

WHAT IS THE PRIMARY GOAL OF GRS?

The primary goal of GRS is to reduce health disparities within local underserved communities through the provision of evidenced based community health interventions.

WHAT SERVICES DOES GRS OFFER?

GRS currently provides free HIV risk reduction workshops to local African American same gender loving men and youth, free confidential HIV antibody testing, online HIV prevention counseling, and street outreach.

HOW MANY CLIENTS DOES GRS SERVE ANNUALLY?

GRS serves over 500 community members annually.

IS THE BELIEF THAT AIDS IS A "WHITE, GAY" DISEASE STILL PREVALENT?

It depends on what community you ask. The heterosexual community still believes it to be a gay disease. This is primarily because most HIV risk reduction campaigns target the gay community. If you ask the gay community, it will tell you it's predominately a gay male disease. This is because of the number of gay friends, partners and colleagues they have who have passed away or are living with HIV/AIDS. If you ask community health providers, epidemiology tells them that HIV is disproportionately impacting young urban African American gay men and African American females. If you ask me, I'd tell you it's not who you are but what you do that puts all people at risk for HIV.

DOES THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRS AS WELL AS IT SHOULD?

Due to the high cost of living and competing causes, it is hard for many people to support community based organizations or to choose which one to support. Also lending support is such a voluntary act. Sometimes people become fatigued with giving due to so many community health issues that need support. However, I do feel sometimes that because GRS is a smaller, relatively newer nonprofit organization we are at a disadvantage. Other community based organizations have more support, visibility and resources. If GRS had more resources it could definitely serve more community members and move its mission forward a lot faster.



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