

NAME AND TITLE OF PRESENTER- Audria A. Russell, Mr Spadoola, Debra Bosier

ORGANIZATION-Iris House, Inc.

TRACK -5

TITLE: Maintaining a Successful Partnership to Promote HIV Prevention Education

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this group discussion is to provide information to attendees on ways to develop and maintain successful partnerships with educational institution such as High Schools to provide HIV prevention education.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION: The program utilizes HIV 101 prevention education sessions to provide basic information to high school students at Irvington and Plainfield High Schools. At the first session a pre test is completed by each student to gain information about their baseline knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS prevention. At the final session a post test is given to assess knowledge learned through for each cycle. Also HIV testing is provided to students who choose to get tested.

Mr Spadoola, Audria and Debra will share their experiences on how they forged successful partnerships with the High Schools in NJ in order to provide HIV 101 to the students. Mr Spadoola will elaborate on ways to approach the Board of Education (*Audria, correct me if this is wrong*) and gain collaboration with school administration and PTA. Audria and Debra will also elaborate on how the intervention is conducted within the given time period, ways to keep students interested and engaged, how sessions are spaced and how to effectively collect evaluation data from such a large group. They will also share lessons learned , adjustments that had to be made, how they were able to gain school administration and parental support/approval to offer HIV testing on school premises (*Audria and Debra, correct me if this is not something you want to talk about*).

RESULTS: Data from pre/post tests will be sent by Ursula (if necessary for the workshop)