Philadelphia to increase awareness of this public health matter with current information around treatment and strategies to combat the virus and to reduce the stigma of HIV and AIDS. Over the course of many years, we have reached over 15,000 individuals with HIV/AIDS education.

AIDS EDUCATION MONTH 2018

The Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony at the Independence Visitor Center kicked off the month, with two extraordinary community advocates being honored with the 2018 Kiyoshi Kuromiya Award for Prevention, Treatment, and Justice: Elvis Rosado, from Prevention Point Philadelphia, and Lee Carson from PHMC.

End AIDS: The HIV Prevention and Outreach Summit was presented at the Pennsylvania Convention Center with Keynote Speaker Jesse Milan, President & CEO of AIDS United. With more than 45 workshops throughout the day, the Summit attracted over 1,300 attendees.

The sixth annual Hip Hop for Philly free concert in honor of National HIV Testing Day featured rising hip hop star A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie at the Trocadero Theater. Nearly 400 young people got an HIV test and over 1,200 youth received an educational session to get a ticket to the concert.



AIDS EDUCATION MONTH (AEM) CELEBRATED ITS 24TH YEAR OF HIV/AIDS EDUCATION



212

Participants attended the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony



136

People attended the Jonathan Lax Memorial Lecture



1,327

People attended another successful End AIDS: HIV Prevention and Outreach Summit



442

Youth attended the 6th Hip Hop for Philly Concert

During the months of May and June, our Peer Educators provided community presentations on HIV and Hepatitis C to 1,459 individuals in organizations and businesses throughout Philadelphia.

Education Programs



CRITICAL PATH LEARNING CENTER

2018 brought the opening of the brand new Critical Path Learning Center (CPLC) in June. An expansion of the Critical Path Project and the AIDS Library, the Critical Path Learning Center is an educational commons and stigma-free space devoted to the intersection of health and literacy for the digital age.

Housed in the former AIDS Library space, the newly-remodeled Learning Center features a café, an open-access KEYSPOt computer lab with desktops, laptops, and iPad stations, a quiet reading room, and a health library reference collection. In November 2018, we launched our brand new Hospitality Services, which provides amenities, a clothing closet, and laundry services so individuals can work on their health and wellness goals with dignity and respect.



The Learning Center also offers a variety of exciting opportunities for life-long learning. 2018 saw the launch of our Wellness Workshop program, through which we provided 43 hands-on workshops for 487 participants on topics ranging from African and Modern Dance to Overdose Prevention. We also grew our adult education program with the addition of a full-time adult education instructor, allowing us to run a full suite of adult education courses for adult learners looking to grow their digital literacy skills or work toward a high school equivalency.



1,284
INDIVIDUALS
SERVED



14,165
SERVICES
ACCESSED

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

“D” started our classes in November 2017. At that time, he tested at a 5th grade reading level and a math grade level of 4.8. He started part time classes and soon added digital literacy classes, additional reading and math classes too. After just over a year, D had increased his reading level to 10.8, which means he is now ready to take the high school equivalency test. We are thrilled to have been part of D’s journey and can’t wait to see what he will do next!

Education Programs



PROJECT TEACH

Project TEACH has provided education and advocacy training to people living with HIV/AIDS and to the greater Philadelphia community for 22 years. In the past year, we ran 12 classes and graduated 205 people. This includes graduates from Project TEACH, TEACH Outside, Latino TEACH, Youth TEACH and Women's TEACH.



This year, one of our lead instructors, Teresa Sullivan, was awarded the prestigious Red Ribbon Award by the University of Pennsylvania Center for AIDS Research – honoring her legacy of work in HIV/AIDS activism and advocacy. Additionally, TEACH had great success providing education to different communities in the Philadelphia area.

Our youth school-based programming had an extremely successful first year – providing 37 educational sexual health workshops to over 700 youth at various schools, and youth-serving programs and organizations last year.

The Project TEACH Peer Education program (TEACH graduates) traveled to more than 50 sites throughout Philadelphia, including social service agencies, community groups, churches and health fairs to deliver 574 presentations to nearly 7,500 people. The Peer Educators also authored and delivered one of the top 3 rated presentations at the 2018 End AIDS Prevention Summit.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

NARCAN® (naloxone HCl) Nasal Spray is the first and only FDA-approved nasal form of naloxone for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose. The Project TEACH Alumni group received its first ever Narcan training with nearly 40 participants this past December. The success of the Narcan training in our Alumni group led to the inclusion of this lifesaving training in all the TEACH classes in 2019.

We were awarded a grant from the National Library of Medicine to create a professional development series of webinars and videos for those working in the field based on our Frontline TEACH curriculum.

Faith Initiatives



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH

The Office of Faith Initiatives completed cohorts 10 and 11 of Faithful TEACH in 2018. Both cohorts together added another 35 new graduates to the Faithful TEACH family. Since we currently have a critical mass of graduates, we introduced a new annual event, the Faithful TEACH Alumni Dinner, held on June 21st at Relish Restaurant. More than 65 alumni attended.

In June, for AIDS Education Month the Faith Leaders Network (FLN) presented two workshops at the HIV Prevention and Outreach Summit. The annual Gospel Concert was held at Yesha Ministries Worship Center, featuring Jermaine Dolly and the Ford Memorial Choir. Approximately 150 people attended. We introduced another new event this year, the Bishop Ernest McNear Faith Leaders Lecture, held on May 31st at the Union League, with 200 faith leaders in attendance.



On November 20th, Faith Initiatives co-sponsored The Movement Makes Us Human, looking at the life of faith activist Dr. Vincent Harding, held at Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books.

On December 1st, our annual World AIDS Day Prayer Breakfast held at the Doubletree Hotel remained our event with the greatest turnout, with more than 300 in attendance. On December 13th, Faith Initiatives sponsored the Kingdom Builders Network holiday luncheon, with over 40 people in attendance.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Faith Initiatives represented Philadelphia FIGHT at various progressive summits and conferences this year: Mystic Soul Spirituality Conference, Hope for the Future; Spirituality, Self-Care & Social Justice workshop with Dr. Rachel Harding; Liberation Theology conference at Pendle Hill Quaker Retreat Center; Christian Community Development Association and Women Doing Theology.

Office of Diversity & Inclusion

In 2018, FIGHT made a commitment to strengthen its diversity and inclusion in an ongoing effort to improve the quality of life at work for our staff so that they can use their full energy and skills to support our mission to provide the highest possible standard of care, as well as education and outreach services, to those most in need. With this in mind, we developed the Office of Diversity & Inclusion to:

- Know where we are as an organization in terms of perceptions of diversity and inclusion among the patients/participants/clients and staff.
- Serve as “ombudsman” for employee diversity and inclusion concerns.
- Provide program directors and departments support to develop and implement diversity & inclusion strategies based on each department’s and program’s needs.
- Develop initiatives to increase our diversity among our healthcare providers at all of our clinics.
- Partner with our Office of Human Resources to enhance workplace satisfaction.

FIGHT staffers and medical providers attended the 2018/2019 Student National Medical Association (SNMA) regional and national conferences held in Philadelphia. They shared information about training and internship opportunities at FIGHT with underrepresented minority medical and pre-med students. Mario Cruz, MD and Lizzy Schmidt, MSN, CRNP also presented a workshop on building and utilizing mentors. SNMA is committed to supporting underrepresented minority medical students and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians.



FIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY

Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers prides itself on being community-focused. We offer a variety of services that could be of use to many, especially if they are low-income, housing insecure, or facing other barriers to quality healthcare.

Under the leadership of Evon Burton and Terrence Rush, we inform the public of all of our service offerings in a community setting. The team represents the organization at places of faith, educational institutions, community events, and health fairs sharing quality information with those in need. The team also coordinates with the C a Difference and the Community Prevention & Navigation Services teams to provide free HIV and Hepatitis C testing all across the city. In total, FIGHT attended over 50 events in 2018.



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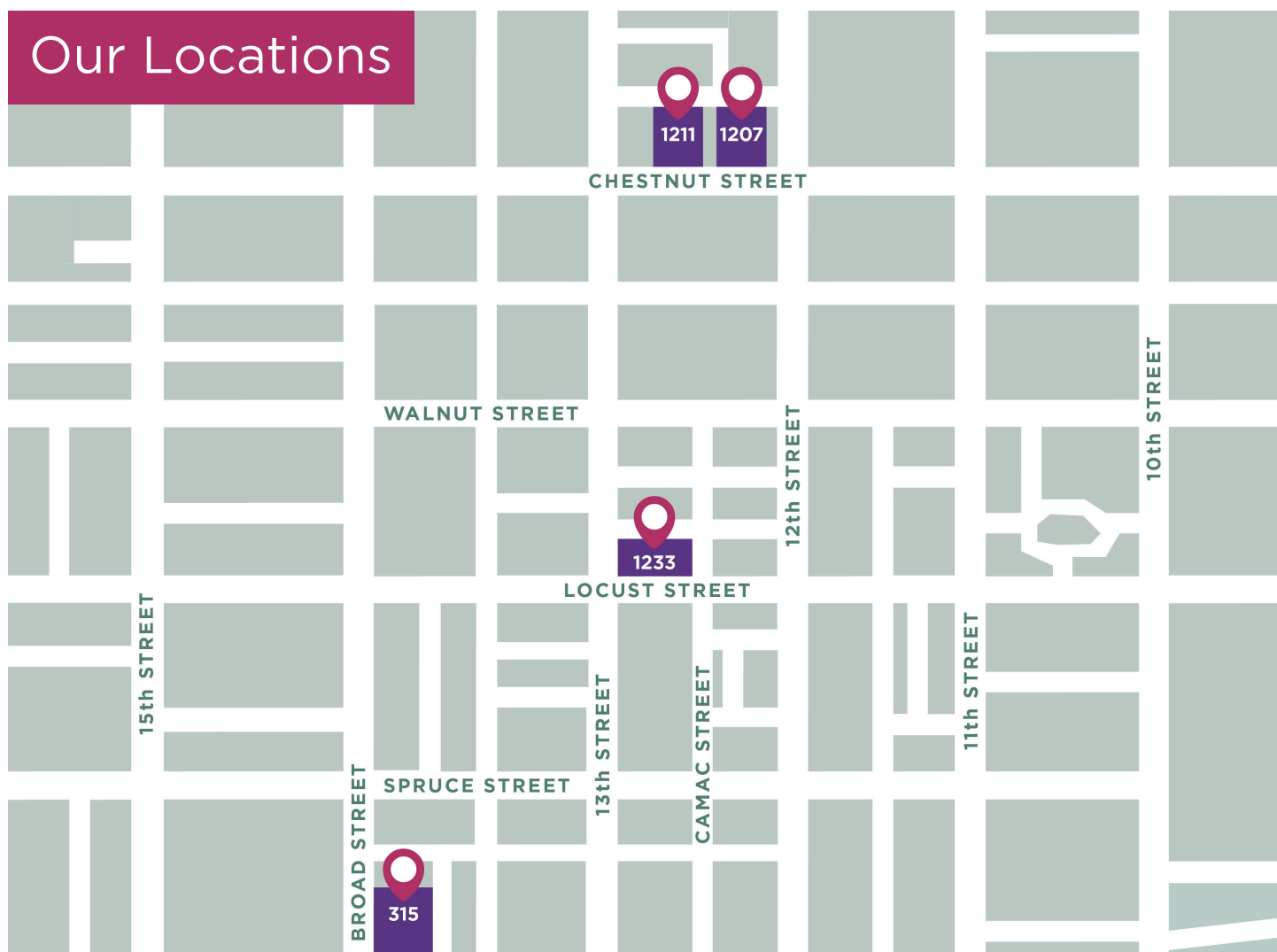
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