

## **Needs Assessment Survey Results for Region 9, 2013**

### *Data Collection*

- In total, 31 individuals from Region 9 responded to the Needs Assessment Survey between July 10 and August 7, 2013.

### *Demographic Information of Survey Respondents*

- 61% were male, 39% were female, and 1% was transgender.
- 65% were black and 35% were white.
- Over 30% of respondents were 50 years of age or older (35%); 16% were 13-29 years of age, and 48% were 30-49 years of age.
- 29% had not completed high school, 3% had some vocational training, 19% had completed some college, and 6% had a college degree.

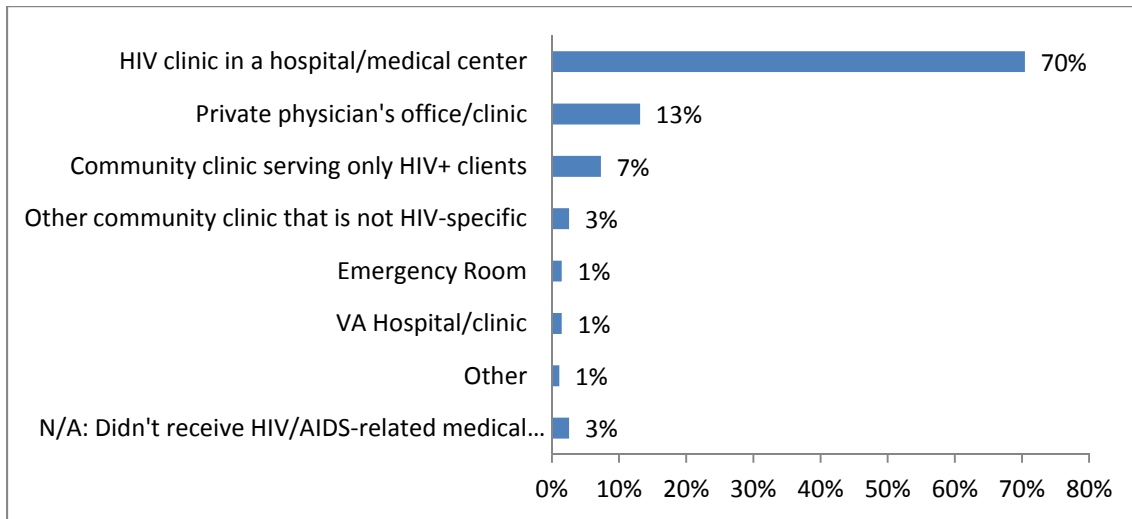
### *Employment, Income, and Insurance*

- In the last 6 months, more than 70% of respondents (77%) had not worked; 10% were working part-time, and 6% were working off and on. Only 6% of respondents were working full-time.
- Of those who reported being unemployed at some point in the last 6 months, 73% were not working due to health and disability status.
- 84% of respondents reported having a monthly income of \$0-\$1,000 (16% reported having no income and 68% had a monthly income of \$501-\$1,000).
- In the last 6 months, only 13% of respondents received wages from a job. 28% of respondents received food stamps, while 18% of respondents received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and 23% of respondents received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).
- 23% of respondents reported having no HIV/AIDS health insurance coverage. 78% of those who reported a barrier to seeking HIV/AIDS health insurance coverage reported affordability as a barrier; 11% reported not qualifying for coverage.
- Only 3% of respondents with insurance reported having HIV/AIDS health insurance coverage through work, while 38% of respondents reported having coverage through Medicaid and 38% of respondents reported having coverage through Medicare.

### *HIV Status and Medical Care*

- 17% of respondents reported being HIV positive (not AIDS) with symptoms and 7% of respondents reported having an AIDS diagnosis.
- At the time the survey was given, 75% of respondents had been living with a positive HIV diagnosis for 5 years or more; 20% had been living with a positive HIV diagnosis for 2-4 years, and 5% had been living with an HIV diagnosis for 0-1 years.
- 97% of respondents received HIV/AIDS related care during the last 6 months.
- Of those who received HIV/AIDS related care during the last 6 months, 93% reported regularly receiving HIV/AIDS related medical care from an HIV clinic in a hospital/ medical center, 4% reported a community clinic serving HIV+ clients, and 4% reported the emergency room.

**Figure 1. Regular Source for receiving HIV/AIDS Related Medical Care in the Past 6 months**



- 97% of respondents were taking HIV medications prescribed to them by a doctor during the past year.
- Of those that reported having HIV medications prescribed to them, 83% reported taking their HIV medication all of the time, 10% reported taking their HIV medication most of the time, and 7% reported taking their HIV medication some of the time.
- Of those that reported having HIV medications prescribed to them, 83% reported missing 0 doses in the 3 days before the survey was administered, 10% reported missing 1 dose, and 7% reported missing 2 or more doses.

*Mental Health Services*

- 23% of respondents were receiving counseling or other mental health services during the past 6 months.
- 35% of respondents have been prescribed medicine for mental health reasons during the past 6 months.