

# NASTAD Technical Assistance

The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) provides domestic and global technical assistance (TA) in the planning and delivery of effective HIV prevention and care programs, HIV surveillance and epidemiology, capacity building, HIV/AIDS program evaluation, viral hepatitis program development, and HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis program integration.

NASTAD believes that peer-to-peer exchange is often the best way to evaluate and improve programs. Peers from health departments have first-hand experience in understanding HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis program design and implementation, and may have created innovative strategies that can be adapted by those facing a similar challenge in their jurisdiction.

## NASTAD's TA is:

- **Consumer Driven**—based on the expressed needs of those requesting it. The requesting jurisdiction plays a strong role in determining the response it receives and does not have to fit its needs into a set schedule or training.
- **Varied**—delivery mechanisms for TA vary based on the needs identified by the recipient. Possibilities include:
  - On-site consultations
  - Networking contacts and referrals to colleagues
  - Mentoring
  - Providing written materials, examples, and models from health departments
  - Curriculum development and training
- **Peer-based**—delivered by health department (public sector) staff with “real time experience” and expertise in specific aspects of HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis programming.
- **Fully Supported**—The requesting jurisdiction does not need to incur expenses related to the TA that NASTAD provides. NASTAD financially supports the participation of peers, staff, and/or consultants in the TA event.
- **Comprehensive**—NASTAD facilitates peer-to-peer exchange, enabling health department staff to consult with colleagues on a wide range of issues.

DOMESTIC TA	GLOBAL TA
<b>Care and Treatment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADAP</li> <li>• Title II</li> <li>• Medicare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twinning</li> <li>• Capacity Building</li> <li>• Community Planning</li> <li>• Evidence-Based Planning</li> <li>• Surveillance</li> <li>• Program Evaluation</li> <li>• Program Management</li> <li>• Program Integration</li> <li>• ARV Scale-Up</li> </ul>
<b>Prevention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Planning</li> <li>• Addressing the Needs of Communities of Color</li> <li>• Surveillance</li> <li>• Program Integration</li> <li>• Program Evaluation</li> <li>• Program Management</li> </ul>	

## NASTAD TA IS UNIQUE

NASTAD's philosophy is that some of the best assistance comes from those who have direct experience with a particular question or problem. State AIDS directors and state AIDS program staff are unique in that they provide "real time" TA—speaking from the point of view of someone actively engaged in the type of activity for which they are providing support.

## PEERS PROVIDE NASTAD TA

NASTAD "peers" are health department staff from HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis programs. These peers have volunteered and NASTAD selects them based on their expertise and experience. Peers may include AIDS directors, prevention, care/ADAP directors, and surveillance and viral hepatitis coordinators, as well as community planning group co-chairs and young people working directly with planning and programs. NASTAD staff and consultants also provide TA in the U.S. and abroad.

A NASTAD peer:

- works in a state or local health department, or for NASTAD
- has programmatic responsibility for a particular HIV/AIDS care/treatment or prevention or viral hepatitis service or planning activity, evaluation, or surveillance system

## TOP 5 REASONS WHY AIDS DIRECTORS USE NASTAD TA:

1. Availability of peer TA providers
2. Availability of tools from other health departments
3. Availability of expert NASTAD staff
4. Desire to hear national perspective
5. Quality of NASTAD TA

Source: 2005 NASTAD Member Services & TA Needs Assessment

- has volunteered to work with other countries/states/cities using their specific area(s) of expertise
- can provide ideas for how a jurisdiction or country might address an issue, based on the experience and expertise in their own jurisdiction

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