



Fact Sheet

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CARE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION SECTION

What we do:

The Care Research and Evaluation (CRE) Section is located within the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA), HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch. CRE Section supports the branch by collecting, managing, analyzing, and evaluating data on HIV/AIDS clients and the services they receive from OA care and treatment programs. CRE Section activities focus on research and program evaluation, primarily for accountability purposes resulting from directives by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide research findings on the impact of HIV programs to U.S. Congress.

CRE Section staff manages and implements the AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES). ARIES consolidates older HIV care and treatment data systems into one Web-based database to track the continuum of care services for its HIV/AIDS clients to ensure they receive the most efficient and effective services that produce the highest achievable health outcomes. For more information about ARIES, go to www.projectaries.org.

Who we serve:

CRE Section staff provides data and research support to the following care and treatment programs: AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency/Health Insurance Premium Payment Program, Care Services Program Part B, Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS Program, AIDS Case Management Program, AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program, and Early Intervention Program, which includes the Bridge Project and Positive Changes programs. CRE Section staff completes mandated reports to federal and state agencies, distributes reports to interested parties, and conducts program evaluations, quality management, and research projects to ensure that effective services are provided to appropriate clients.

What we have done:

CRE Section has released the following reports, which show how government-funded HIV services benefit California citizens:

- Length of Stay and Drug Costs in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) (February 2006);
- Survival Analysis of AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Clients (February 2005);



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- The ADAP Files: Data Quality Management from A to Z (October 2004);
- Fiscal Forecasting: The California AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Linear Regression Model (April 2004);
- CD Counts and Viral Load Measurements in AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP): Quality (Data) Management and Health Indicators (February 2004);
- Language Preferences of California AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Clients (October 2003);
- Morbidity and Mortality Rates in California's AIDS Drug Assistance Program, 1997-1999 (May 2003);
- An Estimate of the Benefits and Costs of the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act/Health Insurance Premium Payment (December 2002);
- An Evaluation of the Relationship Between Ancillary HIV Services and Primary Medical Care (August 2000); and
- An Evaluation of California's HIV CARE Consortia Model (May 1999).

To access and download these reports, see Web site
www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS/Reports.

Helpful Resources:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA www.hrsa.gov.
- For information on OA's mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Web site www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS.