



**POSITIVE
IMPACT**



PREVENTION AND RISK REDUCTION



The agency delivers a broad range of prevention and risk reduction services including:

- individual-level prevention counseling services in both English and Spanish for clients who need intensive one-on-one support to make healthy sexual behavior choices;
- group-level prevention programs for various populations that utilize the sexual health model and the stages of change model to provide a comprehensive program that is both sex positive and that meets clients where they are related to risk assessment;
- community-level prevention programs that expand prevention and risk reduction services beyond the agency and group participants to impact the larger community;
- an HIV counseling and testing program offering free HIV tests utilizing a rapid testing protocol to provide test results in approximately 20 minutes with convenient hours including evenings and Saturdays. No appointment is necessary and both anonymous (no name is required) and confidential (name required) testing are offered;
- prevention outreach specifically to gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men and outreach to women, homeless individuals, and racial and ethnic minorities to help reduce HIV transmission rates;
- a prevention internship program for students in Public Health, Social Work, Health Education, Counseling and other programs;
- training and workshop experiences for both consumers and social service providers on issues relevant to HIV and STD transmission, prevention and treatment; and
- ongoing outcome-based research to identify best practices and create highly effective and culturally appropriate prevention and risk reduction programs.

“I had no idea safer sex is as much about self-esteem, societal judgments and conquering sexual shame as it is about condoms; this experience has revolutionized how I think about sex and how I value myself.”

—Relationships, Intimacy & Sex Experience program participant

In addition to providing basic HIV education, prevention and risk reduction strategies that include negotiation, communication and effective condom utilization, the prevention programs provide participants with extensive value-added information by addressing such issues as self-esteem, homophobia, sexism and racism, healthy relationships, domestic violence, sex work, sexual and reproductive health, and gender identity. By utilizing a mental health approach to prevention, participants demonstrate a significant reduction in risk behaviors, an increased awareness of creative ways to manage risk, and a greater sense of self-worth and empowerment.

To request prevention and risk reduction services please call 404-589-9040 or 404-523-1171 to request services in Spanish.

BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION

Become a Volunteer

Positive Impact relies extensively on individuals committed to providing services to the community. Each dollar donated, each hour volunteered and each referral made enables the agency to viably and creatively provide client services.

There are many ways to participate:

- mental health care professionals provide pro bono counseling and psychotherapy services;
- clinical consultants provide clinical supervision for student interns and volunteer clinicians;
- facilitators and trainers conduct presentations on mental health-related topics for the Education and Training Program;
- community events volunteers staff display tables and booths at health fairs, seminars and special events;
- fundraising volunteers serve on committees to produce and support fundraising events;
- office support volunteers assist with administrative support activities;
- marketing volunteers chronicle events and services through writing, photography and website management;
- Intern Alumni Association Members support the agency mission by assisting with receptions, career development programs for current students and alumni, workshops, reunions, networking opportunities and fundraising events;
- Community Advisory Board Members provide peer support and advise the agency from the perspective of consumers of services; and,
- Board Members provide strategic guidance, set policy and raise funds to support services.

To request additional information call the Director of Volunteer Services and Training at 404-589-9040.

Your continued support is needed

The importance of comprehensive and effective mental health care has continued to increase. You can support the agency to continue its work in a variety of ways, such as:

- making a monthly contribution as a member of the Sustaining Partner Program;
- making a one-time donation, in honor of someone you know or as a gift to someone you never met, is a significant and honored measure of support for the services we provide;
- making in-kind contributions of items that the agency uses;
- supporting sponsorship opportunities for corporations and individuals;
- partnering with Team Impact at the annual AIDS Walk which increases the fundraising potential of the event;
- attending special events produced throughout the year; and,
- making a bequest in your will and estate which creates a thoughtful legacy.

For questions about contributing, please contact the Director of Advancement at 404-589-9040.

“We are providing essential services for people who would not have them otherwise.”

*—Moneta Sinclair, LPC,
Assistant Clinical Director*





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