

# How can I find HIV and AIDS services in my state or local community?

## State and Local Health Departments

Your state and local health agencies are excellent resources for information about HIV and AIDS and how it impacts your community. Most of these agencies will have an HIV and AIDS coordinator (or even a whole team) who can talk with you about trends among women in your state or local community and areas where your efforts to support prevention, testing, or care for people with HIV and AIDS might be most needed. They can also tell you about initiatives that are already underway to address HIV and AIDS and offer ideas for how your YWCA can complement and support what is already going on.

1. For a list of state health agencies, go to <http://www.fda.gov/oca/sthealth.htm>.
2. To access local government agencies, go to [http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Local\\_Government/Cities.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Local_Government/Cities.shtml).

## HIV/AIDS Service Organizations

The CDC's National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) offers a database that can help you locate organizations offering HIV and AIDS, viral hepatitis, STD and TB services. This database can help you identify possible prevention partners for networking or collaboration.

1. Go to <http://www.cdcnpin.org>. (Alternate: Call 1-800-458-5231; M-F, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., ET)
2. Using the "Specific Searches" menu on the right, click on "Organizations."
3. Leave the "Organization Name" field blank.
4. In the "Location" field, enter your city, county, and/or state name.

5. In the "Services" location, pick a category of services (Ex. HIV testing) and narrow your criteria if desired (optional).
6. Click "Search."
7. The database will provide a list of organizations offering the services you requested in the state or local community you identified.

These community organizations are natural allies or partners for your HIV and AIDS efforts. Consider reaching out to them to find out more about what they are doing, what they perceive as gaps in services for women, and how your YWCA might be able to support existing efforts or fill in those gaps.

## Ryan White Program Grantees

The Federally-supported Ryan White HIV and AIDS Programs are one of the places that uninsured and under-insured people living with HIV and AIDS can go for primary health care and support services. Ryan White Program grantees offer such services as HIV and AIDS services in the nation's largest urban areas; AIDS drug assistance; community-based outpatient primary medical care and early intervention services; women, infants, children, and youth programs; and dental services contacts. To find local Ryan White Program grantees in your state or local community:

1. Go to <http://hab.hrsa.gov/about/>
2. Click on "Grantee Contacts"
3. Select a grantee category (Ex. Part D - Women, Infants, Children)
4. Search for your state. The database provides grantee names, addresses, and phone numbers. These grantees may be possible partners for networking or collaboration.