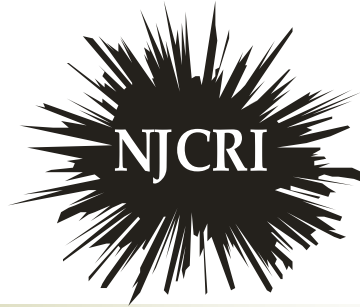


North Jersey AIDS Alliance dba



Project WOW!
Community Advisory Board (CAB)



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Brief History of NJCRI

Founded in 1988, North Jersey AIDS Alliance, better known as NJCRI (North Jersey Community Research Initiative) is a community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with HIV, those at risk of contracting HIV, and their care givers. NJCRI's Community Support Center offers free HIV services in the Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA).

Services Provided at NJCRI Include

- Case Management
- Outreach for HIV+ persons not in service
- Mental Health Counseling
- Intensive Case Management
- Treatment Adherence Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Nutrition Counseling
- Community Outreach
- Transportation
- Prevention Case Management
- Food Pantry
- Many Men Many Voices Group Intervention
- Technical Assistance for CBO's
- Safety Counts Group Intervention
- Emergency Utility Assistance
- Healthy Relationship Intervention
- Mpowerment Intervention
- LBGTQ Drop-in Center
- Support Sessions five days a week
- Hispanic Services
- Comprehensive HIV Prison Services at New Jersey Northern State Prison in Newark
- HIV Clinical Trials
- Addiction Services
- Behavioral Surveillance study
- Syringe Exchange Program
- Discharge Planning for Ex-Offenders.

CAB Members

CAB members possess the following:

- Expertise in relevant areas,
- Influence within and outside of the LGBTQ community,
- Decision-making power regarding HIV prevention services,
- Ability to be a liaison between the project and the individual's constituency,
- Personal compatibility and style in regard to young gay/bisexual men (non-patronizing, nurturing, etc.),
- Compatibility with other CAB members,
- Available to attend meetings,
- Personal qualities (sex-positive, non-homophobic)

CAB Members

CAB members should represent the following key sectors in the community:

- HIV/AIDS Prevention Organizations,
- County/City Public Health Department,
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered & Questioning (GLBTQ) Community,
- Local College or University,
- Social Services Agency that work with the LBGTTQ Community,
- Other Various Communities of Color,
- GLBTQ Business Leaders.

Purpose of CAB

The purpose of the CAB is twofold:

1. It serves as a sounding board for the Mpowerment Core Group (& give input),
 - o The CAB plays an important role in the Mpowerment Project. Essentially it is a group of community "elders" or mentors who support and nurture the work of the Core Group (Leader's of the Future 'LOF'). Its members are individuals in positions of power within the community, or who are particularly knowledgeable about or well connected within the community. Consequently, not only are they able to provide the Core Group with valuable information and advice, but they can also be instrumental in providing access to resources that will facilitate the Project's operation, such as locating a Project space (Center of AIDS Prevention, n.d.).
2. Assist the program with networking within the community, to ensure the project's future and long-jepority;
 - o Generate ideas and support for continuing the project beyond funding period. CAB members may be the same individuals who make decisions regarding HIV-prevention planning and funding in the community. Including these individuals on the advisory board, as well as incorporating their ideas and feedback into Project activities, helps ensure that the Mpowerment Program will meet the HIV-prevention needs that have been identified as critical needs for the community (Center id AIDS Prevention, n.d.).

[Two Major Activities]

■ Material Review Unit

- Review and give feedback on materials submitted by the Core Group (LOF)

■ Activities Unit

- This committee will be charged with meeting the HIV Prevention needs, logistics, and suggestions in regard to capital funding for our youth events and conscious raising activities.

[Project WOW! CAB]



If you think that you can meet these qualifications then you are an ideal NJCRI-Project WOW! CAB member.

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