SPNS Translation Project
Special Programs of National Significance

Overview

SPNS grants support innovative models of care and finance the development of effective delivery systems for HIV care. While SPNS grantees have been successful in developing and evaluating new models of HIV care, efforts to promote and support the replication of these evidence-based interventions have been less effective. The goal of this translation project is to strengthen the capacity of Ryan White-funded grantees to implement new models of HIV care that facilitate access, engagement, and retention in care among vulnerable populations living with HIV/AIDS.

Current and recent SPNS initiatives have focused on areas such as:

- Engagement and retention for hard-to-reach populations, including women of color, young MSM of color, and people recently released from incarceration
- Innovative models of oral health care provision and addiction treatment (buprenorphine)
- Technology-related projects, including electronic health information networks and a standardized client data information system

Major Activities

Findings and project materials from effective SPNS interventions will be identified to form the basis of a standard toolkit for provision of technical and capacity-building assistance, including implementation manuals, curricula, and supporting materials (brochures, posters), as appropriate. These resources may then be used to provide formal assistance to Ryan White Program grantees so that they may operate optimally and expand their capacity to effectively deliver new models of evidence-based HIV care.