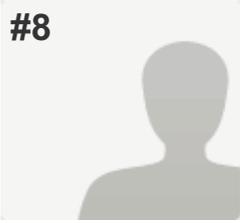


# Ending the Epidemic Task Force Recommendation Form

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**Q2: Title of your recommendation**

Prevention Education

**Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation**

Increase availability of, and community targeted approaches to, HIV/AIDS prevention education. Without adequate education for both health care providers and communities, the 3 points in the proposed program will not succeed.

**Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)**

Identifying persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and linking them to health care

Linking and retaining persons diagnosed with HIV to health care and getting them on anti-HIV therapy to maximize HIV virus suppression so they remain healthy and prevent further transmission

Facilitating access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative

**Q5: This recommendation should be considered by the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force Committee (Select all that apply)**

Prevention Committee: Develop recommendations for ensuring the effective implementation of biomedical advances in the prevention of HIV, (such as the use of Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)); for ensuring access for those most in need to keep them negative; and for expansion of syringe exchange, expanded partner services, and streamlined HIV testing by further implementing the universal offer of HIV testing in primary care, among others. The Committee will focus on continuing innovative and comprehensive prevention and harm reduction services targeted at key high risk populations, as well as grant-funded services that engage in both secondary and primary prevention.

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**Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?**

New program,

Other (please specify)

Most likely requires an increase in prevention education activities which have been reduced and /or are conducted in great measure online now. Online education services do not meet the needs of many community groups.

**Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?**

Permitted under current law

**Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?**

Within the next year

**Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?**

When community members are educated, those who may be infected and do not know it, or are afraid to find out, may be more willing to get tested and seek treatment. providers who are skilled in dealing with consumers HIV/AIDS related questions and concerns may be more able to develop better rapport with community members and encourage them to be more open and feel safer disclosing or discovering their HIV status. Prevention education will assist people in using prevention strategies and reduce initial infections and exposures. However, prevention education must be provided by people that the target groups trust, not necessarily by teachers, etc.

**Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?**

I expect cost will be an issue since prevention is not glamorous and hard to demonstrate how it helps reduce infection. It's always harder to prove why something does NOT happen.

**Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?**

Unknown

**Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?**

ROI of educational efforts will have to be calculated based on research programs that evaluate effectiveness of training, and pre and post changes in risk behaviors. The cost of this research must be factored into prevention education initiatives and integrated into the programs.

**Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?**

Population in general, with training content adapted to the cultural values and experiences of the target audiences.

**Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?**

see 12 above

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**Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following**

Other (please specify)  
Damien Center Board Member