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Advances in HIV treatment and prevention have made a future without HIV a very real possibility. But, while the science to end HIV progresses, the systems that deliver mental health and addiction treatment have not caught up with the need that exists in the HIV population. The social reality of who is impacted by HIV continues to include those who lack access to quality medical care, mental health treatment, addiction support and the basics like food and housing. The stigma around HIV has not yet found a cure. People still fear losing their jobs, housing and being judged by those closest to them if they share that they are living with HIV. Whether subtle or blatant, HIV discrimination can have devastating consequences.

In 2015, Boulder County AIDS Project focused on assisting over two hundred people who are living with HIV. We provided expert medical case management and, as a result, connected every one of those we helped this past year with a medical provider. Ninety-six percent of those we served now have health insurance with affordable access to both a doctor and affordable medications. Today, HIV medication effectively reduces the virulence of HIV with an extra bonus of reducing the likelihood of transmission of the virus to others. This is known as "Treatment As Prevention". Of the people served by BCAP, 75% have achieved an undetectable HIV viral load.

Managing HIV is not solely a medical task. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation reports current predictors of poor health as residential segregation due to race, deaths due to drug overdose, lack of insurance, and housing. These symptoms of inequity of opportunity need to be addressed for all. BCAP's food pantries and housing programs help those we serve gain peace of mind so that they can manage their health and get on with healthy lives despite an HIV diagnosis.

And, BCAP works diligently to help prevent HIV transmission, educating people about pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, new biomedical options and risk and harm reduction. BCAP staff show up in classrooms, at CU, and at community based organizations offering information and free HIV testing. BCAP's Positive Speakers Bureau inspire healthy choices. In 2015, BCAP helped over 675 people to know their HIV or Hepatitis C status. Our goal is to ensure that future generations are free of all sexually transmitted infections including HIV and Hepatitis C.

Obviously, HIV work is not done. Boulder County saw a significant increase in new HIV infections in 2015. BCAP's work to end HIV requires creativity, continued efforts and your support. Please help us expand our reach deeper into our four county service areas. Reduce HIV and stop needless deaths.

With your help we are here for those who need us, ready with information, resources, a listening ear and hope.

Ana Hopperstad

Ana Hopperstad
Executive Director

When you need us, Boulder County AIDS Project is here.

Since 1985, BCAP has provided innovative, comprehensive, and inclusive HIV-related care and prevention services free of charge to thousands of people, including youth, seniors, and those at greater risk of HIV.

With offices in Boulder and Longmont, operating off-site in homes, sites of incarceration or shelter, and at partner agencies, BCAP services are available to all residents in Boulder, Broomfield, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties. BCAP HIV Prevention staff and volunteers conducting HIV testing and outreach efforts in the community continue to target populations at greater risk of HIV, including men who have sex with men, youth, Latinos, and people who use injection drugs, as recent area trends indicate current risks for these populations.[1]

BCAP annually serves approximately half of the nearly 500 people living with HIV within BCAP's four-county service area.[2] BCAP Care Services 2015 client demographics include:

- 67% Caucasian, 20% Hispanic/Latino, and 7% African American clients;
- 34% are 25 to 44 years of age, and 58% are between 45 and 64;
- 38% live below the 2015 Federal Poverty Level of $11,770 per year for a single person;
- 68% live at or below 200% of the 2015 Federal Poverty Level of $23,540 per year.

[1] Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, *Colorado HIV/AIDS Strategy 2014-2016*, November 2014
[2] Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, *Colorado HIV/AIDS Strategy 2014-2016*, November 2014

When I had questions, I turned to BCAP.

In the three years since the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of Truvada® as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, commonly referred to as PrEP, how we approach HIV prevention has evolved. PrEP is an oral medication that, if taken daily, can protect an HIV-negative person from acquiring HIV. Various studies referred to by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention demonstrate that PrEP is between 92-99% effective when taken as prescribed. Accessing PrEP can still be a challenge depending on your doctor and insurance company. BCAP's Prevention Services team is ready and able to answer your questions about PrEP and help you ask the right questions or your medical provider.

In the fight to prevent the transmission of HIV, knowing your status is crucial. BCAP's Prevention Services team offers free HIV testing in a confidential, anonymous setting that includes risk reduction counseling to those in our community who are at risk of acquiring HIV. BCAP also offers Hepatitis C testing during our testing and counseling sessions when certain risk factors are present. In 2015, BCAP administered 608 HIV tests.

Background Photos: Chris Pearson and Philip Forsberg

When I needed help, I turned to BCAP.

From the very first days thirty years ago, when two volunteers used a borrowed phone two afternoons a week and served 49 people, BCAP has been here to provide information, support, and connections to services for people living with or affected by HIV. Today, BCAP's Care Services team provides medical case management, housing assistance, emergency financial assistance, nutritional assistance, health insurance assistance, and referrals to pro-bono legal and psychotherapy services.

In 2015, BCAP provided 213 clients with medical case management services. Our case managers help clients address obstacles to achieving an undetectable viral load. Reaching an undetectable viral load – considered the main goal of HIV treatment – means reducing the presence of the virus in the blood to the point where highly sensitive tests can no longer detect it. When an individual reaches an undetectable viral load, the chance that they could transmit the virus to another person drops by as much as 95%.

BCAP is also committed to helping our clients live as healthy a life as possible, with adequate nutrition and alternative therapies. Both our Boulder and Longmont offices have food pantries where clients can access high quality meat, poultry, dairy, vegetables, and other food items. In 2015, BCAP distributed a whopping 42,153 pounds of food.

Throughout the year, BCAP clients are invited to take advantage of our weekly acupuncture clinic – provided through a partnership with the Southwest Acupuncture College – and our monthly massage clinic, provided by a team of volunteer, licensed massage therapists.

When I wanted to help, I turned to BCAP.

Since the very beginning, BCAP has relied on volunteers to help advance our mission. With more than 500 volunteers in rotation, BCAP is family built on community. In 2015, our volunteers together logged **14,579 hours** with BCAP. Those hours have a market value of **$453,425** – an incredible investment of time and love into the services and operations of the Boulder County AIDS Project.

Volunteers are the first people many guests meet when they come through the front door of the BCAP house, where trained volunteers staff the front desk. Front desk volunteers make people feel welcome and assist clients shopping in the food pantry.

Many of our HIV testing counselors are volunteers who have gone through extensive training and support the Prevention department by providing HIV testing and counseling at off-site locations.

Volunteers are also at the heart of BCAP events. Helping welcome event participants, managing logistics, performing on stage – all are ways that volunteers make a difference.

Thank You 2015 Donors.

Boulder County AIDS Project is committed to responsible and transparent financial stewardship. We are incredibly grateful to the individuals and organizations who contribute to our work. When you donate to BCAP, you can be confident that your gift is being put to good use.

In 2015, BCAP earned the Better Business Bureau's Accreditation and a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator – their highest level of recognition.

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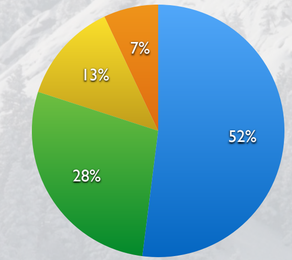
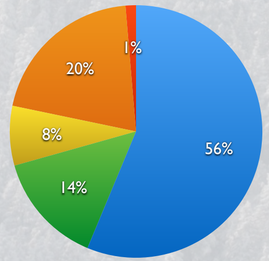


- Care Services ($602,704.51)
- HIV Prevention Services ($324,533.20)
- Development & Communications ($150,676.13)
- Administration ($81,133.30)

2015 Revenue



- Government Grants ($615,862.55)
- Foundations & Private Grants ($157,085.77)
- Corporations ($83,531.35)
- Individuals ($223,146.94)
- Other ($14,615.36)

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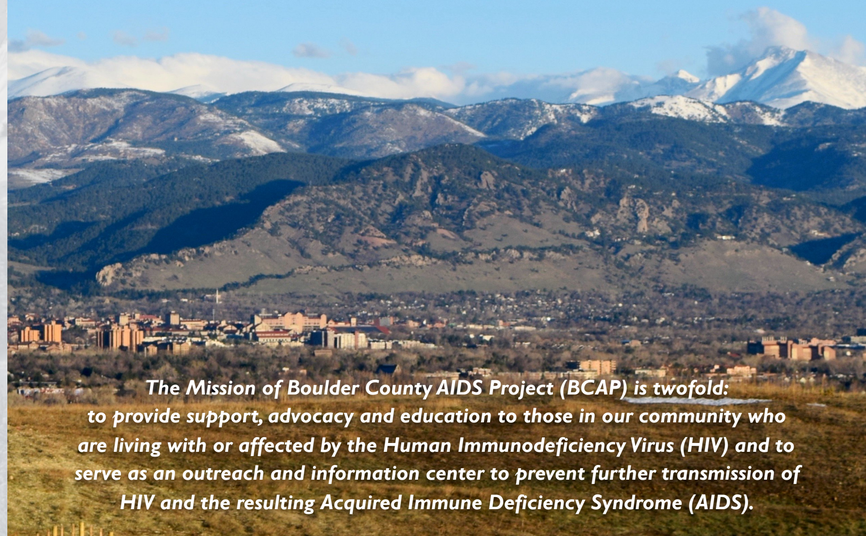

The Mission of Boulder County AIDS Project (BCAP) is twofold: to provide support, advocacy and education to those in our community who are living with or affected by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and to serve as an outreach and information center to prevent further transmission of HIV and the resulting Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).