



Minority Serving Institutions/Community-Based Organizations Project (MSI/CBO)

Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Project

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

School of Medicine

Principal Investigator, Eugenia Curet, PhD

Co-Principal Investigator, Linda S. Nelson, RN, MSN

Sr. Project Coordinator, Iris Y. Reyes, MPH, CHW

GRANT AWARD

- The project is funded by the **Center for Substance Abuse Prevention of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.**
- **Awarded on 2013 to 2016**



“Know Your Status”
Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Program

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley™

MISSION

The Minority Serving Institutions/ Community-Based Organizations is a project that aims to prevent and reduce substance abuse and the transmission of HIV/AIDS among college students and neighboring community members between the ages of 18-24. We reach out to at-risk communities in Cameron and Hidalgo counties with the determination to reduce risky behaviors and prevent HIV infection by providing education and timely referrals to services. The project provides health education by implementing the peer-outreach and the community health worker/promotora models.

Our program provides a 30 day follow up after the intervention with the intention to build trust and reduce stigma of HIV/AIDS. This follow up is to see if risky behaviors were minimized in order to prevent infection.

Our project indicates that risky behaviors associated with substance abuse are among some of the factors in the spread of HIV/AIDS infection in our communities. We provide educational resources on prevention for young adults, their guardians, and the whole community.

COLLABORATING AGENCIES

The Valley AIDS Council (VAC)

Valley AIDS Council utilizes a multi-facility system which provides and expands capacity of services to individuals infected with, affected by, or at risk of HIV/AIDS and related co-morbidities.

Friendship of Women, Inc.

The purpose of this program is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime, to speed their recovery and provide them with emotional support and social reincorporation.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army seeks to be a significant participant in the delivery of faith-based, integrated, quality primary health care as close to the family as possible giving priority needy communities.

Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

Aims to reduce substance abuse and related co-existing conditions in our communities, encourage healthier life-style related to at risk public health behavior.



RECRUITMENT GOALS 2014-2015

▶ UTRGV-Brownsville

Total recruitment 2,935

Community Events 29

On-campus Events 66

▶ UTRGV-Edinburg

Total recruitment 2,383

Community Events 16

On-campus Events 49

HIV testing total for both campuses 813

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

UTRGV-BROWNSVILLE

➤ COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Presentation
Resource Fair
Resource Fair
KMART Safety Fair

➤ ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

The STOMP
Candy, Condoms and Consent

UTRGV-EDINBURG

▶ COMMUNITY EVENTS

Game Day Palooza
Edinburg 2015 Health Fair
Health & Fitness Expo
Back to School Health Fair
Back to School Excitement Fair
Community Resources Health Fair

▶ ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

UTRGV-Vaqueros Care
UTRGV-Vaqueros Care
UTRGV-Know Your Limits
Presentation-Bronc Village
UTRGV-Student Involvement Fair
UTRGV-The STOMP

OUTREACH EFFORTS

- ▶ We will like to expand our efforts to collaborate with other agencies such as churches, community centers and clinics.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

