

ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION

2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY
FIGHTING STIGMA
REDUCING HARM



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



HOPE MCGRATTY

2023 was a year of big change at Four A's. We have grown - in April we opened a new office to serve our Mat-Su Valley community. After many years of serving Wasilla and Palmer in our mobile van, we now have a brand new office on the Parks Highway with two full time staff running our Syringe Access harm reduction program and supportive services for people living with HIV and their families.

Another change has been the addition of a third full time staff member in our Juneau office. We now have a full time Case Manager as well as a full time HIV prevention harm reduction specialist in Juneau, in addition to our state-wide Director of Client Resources.

Four A's also assessed the approach of how we meet the needs of our clients living with HIV through case management. We delved deeply into what our clients were bringing to us, and have spent the fall of 2023 shifting into a model of case management that is more deeply rooted in the core values of harm reduction and the housing first model, and making sure our staff have the tools they need to truly 'meet someone where they are at.'

Lastly, we've added a new arm of services at Four A's - sexual health and wellness peer support with a focus on PrEP access. We began offering PrEP navigation in December, and can't wait to offer broader services in 2024.



All this change has been hard work---and never would have been possible without the support of our donors. This past year we saw more people coming to us for assistance than we have in many, many years; more people who were navigating a new diagnosis of HIV, more people without the safe and stable housing we all deserve, and more people who returned to us because they were navigating new level of instability in their lives. We also saw an alarming trend of people who contracted HIV because they did not have the information or access they needed to utilize proven HIV prevention tools like PrEP.

All three of our locations experienced a change in what our Syringe Access Program participants needed – with the rise of fentanyl use and other changes in the community there has been a marked shift from injection drug use to smoking a mixture of substances, which required us to pivot our harm reduction education and programming to make sure people had the tools, information, and resources they deserve.

As you review the information in this report, know that you are a critical part of this work as a supporter of Four A's. Every donation – no matter how big or small—impacts our ability to meet the needs of our fellow Alaskans. We are full of gratitude for the generosity of our Four A's community.



ROBIN LUTZ

Robin Lutz, Executive Director
Hope McGratty, Board President

PREVENTION & EDUCATION



Four A's provides a range of HIV prevention and education services that are rooted in the philosophy of harm reduction. Whether someone comes in for free HIV testing, sterile syringes, condoms or information about PrEP (the medication that prevents HIV), they are met with welcoming and compassionate staff.

Actively fighting the stigmas around drug use, sex, queerness and HIV, people can walk through our door knowing they are free to be exactly who they are and they will be supported in that.

FOUR A'S SYRINGE ACCESS PROGRAM

IN NUMBERS

SYRINGES
DISTRIBUTED

386,604

SYRINGES
RETURNED

240,303

NEW
PARTICIPANTS

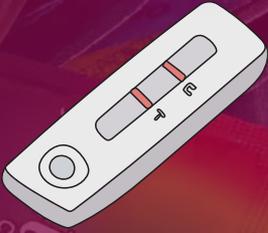
260

NARCAN KITS
DISTRIBUTED

3,200

FASAP

STATUS-NEUTRAL WORK



Venus Staten, Director of Prevention & Education leads HIV Tester Training for staff



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**UNDETECTABLE
=
UNTRANSMITTABLE**

73%

**OF CLIENTS ARE VIRALLY SUPPRESSED -
THEY CAN'T TRANSMIT
THE VIRUS**

**ASK ME
ABOUT
PREP**

All Four A's staff completed the National HIV PrEP Navigation Certification program to increase our ability to educate about this life-saving prevention tool



CLIENT RESOURCES

In 2023, Four A's experienced unprecedented growth in our programs that support Alaskans living with HIV. As our community rebounded from COVID, the housing crisis intensified and politics stripped us of resources, the need for our services increased.

PEOPLE SERVED **290** (48 MORE THAN 2022)

NEW CLIENTS **43**



INSURANCE, MEDICATION & DOCTOR BILLS

ADAP

THE AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

110

PEOPLE NEEDED ASSISTANCE WITH THE HIGH COSTS OF MEDICALLY MANAGING HIV (15 MORE THAN 2022)

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

We are now at a point where the majority of our clients need and receive housing assistance. In response to this need, we dramatically expanded our programs.

2022

76



2023

165

PEOPLE NEEDED HOUSING HELP

FOOD & TRANSPORTATION

If you are hungry or can't get to your medical appointments, job or case manager, there are few things more important than getting those needs met. Part of whole-person HIV care is providing supportive services like our food pantry, food vouchers, bus passes and fuel vouchers so that people have a greater ability to maintain their HIV health.



159

PEOPLE NEEDED
TRANSPORTATION

134

PEOPLE NEEDED
FOOD



COMMUNITY

Thanks to our community of supporters, Four A's is able to continue responding to the changing needs we see now and expect in the future. Unrestricted funding is crucial for us to be nimble and act fast.

Preventing homelessness, drug overdoses and new HIV infections are paramount to the health and wellness of our state.



Rainbow Run, the Hedwig Cabaret and Drag Queen Bingo benefitting Four A's are just a few examples of our generous community. We are grateful for these partnerships and look forward to more!



FINANCIALS

*FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS
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Revenue	For FY23 (ending 6/30/23)
Grants and Program Fees	\$2,335,213
Contributions	\$91,704
Earned Income	\$21,133
Other	\$2,175
TOTAL	\$2,470,225

Expenses	For FY23 (ending 6/30/23)
Client Resources	\$1,968,917 (79%)
Prevention	\$369,606 (15%)
Administration	\$65,435 (3%)
Fundraising	\$102,899 (4%)
TOTAL	\$2,506,857

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