

## 7.1 EVALUATING PEER PROGRAMS: CHOOSING THE OUTCOMES TO MEASURE

### READ MORE: HRSA INDICATORS

### An example of how peer programs can contribute to achievement of HRSA's performance indicators

In 2008, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) began releasing recommended core clinical performance measures which may be used by all Ryan White-funded programs. These measures were developed to help and encourage programs to track and monitor the quality of the care and services provided to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and are being released in phases to allow staged implementation. A complete list and description of these measures are provided at [www.hab.hrsa.gov/special/habmeasures.htm](http://www.hab.hrsa.gov/special/habmeasures.htm). Tools and technical assistance for implementing all the measures are also available at this site.

In addition, there are two measures for tracking and monitoring medical case management services and its impact on HIV primary care visits. While these measures were developed for Ryan White Grantees specifically, they can be adapted and applied to all clinic and community-based programs that provide HIV services. Peers who are trained and supervised appropriately can help HIV-positive clients receive essential medical and social support services and improve adherence to treatment. [Read More section B](#) and [Read More section C](#) provide examples of how a clinic or a community-based organization might incorporate and measure the contributions of peer programs into their existing program goals and work plans.

This “Read More” section accompanies [Section 7.1, Evaluating Peer Programs: Choosing the Outcomes to Measure](#), part of the online toolkit *Building Blocks to Peer Program Success*. For more information, visit [http://www.hdwg.org/peer\\_center/program\\_dev](http://www.hdwg.org/peer_center/program_dev).