LARKIN STREET
YOUTH SERVICES
HIV AND HCV SERVICES
OUR MISSION:

To create a continuum of services that inspires youth to move beyond the street.

We nurture potential, promote dignity, and support bold steps by all.
2,500 YOUTH WALK THROUGH OUR DOORS EACH YEAR

Over half are Bay Area natives

They are mostly youth of color

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<td>Latinx</td>
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<td>Other Ethnicity</td>
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Many identify as LGBTQ
LARKIN STREET’S CONTINUUM

- Outcomes and Engagement
- Robust and Intentional Services
- Health and Wellness
- Trauma-Informed Settings and Relationships
- Youth Voice and Leadership
- Education and Employment
- Housing
ASSISTED CARE PROGRAM

Hyde Street
• Serve up to 12 HIV-Positive young people, 18-24 years old
• Two-year Transitional Living Program
• Includes:
  – Case Management
  – Medication Assistance
  – Living Skills including
    • Build savings
    • Work/School
  – Other Psycho-Social Support
  – Linkage to adult medical care and services
ASSISTED CARE PROGRAM

Hugo Street

• Serves up to 8 HIV-Negative young people – 18 to 24 y.o.
• Higher risk for HV infection
• Two Year Transition Living Program
• Includes:
  – Case Management
  – PrEP and other medical care
  – Behavioral Health
  – Living Skills – work/school, savings
HOUSING: A PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION

• Medical stabilization

• Intersections with other public health interventions
  – Hepatitis C
  – Vaccination
# ASSISTED CARE: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

## Trends

- High adherence to ARV regimens
- STI infections very common
- Young adult intersectional identity development
  - POC
  - PLWHIV
  - LGBTQI+
  - Other social roles

## Challenges

- Frequent dual- and triple-diagnoses (in addition to HIV infection)
  - Substance Use Disorders
    - Methamphetamine
    - Alcohol
  - Mental Health Disorders
    - Depression
    - Anxiety
HIV AND HCV PREVENTION SERVICES

• Rapid HIV Testing *
• Rapid HCV Testing *
• Linkage to Care *
• HCV Treatment Navigation *
• PrEP Navigation *

* These services are integrated and co-located with STI testing and treatment, and primary care.
HIV AND HCV PREVENTION SERVICES (CONTINUED)

- PrEP peer health educators
- Seeking Safety groups
- Harm Reduction Groups
- Staff training
- Harm Reduction Supplies
## Rapid testing 2018/2019

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<th>HIV</th>
<th>Hep C</th>
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<td><strong># of tests</strong></td>
<td>247</td>
<td>124</td>
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<td><strong>First time tests</strong></td>
<td>46</td>
<td>Not collected</td>
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<td><strong>Gender</strong></td>
<td>31% female, 60% male, 6% transgender/GNC/other</td>
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<td>22% Latino, 37% AA, 4% Native American, 2% Asian, 5% HI/PI, 32% white, 20% unknown</td>
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<td><strong>Homeless</strong></td>
<td>71% homeless or unstably housed</td>
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<td><strong>Risk Factors</strong></td>
<td>22% MSM, 16% IDU</td>
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<td><strong>New cases identified</strong></td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Reactive tests: 5 (3.5%)</td>
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PREP NAVIGATION

On-site PrEP navigators from DPH and/or Lyric provide most of our PrEP navigation.

8 hours of on-site navigator time per week

During the last year
• Made 50 referrals of testing clients interested in PrEP to PrEP navigation or PrEP Providers
• Had conversations about PrEP during 168 test counseling sessions

The CHPY PrEP navigator Alé currently has 23 active PrEP Navigation patients across Larkin Street and Huckleberry clinics.
PREP NAVIGATION

• Models
  + On-site, proactive, collaborative PrEP navigators

• Challenges
  – Personal and structural

• What has worked
  + Proactive navigators collaborating where youth already get services

• What is needed
  + Different support than adults
  + Information sharing between CBOs, navigators, and clinics
PREVENTION: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

**Trends**
- More youth have heard about PrEP
- More youth reporting IDU
- Increasing STIs rates
- Low HCV knowledge
- Youth accessing testing for counseling time
- Incentives support youth engagement

**Challenges**
- Space
- Sharing information
- Accessing other locations/programs
- Staff turnover
- Insurance barriers (for HCV treatment)
- Staff training and awareness raising
MULTI-SECTOR COLLABORATION

Larkin Street Youth Services
Program directors, program managers, front-line staff (case managers, counselors, rapid test counselors), Youth Advisory Board members, research and evaluation team, clinicians, professional development, coordinated entry staff

School of Nursing Department of Community Health Systems: Primary grantee providing capacity building support
Faculty, Staff, Researchers, Graduate Nursing Students

San Francisco Department of Public Health: Community partner, clinic on-site
Nurses, providers, PrEP navigators, patients, trainers, collective impact projects

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THANK YOU!