



2019 IN REVIEW

From our Chief Executive Officer

Looking back on 2019, this was a year of reaping the benefits that our physical expansion and infrastructure improvements in 2018 enabled us to do. We're seeing more patients across our Health Centers than ever before and we continue to grow. In 2019, we saw over 6,800 patients, 1,000 more than just a year ago.

We served nearly 2,000 clients in the new Critical Path Learning Center, almost tripling our numbers from the previous year. And we've nearly doubled our patient base in the Diana Baldwin Mental Health Clinic after the expansion of our Behavioral Health department.

In July, our PrEP team hosted the first-ever citywide PrEP Week, a series of free events that celebrated and educated the public about the highly-effective HIV prevention medication. Several hundred people attended the events, and plans are now underway to reach a broader audience with new events for PrEP Week 2020. Our C a Difference team began a groundbreaking partnership with the Philadelphia Department of Prisons, providing Hepatitis C (HCV) testing to all incarcerated individuals at intake. In the first 4 months of the program, over 7,700 inmates were tested. 875 of those were identified with chronic HCV infection and offered free linkage to HCV care services upon release.

We're also excited that the expansion of our Project TEACH HIV education and empowerment program has come to fruition in Northeast Pennsylvania with its first class in Wilkes-Barre. We anticipate there will be more locations to follow in the future.

As we prepare to celebrate a major milestone in FIGHT's history, our 30th anniversary, this is the time for us to remember what brought us here in the first place.

The FIGHT to end the HIV epidemic is what brought us here, and the battle is not over yet.

Taking care of people living with HIV was at the core of this organization back in 1990, and it still is.

We appreciate your support over the past three decades, and we hope you'll continue to be a part of our FIGHT family of supporters in 2020 and beyond. Without your help, we couldn't continue to provide all of the life-saving and life-altering programs and services that make Philadelphia FIGHT so special.

Thank you for your support.

Chief Executive Officer

ABOUT US / LEADERSHIP



Jane Shull Chief Executive Officer



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Barry Robinson Chief Human Resources Officer

OUR 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.

OUR 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, reentry services 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.

OUR CLIENTS

Philadelphia FIGHT serves some of the city's most marginalized and disenfranchised individuals. Annually, we provide direct services to more than 10,000 people and over 15,000 through community outreach.



20 EVENT highlights



Finding Our Voice & Reclaiming Our Health: Women's and Girls Health Fair

145 people attended this event, which provided women and young ladies alike with general health and sexual health education, and exhibitors sharing all kinds of health information.



Anal Health Symposium

This second annual symposium in partnership with Drexel University discussed the best practices pertaining to anal health, screening guidelines, and preventing and catching anal cancer early for men and women living with HIV.



2nd Annual Bishop McNear Lecture

140 people attended the 2nd annual Bishop McNear Lecture and breakfast at the Union League featuring an inspiring lecture by guest speaker Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr.



AIDS Education Month Gospel Concert

More than 120 people came together for an afternoon of joyful praise and music at the annual AEM Gospel Concert at Yesha Ministries Worship Center featuring Norman Hutchins, Zak Williams and 1/Akord.



HIV Prevention and Education Summit

1600 people attended the 25th Annual HIV Prevention and Education Summit during AIDS Education Month, making it the highest attendance since the inception of the summit.



Art as Resistance Art Gallery

The Institute for Community (ICJ) hosted this exhibit for the first time in 2019, which drew 120 visitors over two days. All of the artworks selected represented the perspectives of individuals fighting for the opportunity to design their own freedom.



Jonathan Lax Memorial Lecture

The 24th annual Lax Lecture was held at the Wistar Institute with Keynote Speaker Michel C. Nussenzweig, M.D., Ph.D. The topic was "Discovery and Development of HIV Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies."



Prep Week 2019

FIGHT hosted the first ever citywide PrEP Week, a series of free events in commemoration of the FDA approval of PrEP, a one-pill-a-day medication for the prevention of HIV. More than 350 people attended and 40 patients engaged or re-engaged in PrEP services.



"Heppy Hour:" A Mocktail Celebration

Our first C a Difference fundraiser, presented in partnership with Safran Turney Hospitality Group and Broad Street Ministry, raised nearly \$30,000 to support our Hepatitis C mobile outreach and treatment goals.



Strength in Numbers: Men & Boys Health Fair

This new FIGHT event drew 100 attendees, who received general health information and testing for blood pressure, diabetes, HIV, and Hepatitis C.



AIDS Walk Philly

Team FIGHT raised over \$6,900 for the 2019 walk. Proceeds supported the AIDS Fund's emergency fund for individuals living with HIV.



The Reunion Project

This annual event, which brought together 130 long-term HIV/AIDS survivors, families, friends and allies at the William Way Community Center, provided a safe space for celebration and inspiration.



11th Annual World AIDS Day Prayer Breakfast

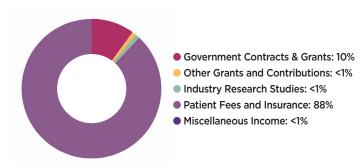
The World AIDS Day Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker Bishop Patricia A. Davenport drew 225 attendees who joined us to pray and renew their commitment to combatting HIV in our communities.



Institute for Community Justice (ICJ) Holiday Toy Drive

In partnership with Eastern State Penitentiary, ICJ's annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive for children of incarcerated parents gave more than 500 toys to over 150 children.

REVENUE

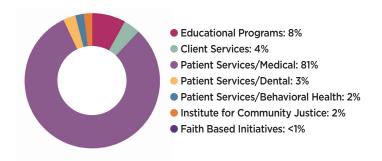


Total Revenue	57,035,021
Miscellaneous Income	255,909
Patient Fees and Insurance	50,187,204
Industry Research Studies	391,858
Other Grants and Contributions	283,618
Government Contracts and Grants	5,916,432

NET ASSETS

Change in Net Assets	(229,722)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	12,494,151
Net Assets, Ending of Year	. 12,264,429

EXPENSES



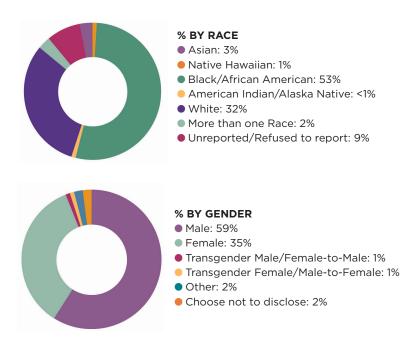
Educational Programs	1,100,02 1
Client Services	1,927,347
Patient Services - Medical	. 41,919,747
Patient Services - Dental	1,555,324
Patient Services - Behavioral Health	1,109,098
Institute for Community Justice	1,158,809
Faith Based Initiatives	147,894

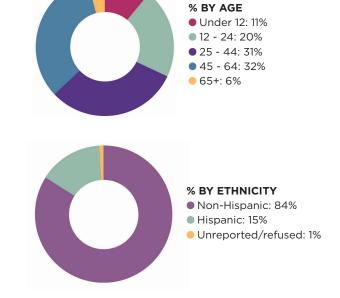
Total	Program	Expenses	51,998,842
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Adminstrative Expenses	4,534,602
Fundraising Expenses	731,299

Total Expenses......57,264,743

CLIENT POPULATION







Jonathan Lax Center

Our team offers compassionate, patient-centered medical care and social services for people living with HIV. Our dedicated providers work to address the unique needs of each individual. Inclusivity and respect for the dignity of our patients is at the center of all that we do.

Lax Women's Team Shows Impressive Results

In 2019, the Lax Center Women's Program increased the number of women served from 256 to 332, a 30% increase. Not only did we work closely with our female patients to help them remain in care and undetectable, we were able to build a database to document the work that the team achieved. This documentation allowed us to receive a one-time \$100,000 bonus through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth and our partnership with AccessMatters. This funding will enable us to expand our program offerings for women living with HIV in 2020.

Successful Collaboration for National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Month

The Women's Team partnered with the Community Health Training Alliance (CHTA) and the Positive Women's Network (PWN) for our Finding Our Voice & Reclaiming Our Health Women's and Girls Health Fair. 145 people attended the event on March 30th at Hank Gathers Recreation Center, which included sexual health education, health information and resources catered to women.

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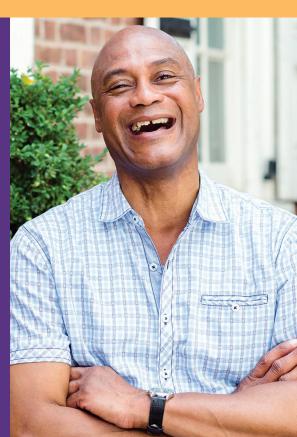
I will never stop being a warrior in the battle against HIV as long as I live, and I plan to be around for a long time to come."

Jeff Haskins is a teacher, a preacher, and a long-term survivor of HIV. "After losing my partner to AIDS, I knew I needed to get tested," he recalls. "In 1993, I tested positive. At that time in New York, there was this impending fear of death. It seemed like every day I was going to the hospital and seeing people in their last stages."

I first came to Philadelphia FIGHT as the Project TEACH class assistant. Then I went through the TEACH and Faithful TEACH classes as a student. In 2016, everything came full-circle when I returned to FIGHT as a TEACH co-instructor.

What you get from TEACH is the belief that the world is completely open to you, and that the possibilities are endless. You gain knowledge, strength and power. It's life-changing for so many of us living with HIV. It gives us hope that we will see a cure in our lifetime.

We're still fighting this epidemic and still fighting for our rights. I want to be free of HIV and I want to see a world free of AIDS. That is what freedom means to me."





John Bell Health Center

The John Bell Health Center is a comprehensive healthcare clinic that provides state-of-the-art primary medical care to adults age 18 and older. Our team of compassionate providers provides a safe space for people to access culturally competent medical care, regardless of the individual's insurance status, ability to pay, or life circumstances. We focus on addressing each patient's unique needs and challenges.

Decreasing the Wait for New Hepatitis C Patients

We increased our Hep C patient volume by creating a resource schedule specific to Hep C patients. This resource schedule in our electronic medical records system shows all providers' schedules as well as nurses, benefits coordinators, and other Hep C clinical support staff. The new system has enabled us to see some patients who would typically have to wait 4-6 weeks for a new patient appointment to be seen the same day or the next. This schedule also allows more individuals to be seen on a walk-in basis, in order to get the patient on a treatment regimen and cured.

First Annual Patient Appreciation Day

On Valentines Day 2019, the John Bell Health Center held its first annual Patient Appreciation Day. We served hot coffee, doughnuts, and pretzels, and we supplied patients with fancy toiletry bags containing a variety of much needed personal items. There were a lot of smiles that day, and a good feeling that something so small to us had such a huge impact on the individuals we serve all year long.

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Patients



What I love about FIGHT is that I'm treated like a person and not a homeless person. I don't think I'll find anything better than FIGHT.

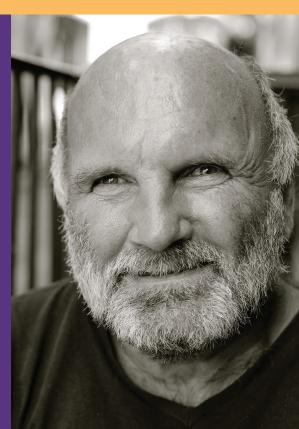
Bob Burdge went to a lot of places seeking healthcare before he found Philadelphia FIGHT's John Bell Health Center. "FIGHT has the best doctors in town," he says. "My primary doctor, Dr. Yates, is amazing. He is very thorough and listens well. I haven't met a doctor like him in a long time."

Being homeless, people often look down on me or don't treat me with respect. I've experienced this kind of treatment at other clinics and hospitals, but Philadelphia FIGHT is different."

Bob also gets walk-in medical care at the FIGHT clinic at Broad Street Ministry, where he receives case management and counseling.

He says coming to FIGHT has helped him improve his quality of life. "I have a dietician who is helping me eat better and a dentist who recently provided me with a new set of dentures. FIGHT is great with making me aware of my health problems and helping me make better health choices.

People should come here because you can get all the medical care you need. It's a convenient one-stop shop. It's the only place I would go."





Philadelphia FIGHT Pediatrics

Philadelphia FIGHT Pediatrics 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.

We are specially tailored to care for children and adolescents who have experienced social adversity.



Streamlining Check-ins and Appointment Scheduling

In 2019, as Pediatrics became our fastest growing health center, we implemented some procedures to speed up wait times and expedite appointment scheduling. We also implemented online scheduling, which allows parents or caseworkers to book appointments online from their smart phone or computer.

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1,053
Patients

2,060 Visits

Professional Training to Provide the Highest Quality Care

Dr. Mario Cruz completed the REACH Institute's Mini-Fellowship in Pediatric Primary Care Psychopharmacology. With his expertise and the support of our social worker, Caitlin Lobach, MSW, we are able to more quickly identify and treat pediatric behavioral health issues.

Dr. Lisa Knoflicek became an international board certified lactation consultant. It is extremely rare to have an MD, IBCLC in any pediatric practice because of the time and effort needed to achieve this recognition. Her expertise allows us to provide the highest level of service to our breastfeeding mothers and their babies.



Y-HEP Health Center

The Y-HEP Health Center offers an inclusive, trauma-informed, gender affirming approach to healthcare for adolescents and young adults ages 13-24.

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Expanding Services for Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth

In 2019, we worked to provide gender affirming hormone therapy to 70 youth, which currently represents 9 percent of the total population of youth served at Y-HEP Health Center. Our dedicated team of medical and behavioral health providers is uniquely qualified to provide social transition support, medical navigation for specialty services, anticipatory counseling around the transition process, hormone therapy management and support with our patients' goals related to their gender expression and identity.

Offering Support for Homeless Youth

Beginning in September 2019, the Synergy outreach program of Valley Youth House implemented a weekly pop-up housing support clinic on-site at Y-HEP Health Center. During this clinic, staff members offer youth the opportunity to apply for the city's housing program matching system. To date, this pop-up clinic has served approximately 20 youth at Y-HEP Health Center. In 2020, we aim to grow this partnership to implement better identification and referral opportunities for youth living with housing insecurities.

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816 Patients

2,970Visits



HIV doesn't have to place limitations on anyone's life.
It doesn't have to define how you live, who you love,
or how you view yourself."

Lynette and Daniel Trawick came to FIGHT through our Faithful TEACH class, an HIV/AIDS education program for faith leaders who want to learn about HIV/AIDS.

The serodifferent couple (he's HIV negative, she's HIV positive), with a blended family of 11 children already in tow, decided they wanted to have another child together. "We followed everything the doctor told us and our son Koa was born HIV negative," says Lynette.

"FIGHT has helped to educate me further about HIV and taught me how to support other people affected by the virus through faith and ministry. I hope to empower people, particularly women, who don't feel strong enough to share their own stories. They need to hear it from me because if they do, they will see what hope looks like."

Daniel adds, "Now, I recommend FIGHT to everybody I meet. It's a place of healing for the mind, body, and spirit." He acknowledges that there is still a lot of fear and stigma around HIV, "but there is no reason to hide our heads in the sand because of it."

"My wife is amazing. My children are amazing. We have an amazing family together. HIV doesn't change any of that."



FIGHT Family Dentistry

Our team specializes in a trauma-informed approach to dental care and the treatment of patients with dental anxiety or a history of infrequent dental visits. We provide dental cleanings, periodontal treatments, fillings, complete and partial dentures, and extractions.



A New Addition to our Dental Team

In July, we hired our 4th dentist, Wilson Chan, DMD. Dr. Chan completed a two-year residency in general dentistry at Einstein Medical Center, with his second year as chief resident. Bringing on Dr. Chan increased our capacity to serve both pediatric and adult patients, and allowed us to expand our Tuesday evening hours.

Integrating Our Pediatrics and Dental Practices

We continued our relationship with Penn Dental Medicine and its "First Five Years" program for children ages 0-5 years old. This facilitated collaboration with FIGHT Pediatrics, where we provide on-site oral hygiene visits supervised by our Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner, Deanne Wallaert, RDH, PHDHP.

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1,497
Patients

4,942 Visits

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.

New Study on Opioid Recovery Drugs and People Living with HIV

FIGHT Research's ongoing partnership with the Wistar Institute resulted in the award of a nearly \$3.9 million grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to study individuals living with HIV who are on antiretroviral medication and medication treatment for opioid use disorder. Both HIV and chronic exposure to opioids cause activation in the immune system, and these medications either block or activate opioid receptors in the brain. The study will evaluate the impact that certain prescription medications used to assist in recovery from opiate addiction have on immune activation or inflammation.

RESEARCH PARTNERS

- Gilead Sciences
- Janssen
- MerckViiV
- The Wistar Institute
- CHOP
- University of Pennsylvania
- Jefferson University
- AccessMatters
- · UrSure. Inc.

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13 Unique research projects



224Unique participants



TREE Drug and Alcohol Program

TREE (Teach, Recovery, Education, Empowerment) 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. Our 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 transition back into their community.

Looking Ahead to 2020

This year, we joined the Forensic Intensive Recovery Network, which enables us to provide services to court-mandated individuals. We are laying the groundwork for a new Drug and Alcohol (IOP/OP) program slated to open in the spring of 2020 for HIV-negative individuals seeking help with their addiction disorders.

Behavioral Health Consultants in All FIGHT Clinics

Philadelphia FIGHT has added Behavioral Health Consultations in all of our clinics in order to foster and promote an integrated approach to healthcare for all of our patients. Patients can meet with a Behavioral Health Consultant to discuss their health care needs such as diabetes, medication management, mental health, drug and alcohol concerns, weight management and various other issues that might be affecting overall wellness.

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IOP





Patients

Visits

OP





Patients

Visits



What's happening in my life now would not be possible without Philadelphia FIGHT. The help I get here has been life-changing."

In 2018, after serving 42 years behind bars for a crime he didn't commit, David Bryant was exonerated. He says the best thing that happened to him after being released from prison was finding Philadelphia FIGHT's Institute for Community Justice (ICJ).

"I had to restart my life," he says, "but I had no clue how until I found ICJ." The classes there taught him how to readjust to life outside of prison and ICJ helped him find employment.

David gets his healthcare at FIGHT's John Bell Health Center and he couldn't be happier with his health. When he first came into the clinic, he says his diabetes was off the charts. Now he no longer needs to take insulin. "I get all the help in the world here. The providers at FIGHT are helpful even beyond my medical needs. It's the biggest blessing that I've ever seen."

"I was in the worst place in the world, but I knew it had to get better. My experience in prison will never go away, but I am not looking in the rearview mirror. I'm looking forward to what the future may hold."



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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
- Anxietv
- Anger Management
- Family/Relationship Problems



2019 has been a year of growth for the Diana Baldwin Clinic. With the expansion of services to HIV-negative clients in order to make trauma-informed mental health services available to the entire community, we nearly doubled our patient base over 2018's numbers.

We now offer have a weekly HIV+ women's support group that is open to cisgender and transgender women, and we continue to partner with several organizations to help spread awareness about HIV and mental illness. Our outpatient mental health clinic is staffed by licensed clinical social workers who are committed to providing an integrated, holistic approach to therapeutic intervention.

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Patients

Visits

I was a homeless, transgender Army veteran beating HIV. It's easier for me to be myself instead of worrying about what society is thinking."

Julie Dillon hasn't had an easy life. Her dad was an Army officer; her parents divorced when she was a toddler. Needless to say, Julie didn't have much stability growing up. She enlisted at 17, was diagnosed with HIV at 21, then was discharged from the Army at 22. She still suffers from PTSD.

From Louisiana, Julie came to Philadelphia and sought out FIGHT. She was originally looking for medical care and case management, but ended up finding much more. "FIGHT helped me with housing, nutrition assistance, and transportation," she says. "I knew I wanted to get involved at FIGHT and Project TEACH was the perfect opportunity. After graduating I became a Peer Educator, which helped me make more meaningful connections with people. TEACH taught me that I need to be a part of the solution to ending the AIDS epidemic.

People should come to FIGHT because they have tons of resources and you won't feel like you have to go through things alone. Being here I've reached a new level of empowerment and self-worth."



SATELLITE CLINICS



FIGHT @ Broad Street Ministry

In partnership with Broad Street Ministry and their hospitality collaborative, Philadelphia FIGHT's Clinic at Broad Street Ministry is a satellite site of our John Bell Health Center offering primary medical care for individuals who are struggling with homelessness and chronic health conditions.



Continued Growth in Our Second Year

In 2019, we continued to grow and see new patients. We continue to treat HCV, vaccinate, and provide primary medicine to the community of Broad Street Ministry. With an increase in patients comes an increase in staff. With funding from the Van Ameringen Foundation, we were able to hire a full-time Behavior Health Consultant to work with our patients as well as the entire community at Broad Street Ministry.

New Medical/Legal Partnership

Another grant from the Independence Foundation will fund a new medical/legal partnership with our clinic and Community Legal Services. Starting in 2020, a lawyer will be on-site at our clinic to support our patients with legal challenges including elder abuse, emergency Medicaid, dealing with creditors, housing and immigration issues, among others.

PREVENTION

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318 Patients

853 Visits



Clínica Bienestar



Clínica Bienestar is a comprehensive HIV primary care clinic founded in 2012. In partnership with Prevention Point Philadelphia and the Norris Square Civic Association, Clínica Bienestar (Well Being Services), is one of the city's first Spanish-speaking HIV clinics. The primary care clinic is supported by the extensive medical, case management and social services of Philadelphia FIGHT. 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.

Clínica 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.

FIGHT Receives \$500,000 Grant to Study PrEP and People Who Inject Drugs

In 2019, Philadelphia FIGHT was awarded a nearly \$500,000 grant from Gilead to initiate and evaluate a PrEP (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis) program in people who inject drugs at Prevention Point Philadelphia. PrEP is a one-pill a day medication that can reduce HIV infection by 95% if taken as prescribed. The multi-year research study, one of only 5 of 128 proposals selected, is slated to begin enrolling participants in 2020.

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118 Patients

441 Visits

HEALTH SERVICES



C a Difference

C a Difference provides navigation and linkage to care services for all Hepatitis C (HCV) patients at all FIGHT locations. We monitor all HCV

testing at the John Bell Health Center and carefully track linkage and treatment data while supporting a comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach to medical care. HCV education, counseling services, and rapid testing have been made available at over 75 community-based locations, including recovery centers, senior centers, community centers and homeless shelters.

Groundbreaking Partnership Providing HCV Testing in Prisons

In 2019, C a Difference began partnering with the Philadelphia Department of Prisons to provide HCV testing to all individuals upon intake. Incarcerated individuals with chronic HCV infection work closely with FIGHT prison linkage staff to be linked to reentry programs at the Institute for Community Justice (ICJ) and to HCV cure medication at the John Bell Health Center. In the first four months of this program, the first of its kind in the U.S., 7,744 individuals were tested, and 875 were found to have chronic HCV infection.

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331 New HCV patients



281
Returning HCV patients



277
Individuals began
HCV cure medication



1,059
New patients with chronic
HCV infection identified



I never thought I would do anything with my life until I found Philadelphia <u>FIGHT. I found my</u> voice and confidence at FIGHT through Project TEACH."

Eddie Davis always dreamed about joining the Air Force. When he was 17, those dreams were suddenly dashed. "I was rejected by the Air Force because my blood was contaminated with HIV," he recalls. "I felt immobilized. I found myself walking down the middle of Broad Street contemplating getting hit by a car, because that's what I thought my diagnosis was at the time." But Eddie's life turned around when he enrolled in a Project TEACH class at FIGHT.

"The information TEACH gives you will last an entire lifetime. Knowledge is power and without knowing what is going on with you, there is fear. So the more you know about HIV, the less fear you have.

I also get my healthcare at FIGHT and the doctors and dentists that take care of me also care about me as a person. They know more about me than just my medical history. Forming relationships with the providers has helped me to be independent and to be an advocate for my own health. I would not have the life I have today if not for FIGHT."

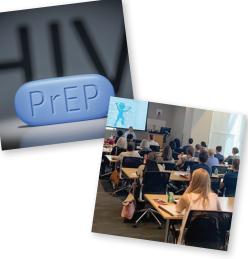


HEALTH SERVICES



Community Prevention, Navigation & PrEP Services

The Community Prevention, Navigation & PrEP Services program at Philadelphia FIGHT aims to provide HIV prevention services and linkage to care throughout the city of Philadelphia.



FIGHT Hosts First-Ever Citywide PrEP Week

While over 50 HIV testing/prevention programs exist in Philadelphia, large-scale interagency efforts to widely disseminate HIV prevention messaging including PrEP have been lacking. In 2019, Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers put forth a call to action for providers, allied health professionals, and community members to enhance HIV prevention interventions across the city.

From July 15-20, 2019, FIGHT hosted PrEP Week, a series of free events in commemoration of the FDA approval of PrEP (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis), a one-pill-a day medication for the prevention of HIV. Events included breakfast and lunch presentations from medical and community experts, webinars, a community mixer with sexual health presentations, a Kiki Ball, and walk-in HIV testing at multiple sites in Philadelphia. In total, 365 participants attended at least 1 event, 60 HIV tests were conducted, and 40 patients engaged or re-engaged in PrEP services.



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New HIV testing sites



972 HIV tests conducted



New HIV-positive individuals identified and linked to care



Medical Case Management

Our Medical Case Management team is comprised of Masters level social workers and licensed counselors providing exceptional on-site case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS at Jonathan Lax Treatment Center and John Bell Health Center. Our team links patients to medical care and resources, provides adherence counseling and HIV/AIDS education, and assists clients with creating a realistic game plan based on personal growth towards a better quality of life.

2019 Accomplishments and Growth

In 2019, the Medical Case Managers assisted clients with remaining housed, obtained grants for clients needing assistance with outstanding bills, provided psychosocial support to newly diagnosed clients, and explored medication adherence options which ultimately decreased the community viral load.

With new funding provided by AACO, we added four new Medical Case Managers to our staff. These include three positions at the Lax Center, including one who is bilingual to provide services at Lax and Clinica Bienestar, plus one position at John Bell Health Center.



I decided that having HIV was never going to be the end of the world for me. Today I feel more empowered, secure, and blessed."

"In 1979, I saw a doctor who noticed white patches on my neck. She told me about a plague that was ravaging gay people. That's how I received my diagnosis. Being only 16, I didn't fully understand the information that was given to me." At that time, Marcus Hill says there was no place to go that he felt safe. "All I knew was that the people I had sex with were dead a month or a year later."

Eventually he came to FIGHT and became one of the first graduates of Project TEACH. "That was a life-changing experience. It was a safe space that gave me lots of information and friendships."

After graduating, Marcus became a Peer Educator. "It made me feel great to know that I was helping people by giving them important information about HIV, and I was one of the few people doing it back then.

People should come to FIGHT because you'll be treated with dignity and respect. Sharing my story helps me let others know that they're not alone and that life is worth living. If you hide your story then it can become ugly and dark, but if you share it, it opens up a light for you and others.

My advice to someone diagnosed at a young age like me would be to figure out what you want in life and go after it. Seize the moment and live every day as if it's a gift.

EDUCATION & TRAINING



Community Health Training Alliance (CHTA)

Our community and professional training program provides a year-long series of workshops, conferences, webinars, and symposiums on health topics that impact our most vulnerable communities.



New Educational Platforms and Revenue Streams

In 2019, CHTA hosted 13 live events, 1-2 webinars a month and provided its first series of paid Professional Development Trainings (PDT) on topics such as Trauma-Informed Care, Fostering Cultural Sensitivity, and Compassion Fatigue. CHTA is also generating revenue for continuing education credits (CEU) for all webinars and live events.

Our 2019 HIV Prevention and Education Summit Had Its Most Successful Year Yet

The annual HIV Prevention and Education Summit was a huge success with nearly 1600 attendees. For the first time we hosted Youth Central, a mini youth conference. Youth were provided sexual health education and a safe space to share and ask questions. With Naina Khanna, Executive Director of Positive Women's Network as the keynote speaker, and an exclusive "red carpet" premiere of the BEAT HIV video series, "The Philadelphia Story: Moving Towards an HIV Cure," the summit garnered its largest crowd ever.

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3,504
People living with HIV
reached with education
or training



Critical Path Learning Center

The Critical Path Learning Center, an expansion of the Critical Path Project and the AIDS Library, is an educational commons and stigma-free space devoted to the intersection of health and literacy for the digital age.

Exponential Growth in its Second Year

In 2019, we served almost three times as many individuals than we did before the expansion. Clients accessed our KEYSPOT computer lab's technology, along with computer classes, a health reference collection, laundry services, amenities packets and our café featuring complimentary coffee donated by Starbucks. We also offered a variety of health and wellness workshops.

New Partnership to Expand Our Adult Education Program

This year the Learning Center became one of only 5 sites awarded a contract through the Office of Adult Education to provide assessments and placements to adult learners across Philadelphia County. Since the launch of this project in August, we assessed 135 adults and placed 100% of them in appropriate adult education courses and programs both at FIGHT and across the city.



JUST THE STATS



1,960 Unique visitors accessed 20,916 services



People received over 300 hours of digital literacy instruction



700
People attended
67 education sessions



50
People received ABE/ASE instruction, with over 420 hours of class or one-on-one tutoring instruction

EDUCATION & TRAINING



Project TEACH

Project TEACH (Treatment Education Activists Combating HIV) is an innovative health education program which trains people living with HIV/AIDS to act as peer educators, activists and advocates in the underserved communities hardest hit by the AIDS pandemic. TEACH focuses not only on prevention but treatment education, outreach and advocacy.

TEACH Expands into Northeast Pennsylvania

TEACH completed its first pilot of the Project TEACH expansion project in the fall of 2019. Through a partnership with the United Way of Wyoming Valley and the Wyoming Valley AIDS Council, Project TEACH delivered its first class outside of Philadelphia County to 20 participants in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. After this successful pilot, we are working with our planning partners to bring additional classes across northeastern Pennsylvania in the next few years.

TEACH Receives AIDS Activities Coordinating Office (AACO) Commendation

The Project TEACH Peer Education workforce development program, which is populated by Project TEACH graduates, traveled to more than 50 sites throughout Philadelphia to deliver sexual health presentations, including social service agencies, community groups, churches and health fairs. This hard work was notably commended by the AIDS Activities Coordination Office in December of 2019.



JUST THE STATS



People graduated from 11 TEACH classes



People attended 539 community presentations



Narcan trainings where Narcan kits were presented



HIV has taught me to live in the present moment. Every morning, I wake up and decide I'm going to be happy."

As a young gay man in South Philly, Rick Bruno remembers watching his friends become sickly and waste away from AIDS. "They called it 'gay cancer' at the time. Then, when my partner spotted a purple lesion on my leg, I knew I couldn't hide from it anymore.

In 2009, I was diagnosed with HIV. I thought it was the end, but as it turns out, it was only the beginning. When I first came to the Lax Center, people would hug me and assure me everything was going to be okay. I found out HIV was not a death sentence — it was just a part of my story.

Now I love to cook, eat, and travel, but the thing that brings me the most joy is spending time with my dog, Louie. He has been a big part of my healing process.

For those who test positive for HIV, I am living proof that there is life after a diagnosis. I love myself for who I am now, and I love the family I've gained at FIGHT."



REENTRY SERVICES



The 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.

Record-Breaking Attendance at Our 2019 Expungement Clinic

In 2019, we had an expungement clinic that exceeded our attendance number by 50 percent over 2018. We created the event to be more than an expungement clinic, so we included health screenings for Hepatitis C and HIV. 43 individuals were tested. By the end of the day, 96 people completed an intake for an expungement and 72 were eligible and received services for the expungement of their records.

Art As Resistance

In June, ICJ hosted its first in-house Art as Resistance Art Gallery. The two-day event attracted over 120 visitors. In U.S. prisons, where individuals who speak out against an unjust system are silenced, art has served as a foundational part of their resistance. All of the artworks selected for Art as Resistance centered the perspectives of individuals fighting for the opportunity to design their own freedom and liberation from various oppressive systems in and out of the confines of prison.

JUST THE STATS



Clients seen Visits





Clients connected to medical care

FAITH INITIATIVES



Worship & Spiritual Health

The office of Faith Initiatives at Philadelphia FIGHT builds bridges between people living with HIV/AIDS and faith communities, and tends to the spiritual health of people living with HIV/AIDS by shedding light on hope, wellness and transformation.

Healing Arts

This year Faith Initiatives took an inward shift with two programs addressing trauma with the arts. We held twelve weeks of "Painting to Heal" classes and offered three yoga classes for our clients. We also started a Faith & Spirituality committee for our staff, which gives staff members more voice in Faith Initiatives programming.

Taking Faithful TEACH Behind Bars

We completed two more cohorts of Faithful TEACH, and our Director Dr. Calenthia S. Dowdy was trained how to facilitate new TEACH INSIDE-OUT classes. The ultimate goal is to take Faithful TEACH into correctional facilities and teach classes with a mixed student population of incarcerated individuals and faith leaders.

JUST THE STATS



Events & Classes



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion seeks 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.

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In 2019, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion led FIGHT's initiative to help address the shortage of medical providers of color working in community health care settings by developing a medical student shadow program specifically for under-represented students in medical school.

FIGHT launched our Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Shadow Program in December. The program offers members of SNMA the opportunity to follow our medical providers as they work with patients. These shadowing opportunities enabled students to experience firsthand how challenging and rewarding working in a community healthcare setting can be.

During the first month of the program, FIGHT provided orientation and training to five SNMA members who attended six shadow sessions. This program is one of the ways that FIGHT is working to eradicate the racial disparities in healthcare.

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Knowing that I have the power to help someone take control of their own life and make healthier choices is the greatest gift on earth."

Milton Rodriquez grew up in the badlands of North Philadelphia. "At 15, I started using heroin and ended up contracting HIV." After multiple run-ins with the law, Milton was sentenced to 30 years behind bars. "When I was released in 2004, I was determined to do things differently and become a better man.

I decided to educate myself as much as possible on HIV. I came to FIGHT and took two Project TEACH classes. Today, I will tell anyone that I'm HIV positive. I don't fear rejection from people. My goal is to educate and fight stigma by putting myself out there.

Every week, I go to the park and sit there with my book of HIV information from Project TEACH. I try to engage people in conversations about HIV.

I make it my mission to educate others, even strangers, everywhere I go.

It's unfortunate that I spent time in prison but that's really where I found myself. I realized that I actually love helping people. I have also learned to love myself. FIGHT and Project TEACH helped me find my intelligence and value."



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