



PROGRAM SUMMARY REPORT

Arkansas

PROGRAM:**Positive Miles**

INTRODUCTION:

The Positive Miles program was launched in Arkansas to address a crucial obstacle for individuals living with HIV. Recognizing transportation barriers as a significant challenge to engagement in HIV medical services and treatment, the program offers reliable, worry-free transportation to ensure clients can access vital healthcare services and supportive resources.

TARGET POPULATION:

- People living with HIV (PLWH)
 - Low-income individuals lacking reliable transportation
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KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND COLLABORATORS:

- Community- Based Organizations (CBOs)
 - Healthcare Providers
 - Local Transportation Providers
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PROGRAM DURATION:

The Positive Miles program has been in operation for 3-5 years, offering ongoing support and expanding its reach within Arkansas.

PROGRAM GOALS AND KEY ACTIVITIES:

The primary goal of the Positive Miles program is to eliminate transportation as a barrier to care for people living with HIV. By doing so, the program ensures that clients can access vital medical and supportive services, helping them stay engaged in treatment and ultimately improving their health outcomes. The program provides transportation assistance to clients for medical appointments, and other essential supportive services as needed.

PROGRAM CHALLENGES:

The program is actively seeking alternatives to improve its tracking systems, monitoring rides, and drivers as they head out to pick up clients.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT:

The CBOs organized various events to introduce the program to community members and build local support. These outreach efforts have raised awareness and created stronger connections with clients, ensuring they are informed about the services available.

DATA COLLECTION AND MONITORING:

To evaluate the program's success the CBOs collect and monitor key demographic data on clients.

KEY METRICS AND OUTCOMES:

The program's key indicator of success is the number of clients who receive transportation to and from medical appointments and other services.

CONCLUSION:

The Positive Miles program has proven to be a valuable resource for people living with HIV in Arkansas by breaking down the transportation barriers that often prevent them from staying engaged in care. Through strong partnerships with CBOs and healthcare providers, as well as continuous community engagement, the initiative is successfully helping clients access the care they need.