

AIDS Foundation Houston

Community Needs Assessment: HIV/AIDS

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The Problem

- More than **27,000 Houstonians** live with HIV
- People are **not connected** to resources that are available to in the Houston community
- People who start treatment don't always stay

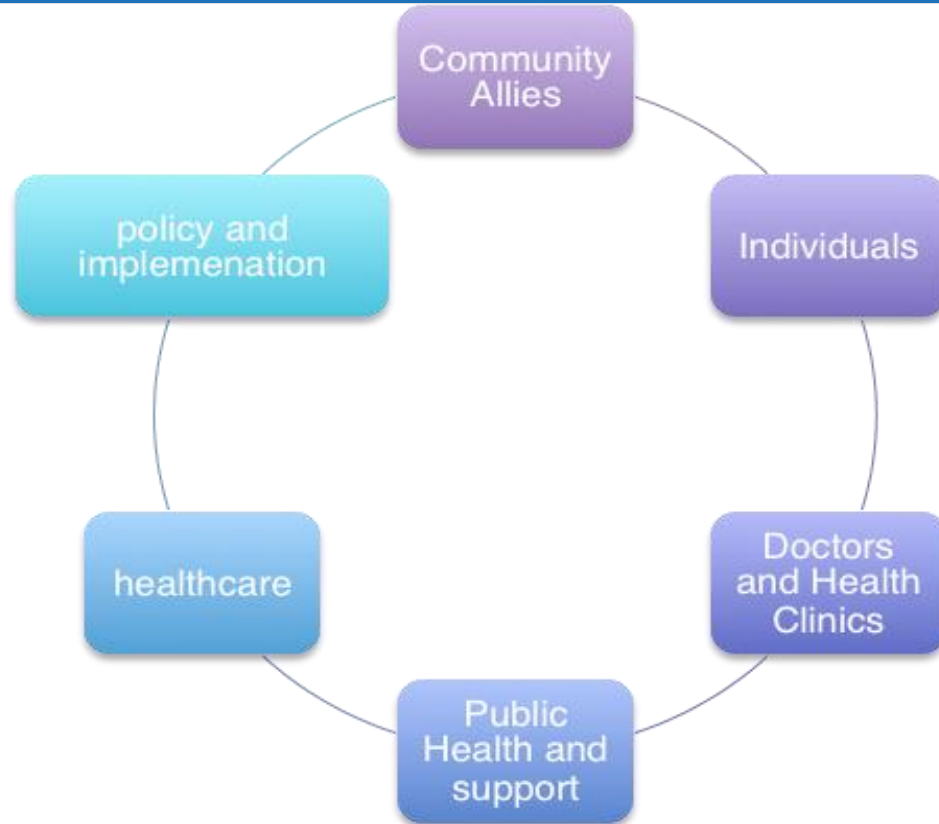
Why?

- stigma against high-risk individuals
- HIV/AIDS no longer considered pre-existing condition, not protected through ACA

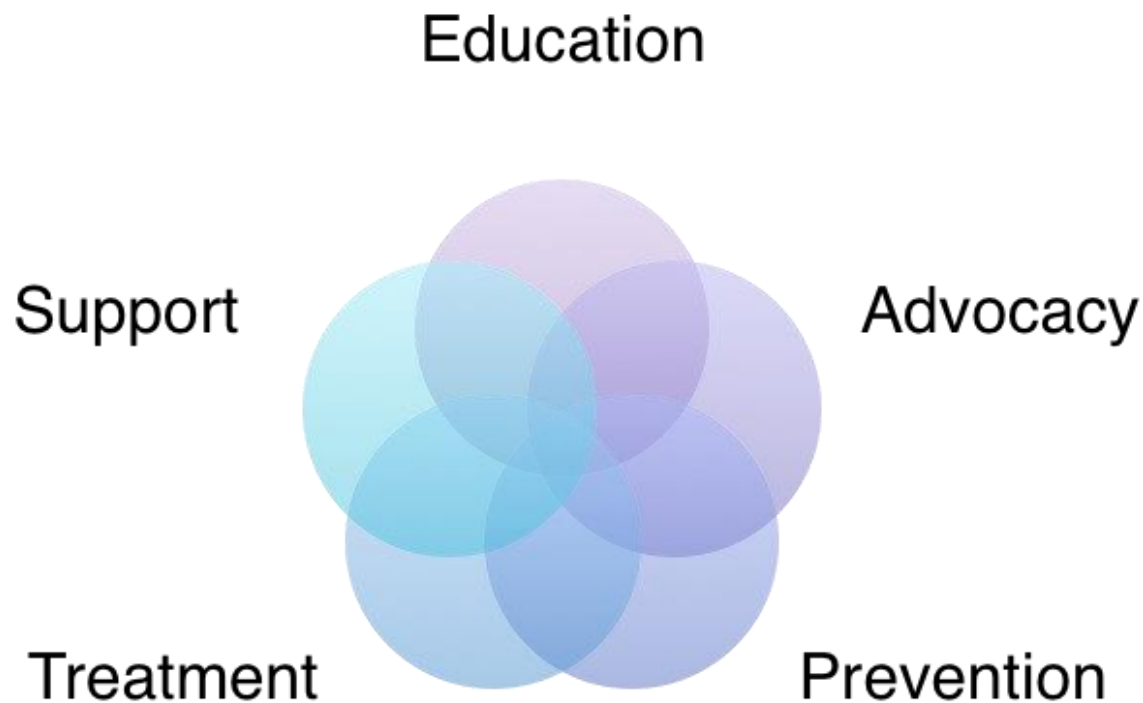
Goal

Develop a community needs assessment and **network of coordinated care to break down** the stigma around HIV/AIDs in order to create **systemic, sustainable treatment, prevention and advocacy**. Also, connect with **community allies** to ensure a **quality of life** in Houston that can be implemented to others cities around the country.

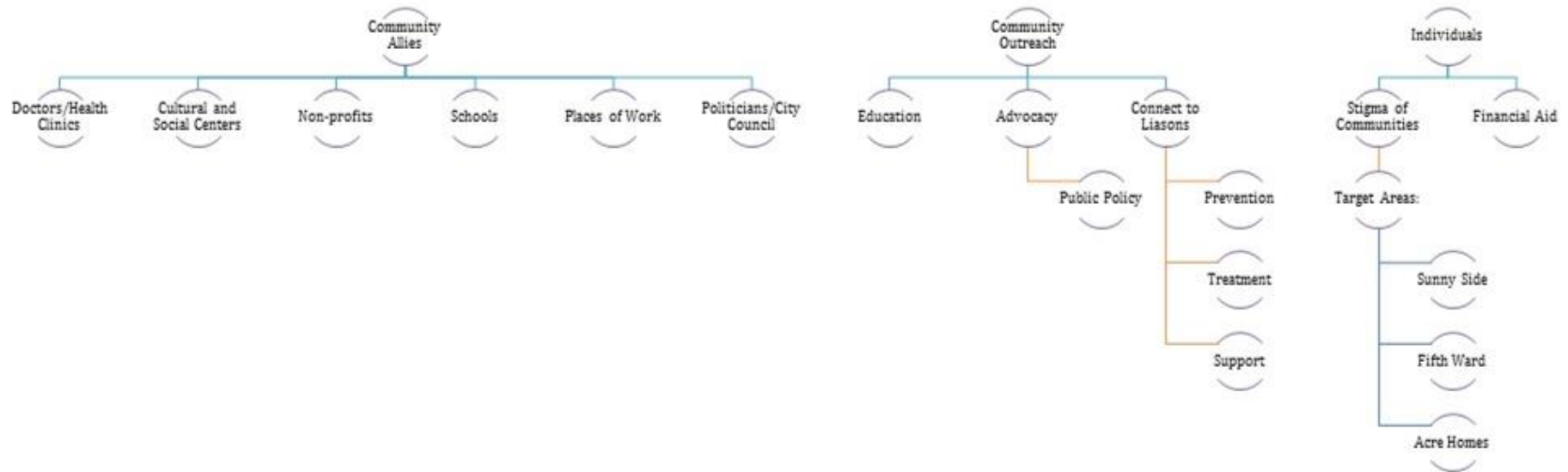
Bridge the Gap: Mobilizing Community Support



5 Pillars of Support



Concept Map: Tree of Implementation, Sustainability and Feasibility



Liaisons and Resources

- reach out to influential **community members** from city council
- identify **liaisons** to high risk communities
 - active organizations or individuals
- create **database** of liaisons and resources

Target Communities: Houston

- Montrose
- Acres Home
- Sunnyside
- 5th Ward

Case Study: Montrose

- well-established resource
 - 5 pillars
 - HIV testing in bars
 - AFH already has strong connections with them
 - stigma has already been broken
- bring liaisons from city council and doctors/clinics to implement Montrose example

Why This Method?

- Financially Feasible
- Highly-influential individuals cultivate change in communities
- Organic process

Impact: Assure a quality of life

- Sustainable Prevention
- Provide Holistic care
- Destigmatize Community
- Applicability to other cities
- Drop in numbers of HIV/AIDS