

AIDS

**Until there's an answer...
there's GSP.**



GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT

AN AIDS SERVICE PROVIDER
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AIDS doesn't discriminate based on race, gender, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

Good Samaritan Project (GSP) is making a difference in the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. Good Samaritan Project is dedicated to working with people living with HIV/AIDS, their families, friends and loved ones to provide practical solutions, comfort and hope.

GSP also promotes widespread community understanding of the nature of HIV and its prevention. All services are provided without regard to sex, age, religion, race, economic status or sexual orientation. And, services are provided at no charge.

Good Samaritan Project was established in 1985 and the staff and board of directors are committed to curbing the spread of HIV in our community. The agency serves a 15-county area. Counties in Kansas are Leavenworth, Miami, Wyandotte and Johnson. Missouri counties are Bates, Benton, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte and Ray.

In addition to a caring, compassionate and experienced professional staff, GSP has approximately 300 volunteers who are vital to the agency's success and they are active in many programs and services.

GSP is fortunate to receive funding from a number of sources, including federal, state and city grants, United Way, event fundraisers like Corks & Canvas, private foundations and from generous individual donors.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

TARGET POPULATIONS:

- HIV infected persons
- MSM (Males that have sex with males)
- IDU (Intravenous Drug Users)
- SPO (Sex Partners of HIV infected persons, MSM, and IDUs)
- HRB (High Risk Behaviors)
- HET (High-risk heterosexuals)

The following programs have been implemented to address the prevention education needs of at-risk populations identified by the state health departments/ most current epidemiological data:

MAAP (Mentoring Adolescents and AIDS Prevention)
Youth may participate in annual coed retreats, college tours (when funding permits) and other ongoing group level interventions. Youth learn how to reduce their risk of contracting HIV and STDs and partner negotiation/ refusal skills through fun interactive games over an 8-10 week period. Teen Peer Advocates are recruited and trained and may earn community service hours. CDC approved curricula used: BART (Becoming a Responsible Teen) and Be Proud, Be Responsible.

COMMUNITY PROMISE

High risk individuals participate in educating their peers by sharing their experiences through role-model stories and small group and individual level interventions. Trained Peer Advocates and GSP Prevention Staff collaborate to refer high-risk individuals for HIV testing and other prevention services. Community leaders, organizations, and gatekeepers assist this process by displaying role-model stories throughout the community.

MPOWERMENT & MANY MEN, MANY VOICES

These interventions for men who have sex with men use a combination of formal and informal outreach, small peer-led group level interventions, creation of safe places, social opportunities and social marketing to provide HIV prevention, risk reduction, and safer sex messages to at-risk MSM. Outreach is conducted in venues frequented by MSM and safer sex kits and literature are dispensed.

SISTA (Sisters Informing Sisters about Topics on AIDS)

This group level, gender and culturally appropriate intervention is designed to increase condom use with African-American women. At-risk women participate in a series of five group level interventions that focus on ethnic and gender pride, HIV knowledge, and skills training around sexual risk reduction behaviors and decision-making.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Research shows that certain life skills can boost your immunity. This video-based program enhances health by helping HIV infected individuals connect with peers and create trusted support, addresses disclosure issues, improves crisis coping skills, stress reduction and monitoring and managing risky behavior.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE TESTING

Gonorrhea and Chlamydia (bacterial infections)

Testing Method

Urine screening (non-invasive)

Results

2 business days

All clients testing positive for Gonorrhea and/or Chlamydia are referred for immediate treatment and follow-up.

HIV ANTIBODY TESTING

Certified counselors provide free, confidential, client-centered HIV counseling and testing. Testing may be conducted in the field or walk-in/office settings. Clients may be tested by one of three methods:

Testing Method

Venipuncture (Blood drawing)

Results

2 weeks

Orasure (Oral swab)

3 business days

Oraquick (Finger-stick)

20 minutes

All clients testing HIV positive are referred for retesting and assigned to a Ryan White Title I Case Manager.

ALL HIV AND STD TESTING IS FREE AND MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE FIELD OR AT GSP KANSAS AND MISSOURI OFFICES UPON REQUEST.

DIRECT CARE SERVICES

CASE MANAGEMENT

Case Management is a partnership between the case manager and the client. Case managers assess clients' medical and social needs; develop a tailored plan to meet

those needs and help clients obtain necessary services, such as food, social security, housing, legal assistance, home health care, etc.

TRANSPORTATION

Provide access to medical appointments and pharmacies through the utilization of the metro bus system.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Assistance for rent and utilities during temporary financial crisis.

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Activities for HIV-positive women and special events for men, women and children, such as a holiday party, back-to-school supplies and fun family outings.

BUDDY COMPANIONS

A buddy companion offers support through phone calls, visits and by being a supportive friend.

SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

Provides spiritual support to HIV/AIDS persons and assists partners and loved ones in times of grief.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

With special attention to the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, licensed counselors provide personal, couple and family counseling in a confidential setting.

INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CARE TEAMS

Network of communities of faith provide people living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones with compassionate assistance in daily activities.

BACK-TO-WORK PROGRAM

Assists people with HIV/AIDS with employment issues. Provides career counseling, resume preparation, job development, as well as training for local business related to disabilities.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the backbone of Good Samaritan Project. Without a dedicated core of volunteers, GSP could not continue its work to help people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

The mission of Good Samaritan Project is to provide supportive and responsive care for a diverse community of individuals affected by HIV/AIDS and to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS through education and advocacy.



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