

# HIV / AIDS Update

## Alexandria City Council Work Session

Alexandria Commission on HIV / AIDS

and

Alexandria Health Department

September 27, 2011

# Objectives for this Work Session

- Update Council on the dimensions of HIV/AIDS
  - ▣ Demographics
  - ▣ Current Efforts
  - ▣ The Impact of Stigma
  - ▣ Priorities for Community Engagement
- Council Discussion
  - ▣ Obtain Council's input
  - ▣ Identify areas for Council support

# Commission on HIV/AIDS

## □ Citizens at Large

- David Hoover
- Kevin Jura
- Tameka Macon
- Brent Minor
- Ladonna Sanders
- Ebony Stoutmiles
- Gayle Terry
- Alancia Wynn

## □ Org. Representatives

- Melissa Arons, Red Cross
- Ralph Cagle, Hospice
- Marcos Castillo, K.I. Svcs.
- Rachel Chieza, INOVA
- Kim Sheridan, NOVAM
- Bill Smith, Comm. for Women
- Tom Suydam, AGLCA
- Shelbert Williams, Sheriff's Office

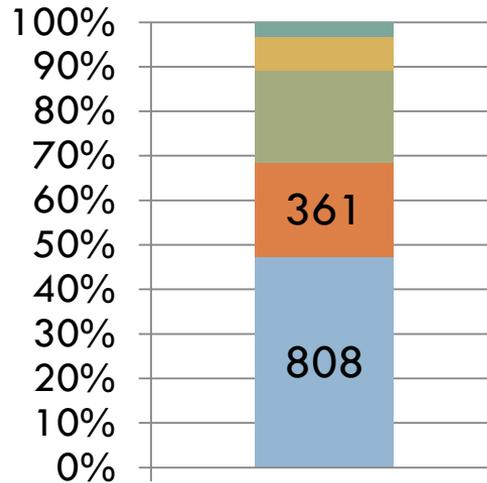
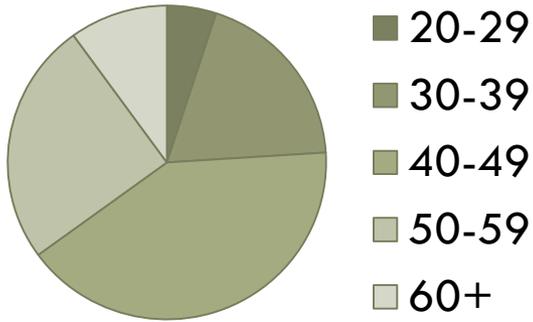
# Origin and Historical Events

Date	Event
□ June 5, 1981	□ CDC – cluster of PCP in MSM
□ 1982	□ First Reported Case in Alexandria
□ May 12, 1987	□ Alexandria Task Force on AIDS
□ June 20, 1996	□ Administrative Assistant Position Established
□ June 23, 1998	□ Needle Exchange Proposal
□ May 13, 2000	□ Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS
□ April 2003	□ Survey of Mayoral Candidates
□ December 1, 2007	□ First of 3 Annual World AIDS Day, HIV Service Awards Events

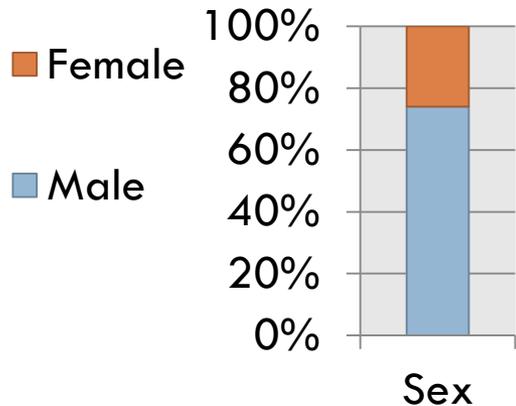
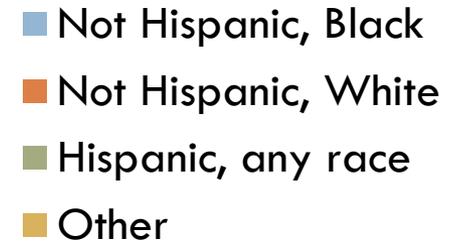
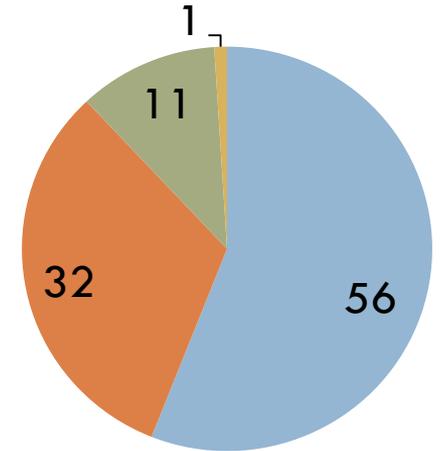
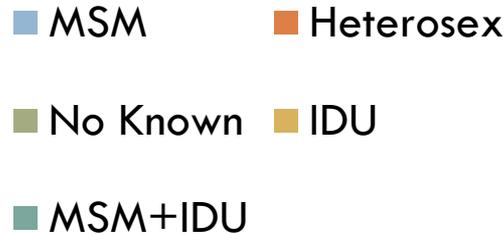
# Demographics of HIV/AIDS in Alexandria

AIDS	HIV Only	HIV + AIDS	% of NoVA
929	791	1,720	26.3

### Age



### Transmission Categories



# Other Data

- Prevalence of HIV in Alexandria is 1.2%
  - 0.65% in Arlington
  - 0.16% in Fairfax
- 2005-2007 – Alexandria had 107 Early Syphilis cases
  - 90% with MSM risk
  - 39% previously diagnosed with HIV
- 2005-2009 – All 13 pregnant women with HIV delivered healthy, uninfected babies in Alexandria
- 862 persons diagnosed with AIDS through 2009 in Alexandria have died
- Estimates of lifetime cost of a person diagnosed with HIV
  - In 2006 = \$618,000
  - In 2009 = \$1,000,000

# Alexandria Health Department

## Funding / Resources

- City Only
- City/State Cooperative
- Federal

## Activities

- Administrative support, Information and Referral, HIV Prevention , STI Clinic nurses
- STI Clinic
- HIV Testing
- Partner Counseling and Referral - Epidemiology
- Rainbow Tuesdays Clinic
- Program Management
- Comprehensive Primary Medical Care & Services

# Partners

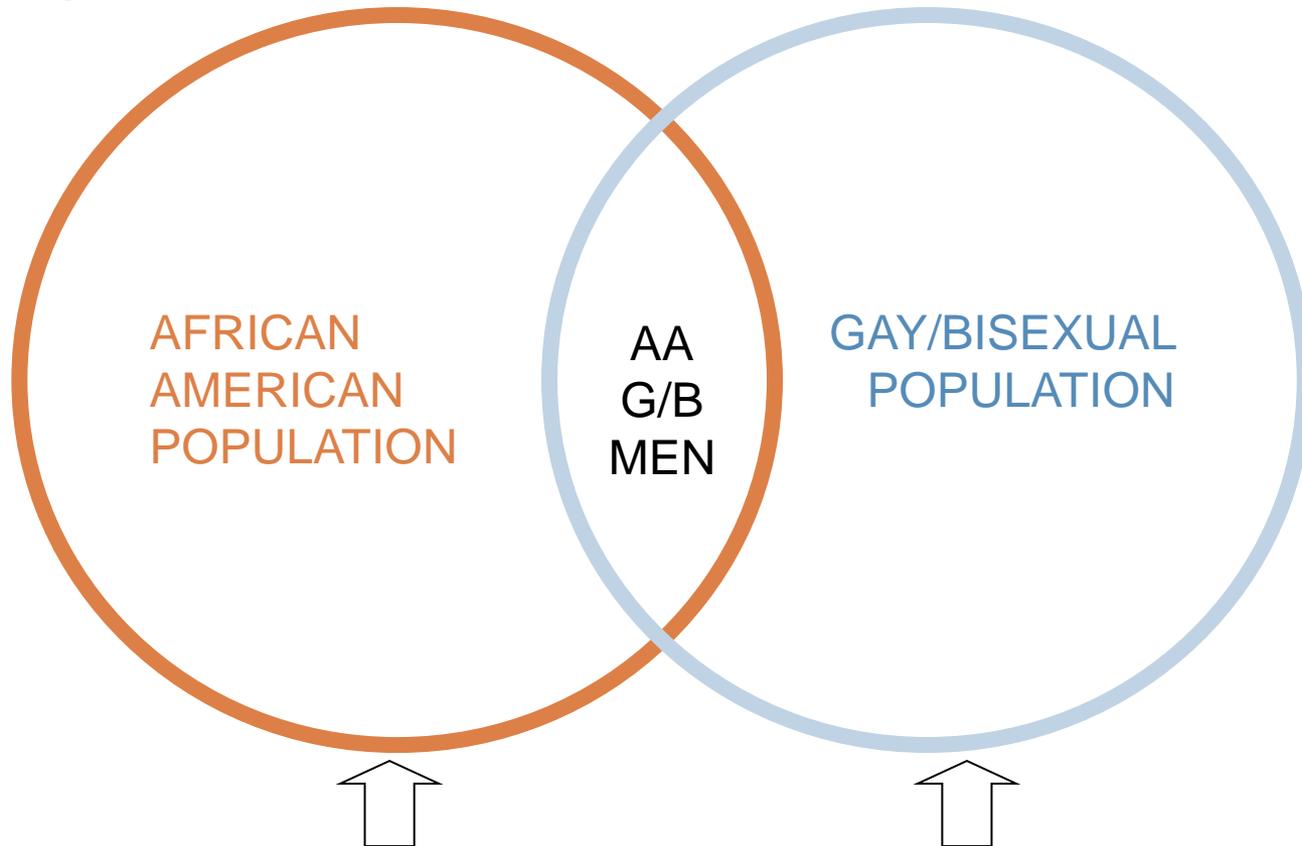
- VA Dept. of Health
- City Departments
  - ACPS
  - Adult Detention Ctr.
  - Health & Comm. Svcs.
  - Recreation
  - Shelters
- Other Commissions
- NGOs
  - ANHSI
  - Alex. Red Cross
  - Carpenters Shelter
  - INOVA
  - K.I. Services, Inc
  - NOVAM

# Stigma and Its Costs

- Education and early testing and treatment:
  - Promotes the health of the individual
  - Reduces the risk of further transmission
  - Reduces societal costs
- Racism and homophobia (external and internalized)
  - discourage targeted individuals from accessing these resources, and
  - perpetuate the costs to all.
- Our challenge is to mobilize the communities involved to take leadership in addressing the stigma and promoting behavior change.

# 2011 Priorities for Community

## Engagement



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CLERGY COUNCIL  
(supported by Fairfax County)  
ALEXANDRIA FAITH COMMUNITIES

RAINBOW TUESDAY CLINIC  
GAY HEALTH COLLABORATIVE  
RISE CURRICULUM

# Needed: Council Support

- Support in making community connections within Alexandria
- Support for pilot of RISE curriculum in Alexandria
- Support for outreach and coordination of sexual health services for gay and bisexual men