

PANEL OF LOCAL HIV PROVIDERS*

▶ ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

- 🕒 **Time:** Up to 90 minutes (depending on the number of panel members)
- ➡ **Objectives:** By the end of this session, participants will be able to:
 - Describe the services provided by some agencies in their community and how a peer advocate can refer their own clients to these agencies;
 - Identify agencies in their community that utilize peers advocates.
- ★ **Training Methods:** Guest Speakers, Large Group Discussion
- ✓ **In This Activity You Will...**
 - Introduce guest speakers (5 minutes)
 - Act as timekeeper for guest speakers (each gets 10-15 minutes)
 - Facilitate question and answer session (15 minutes)
- ✂ **Materials:**
 - Note cards for participants to write questions
 - Flipchart

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Instructions

1. Introduce the providers and the agency they represent to the trainees.
2. Write their names and titles on flipchart.
3. Allow 10-15 minutes for each provider to talk about:
 - a. Name of agency, location, hours, services they offer.
 - b. Who do they serve at their agency.
 - c. How to access these services and qualifications to receiving these services, charges, insurance or payment options.
 - d. Step by step process on how a peer advocate can get their client into services at their agency.
 - e. Intake process at the organization.
 - f. Types of providers they have at their agency.
 - g. Do they utilize peer advocates – are they looking to hire peer advocates?
4. Have participants ask providers questions or facilitator should distribute note cards so participants can write their questions on them and the facilitator can ask them.
5. Facilitate further discussion between the providers on what each agency is doing to combat the HIV epidemic in their community. (if time permits)
6. Distribute any informational materials from the providers.
7. End by thanking the providers and applause.

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Preparation:

- Invite 3-4 health care and social service providers working within the local community to talk to the trainees about their services. (Possible providers: Social Workers, Case Managers, Lawyers, Substance Abuse Counselors, Domestic Violence Providers, Youth Program, GLBT Providers, Doctors)
- Provide a basic summary of the Peer Education Training goals and objectives to the providers, as well as the list in step 3 below, in advance. Tell them their time parameters.
- Have participants write down 2 possible questions they can ask the providers.

Summary

Wrap up session by reminding participants that staying on top of current local resources is essential and one way to do this is to share information with each other, e.g., when you come across a great new resource, be sure to tell other peers.

* This module is part of the online toolkit Building Blocks to Peer Success. For more information, visit http://www.hdwg.org/peer_center/training_toolkit. This module comes from the Lotus Women's Peer Education Training Manual, Center for Health Training and Women Organized to Respond to Life Threatening Diseases (WORLD), 2008.