



# Fact Sheet

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## NEIGHBORHOOD INTERVENTIONS GEARED TO HIGH-RISK TESTING

**What we do:** The California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA) provides the Neighborhood Interventions Geared to High-Risk Testing (NIGHT) Program to increase the number of high-risk persons obtaining HIV counseling and testing (C&T) services. Of the 21 NIGHT Program sites, 20 have mobile testing vans that provide a private space to offer HIV C&T services. Some vans are co-located with other health programs that provide services to high-risk populations in a local health jurisdiction.

**Who we serve:** The NIGHT Program targets populations at high-risk for HIV transmission through targeted prevention activities in locations where these groups congregate. These specific groups include the following:

- Substance users, injection drug users, and their sex and/or needle-sharing partners;
- Men who have sex with men;
- Sex industry workers;
- High-risk women of childbearing age (12-45 years of age) and their sexual or injection drug using partners who are presumptively eligible to receive Medi-Cal; and
- Transgender individuals.

**What we have done:** OA's NIGHT Program has successfully increased the number of high-risk clients obtaining HIV tests and decreased the number of clients who do not return for their test results. This enhancement has been achieved by moving HIV C&T services into the community and implementing rapid HIV testing in mobile van sites and community testing clinics. NIGHT Program staff continually improve their capacity to provide test results through training and various technical assistance opportunities.

### Helpful resources:

- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California AIDS Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Web site [www.hivinfo.org/links/lhj.htm](http://www.hivinfo.org/links/lhj.htm).
- For information about HIV/AIDS, call:
  - *The California AIDS Hotline* (English/Spanish) at (800) 367-AIDS (2437) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or visit [www.AIDShotline.org](http://www.AIDShotline.org).
  - *The National AIDS Hotline* at (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636) (English/Spanish) or (888) 232-6348 (TDD).
- For information on OA's mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Web site [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS).



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