

- A: Community Efforts      D: Climate  
 B: Knowledge of Efforts      E: Knowledge of Problem  
 C: Leadership      F: Resources

A: 7	D: 3
B: 4	E: 4
C: 3	F: 6

## ACTIVITY

### CR HIV/AIDS Assessment Interview Questions

*The "community" for this activity are the youth and staff of a treatment center.*

#### A. COMMUNITY EFFORTS (programs, activities, policies, etc.) AND COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE OF EFFORTS

1. Using a scale from 1-10, how much of a concern is "HIV/AIDS prevention" in your organization (with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "a very great concern")? Please explain. (NOTE: this figure between one and ten is NOT figured into your scoring of this dimension in any way - it is only to provide a reference point.)  
 I would say it is probably around a 3. We are involved in so many other issues here at our program that HIV is not a priority, even though we do have a high risk clientele.
  
2. What services or efforts are available in your organization to address HIV/AIDS prevention and how long have they been available? (A)  
 The youth get education in our school classroom in "Health" class about basic transmission and prevention. It has been part of the curriculum for three years.
  
3. What services or efforts are available in your organization for early detection or testing of HIV/AIDS? And how long have they been available? (A)  
 We currently have on site testing available, the health department has been coming here for the past five years, If a child is admitted to our program and I am aware that the child is sexually active, then as the nurse, I make a referral to the health department. They come here and we do a confidential screening for them. It is all confidential; we are not even allowed to know the results. We're just told to treat every client as if they were HIV positive, you know, just use the same precautions consistently.
  
4. What are the strengths of these services? (B)  
 One strength is that the testing services are available on site.
  
5. What are the weaknesses of these services? (B)  
 Our program does not do enough on prevention for any of the STDs or HIV. Our staff and youth are not very educated on HIV. We all need to be more knowledgeable about the issue.

6. How does one utilize these services? (i.e. referrals, waiting lists, criteria) (A)  
 We have an on-site contact at the health department, so we are always in contact with her. She always gives us what we need. We have a very good relationship with her. So when we need to have a child seen we just call her and set up an appointment.
7. How have these services been supported by the organization? (A)  
 Well, I support the health teacher and provide the school with HIV info when asked. I also use the health department. We could use more of their educational material in our health class so I think I will call them and ask for information.
8. Generally, does the organization use these services? Please explain. (A)  
 A few of us use the services, as I said before, if we suspect they have had multiple partners or that they are sexually active, then we call and get them an appointment.
9. Using a scale from 1-10, how aware are people in the organization of the services and efforts (with 1 being "no awareness" and 10 being "very aware")? Please explain. (NOTE: this figure between one and ten is NOT figured into your scoring of this dimension in any way - it is only to provide a reference point.) (B)  
 Probably a 3-4 because only a few staff and youth are aware of the efforts, information, etc. and how to get a youth tested and where information is available. We could use more awareness for all of us.

### C. LEADERSHIP

10. Using a scale from 1 to 10, how much of a concern is access to HIV/AIDS services to the leadership (with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "of great concern")? Please explain. (NOTE: this figure between one and ten is NOT figured into your scoring of this dimension in any way - it is only to provide a reference point.)  
 Our leaders would probably be our administration and they don't usually deal with most of this directly - their concern is more about financial solvency, third party payment, and general smooth running of the center. So usually they just trust it to us, nurses and counselors to deal with it. They are supportive of good quality care though and they would want us to follow through on everything.
11. Using a scale from 1 to 10, how much of a concern is providing early detection and testing of HIV/AIDS services to the leadership (with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "of great concern")? Please explain. (NOTE: this figure between one and ten is NOT figured into your scoring of this dimension in any way - it is only to provide a reference point.)  
 I don't know I have never really heard anyone discuss this - but as I said earlier, they are very supportive of quality care - this just has never been a common kind

of incident that occurs. I guess if the focus is just on early detection and HIV testing, maybe they would be at a four or five.

12. Who are the leaders, Native and non-Native, in your organization and what type of efforts are they involved in that supports HIV/AIDS? Please explain.

Every director of each department, nursing, education, medical director and our CEO. They have addressed needing more information and education about HIV/AIDS but they have not acted on that.

13. Would the leadership support additional efforts? Please explain.

Sure, I feel they would. I think they support anything that is prevention and if they feel it will do well for the kids - they really do believe in quality care and that's part of quality care, I think.

#### D. COMMUNITY CLIMATE

14. What is the organization's attitude about HIV/AIDS?

I believe we all know that our youth are at high risk, but with other pressing issues it is not a priority. We have people that are very scared about the disease and don't know how to discuss the topic. We know that it is here.

15. What is the organization's attitude about utilizing the HIV/AIDS services?

Good, with the services we get from the health department. For those of us who use them, we are glad they are there.

16. What is the organization's attitude about testing for HIV/AIDS?

We know it is private and confidential and that it is between the individual and the health department.

17. What are the primary obstacles to obtaining services in your organization?

The fact that we provide our youth with so much in treatment, like; safety, food, health, recovery, HIV education and prevention are not a priority. And some of our staff are not well educated on the issue.

#### E. KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE ISSUE

18. How knowledgeable are community members about HIV/AIDS, such as transmission, signs, symptoms, difference between HIV and AIDS, etc.

I would say that our staff and the clients know the basic, blood, semen can infect you. But I doubt that many know the difference even though we all know we know a high risk population.

- 18b. What type of information is available about HIV/AIDS prevention?

I know that the teacher that teaches health class has books and videos that he uses with the youth. More information on, the way you can get HIV, ways to prevent it.

19. In your organization, what type of information is available about testing for HIV/AIDS?

That information usually comes from nurses and we usually just let them (the youth) know they always have the option to be tested and we make the appointment, however, I don't know how many really know what that means.

20. Is local data on HIV/AIDS available in your organization? If so, from where?

We have data from CDC that is national, but it is not local. That material is available in my office, but only a few have looked at it.

21. How do people obtain this information in your organization?

We get our information from the health department and CDC, off the Internet, then people could come to us to get the information.

#### F. RESOURCES FOR PREVENTION EFFORTS (time, money, people, space, etc)

22. What is the organization's attitude about supporting efforts with people volunteering time, making financial donations, and providing space?

Our organization is run by great people, we are all for people volunteering, we have some restrictions and guidelines to follow though but it's still encouraged and supported.

23. Are you aware of any proposals or action plans that have been written to address this issue in your organization?

No I am not aware of any proposals or action plans that just focus on HIV or AIDS.

24. Do you know if there is any evaluation of the efforts? If yes, on a scale of 1 to 10, how sophisticated is the evaluation effort (with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "very sophisticated?")? (NOTE: this figure between one and ten is NOT figured into your scoring of this dimension in any way - it is only to provide a reference point.)

Not that I know of, again specific to HIV or AIDS.