



# Improving Services & Increasing Safety by Connecting Partners in HIV/AIDS & DV Programs

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**The implementation and evaluation of a train the trainers program**

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# Positively Safe History

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- Funded by MAC AIDS in March 2010
- Creation of Domestic Violence & HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee
- Committee Meetings to develop Curriculum

# Why?

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- 25% of people living with HIV are women.
  - In 2010, of new infections, 64% occurred in Black women, 18% were in white, and 15% were Latinas. (CDC, 2012.)
- 24% of female patients experienced physical abuse after disclosing their HIV status and 45% feared such a reaction. (Rothenberg K.H. et al, 1995)
- Women who have a history of both sexual and physical abuse by intimate partners are 2.7 times more likely to worry about acquiring HIV. (Wingood et al., 2000)
- Over half of women living with HIV had experienced IPV, considerably higher than the national prevalence among women overall (55% vs. 36%). (Machtinger, 2012; Black, 2011)

# DV & HIV Training Curriculum

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This training provides participants with **basic knowledge** around DV & HIV/AIDS, as well as facilitates conversations and action steps to create **partnerships** between the DV and HIV/AIDS fields.

# Training of Trainers (ToT)

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NNEDV has completed two ToT's to date, training **28 DV Coalitions and 38 HIV/AIDS service providers** as well as conducted a **9 month post-training evaluation** of the curriculum and an analysis of subsequent trainings in the field.

# Additional Trainings

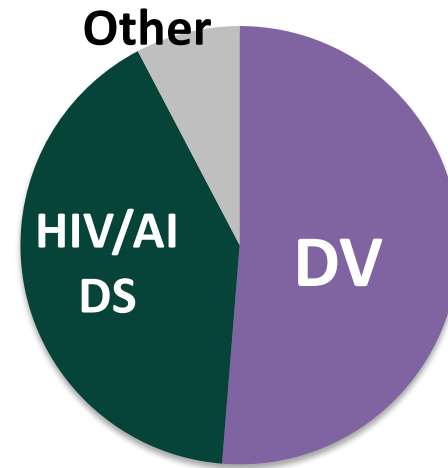
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- South Carolina HIV & STD Conference
  - October 2013, Columbia, SC
- 19<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference
  - July 2012, Washington, DC
- 24<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Social Work & HIV/AIDS
  - May 2012, Miami, FL

# Evaluation Process & Findings

## Pre- & Post- Survey

- 39 Participants
  - 16 HIV/AIDS Providers
  - 20 DV Providers
  - 3 Other
- Pre-Post Design
  - HIV/AIDS and DV Knowledge
  - Confidence and comfort training on the intersection
  - Post only: Changes in curriculum-specific knowledge and skills





## Pre- & Post- Survey

- HIV/AIDS and DV Knowledge
  - HIV/AIDS providers had higher scores at pre-test than DV providers
  - Participants had 2 point increase from pre- to post-test
- Increased confidence and comfort in training

## Pre- & Post- Survey

- Improved curriculum-specific knowledge and skills
  - Intersections of DV and HIV/AIDS
  - Components of beneficial and sustainable collaboration

## Pre- & Post- Survey

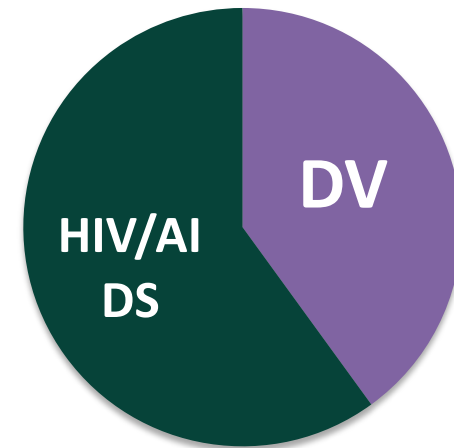
- Other Outcomes: The majority of participants...
  - Made plans with state partners to offer joint trainings
  - Planned to facilitate at least 3 trainings in the next year

# Pre- & Post- Survey

- Potential Barriers to Training
  - Lack of funding
  - Challenges collaborating with other organizations

# Follow-Up Evaluation

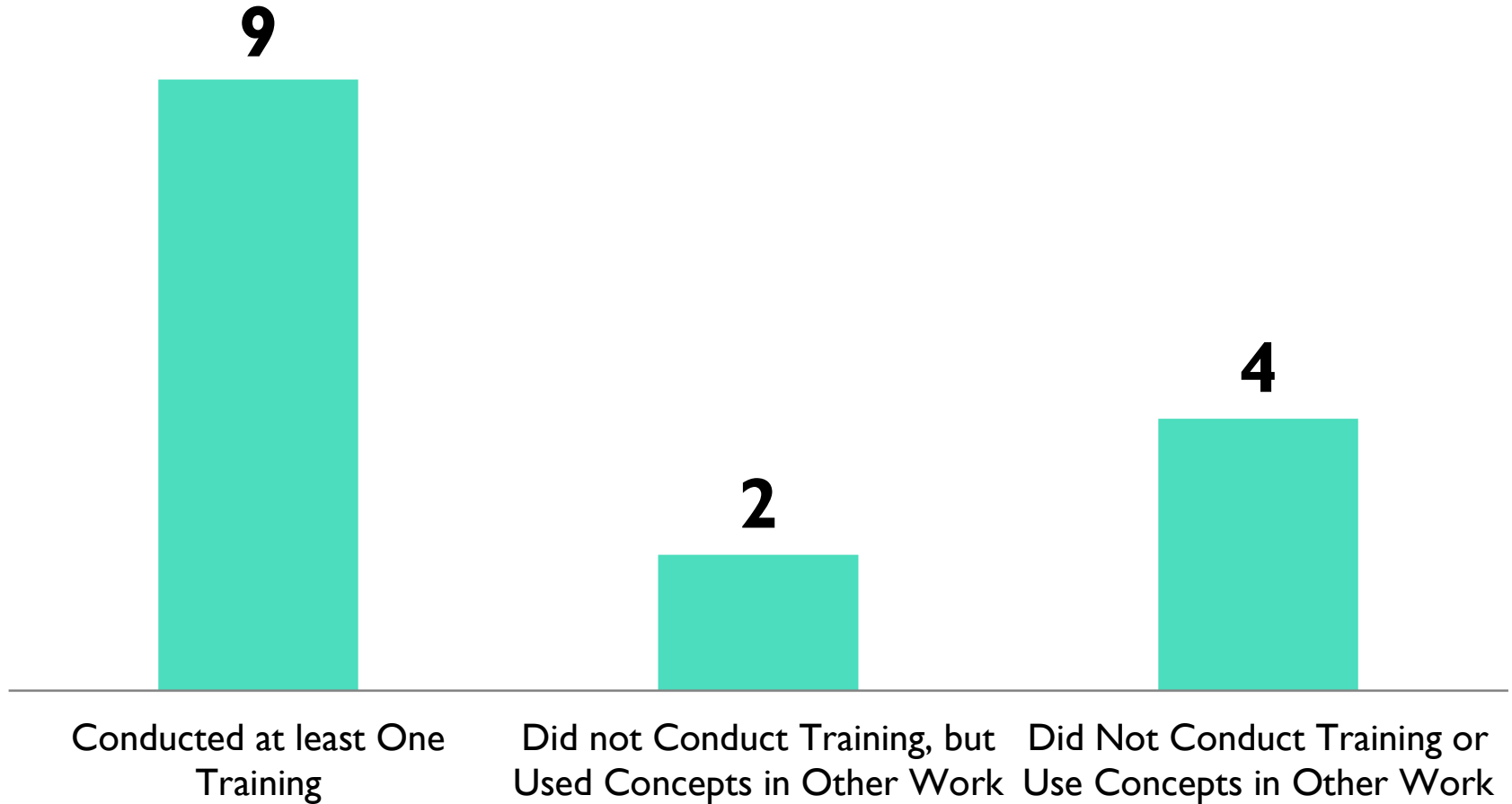
- 15 Participants
  - 9 HIV/AIDS Providers
  - 6 DV Providers
- 9-month Follow Up
  - Feedback on the ToT & curriculum
  - Experiences implementing the training in the field



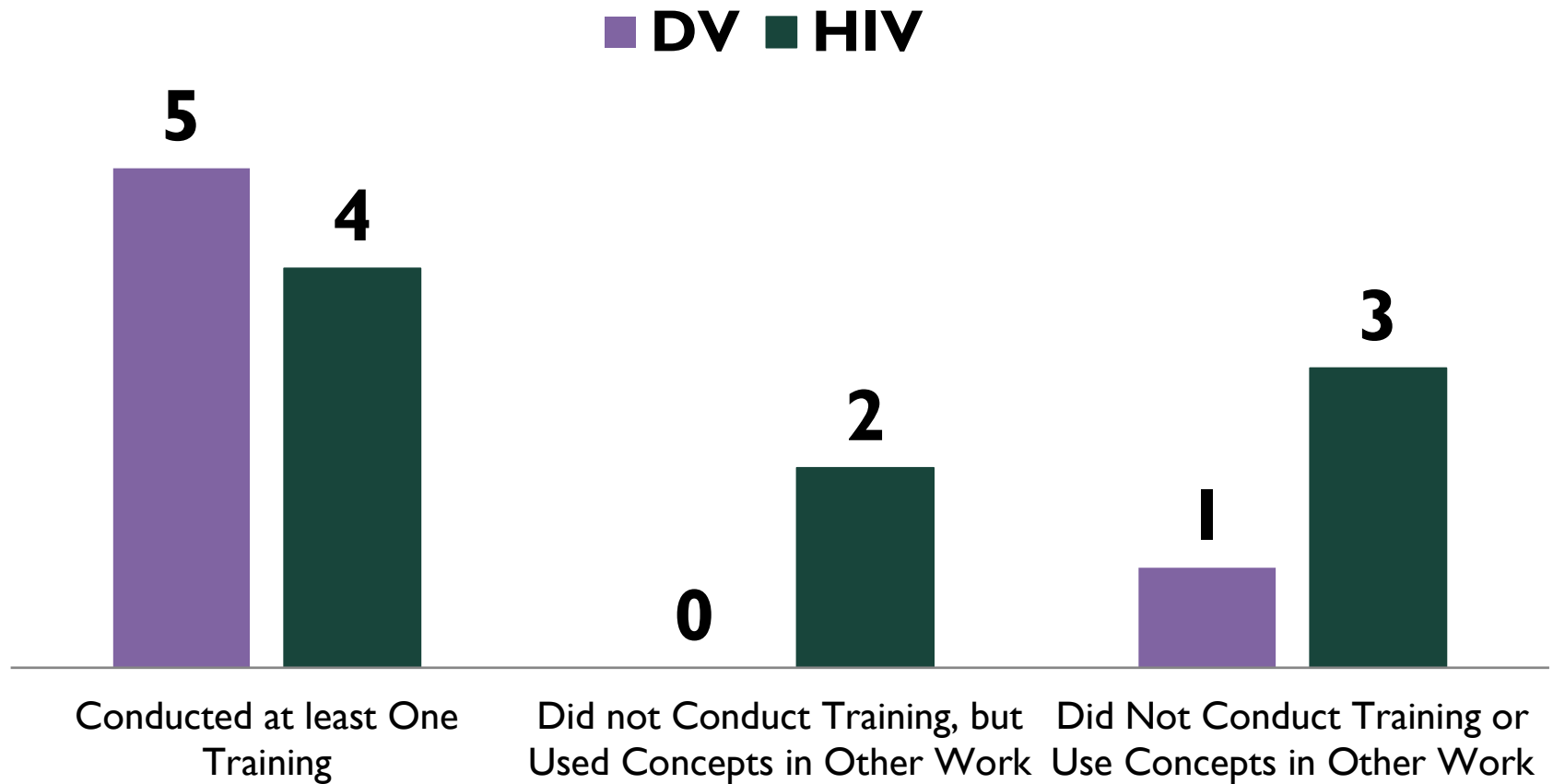
## Follow-Up Evaluation

- Believed topic was important
- Gave providers motivation to continue their work
- Enjoyed...
  - Learning about the topic (DV or HIV/AIDS) outside their area of expertise
  - Meeting and hearing stories from HIV/AIDS and DV providers from other states
- Provided suggestions for tweaks to ToT

## Did participants conduct trainings?

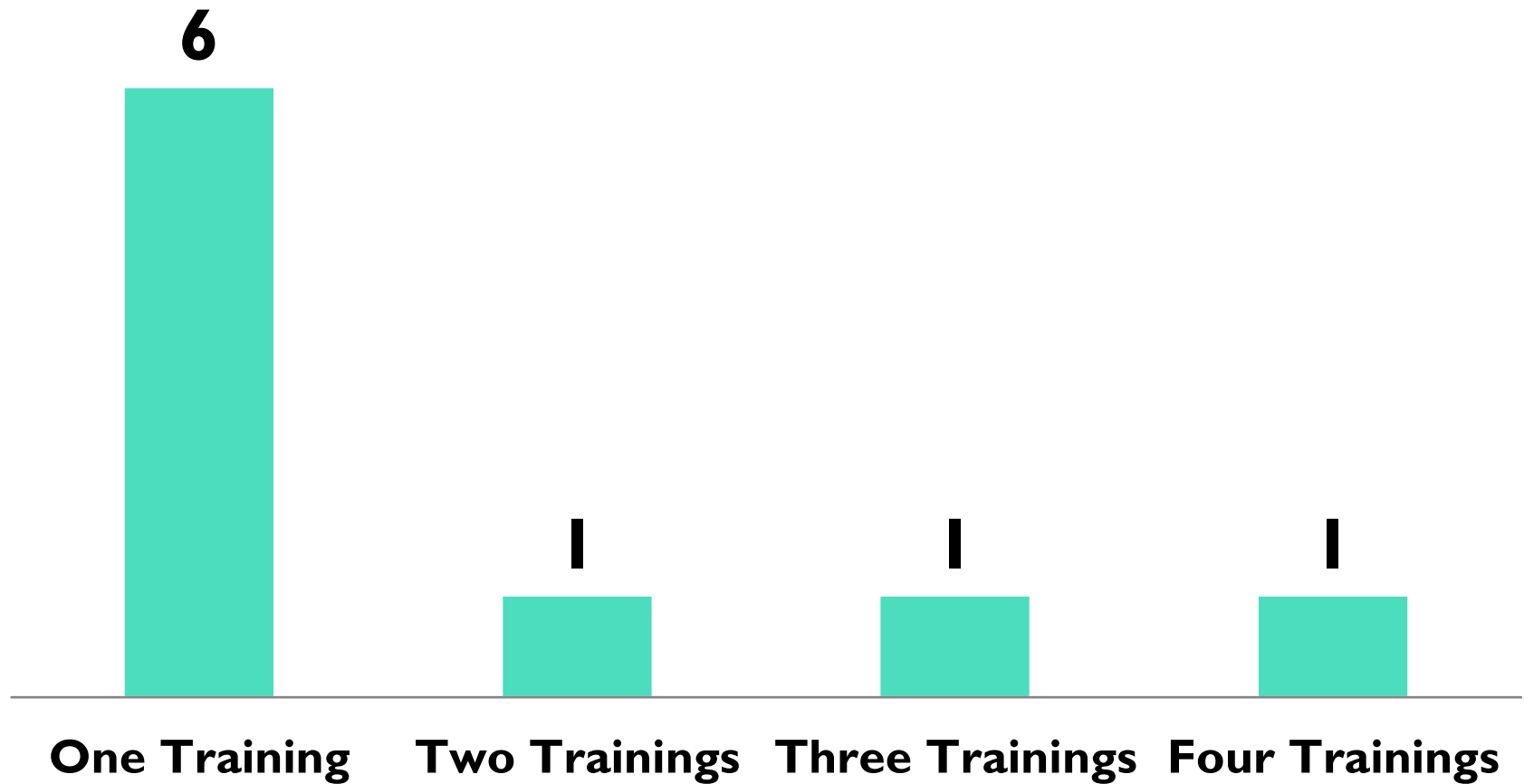


## Did participants conduct trainings?





## How many trainings did participants conduct?



# Follow-Up Evaluation

- What worked:
  - Excitement about topic among local providers
  - Story sharing and dialogue
  - Having both DV and HIV/AIDS providers in same room when possible
  - Concrete tools to be used in service provision
- Few knew of any practice or policy changes

# Follow-Up Evaluation

- Barriers to implementing training included:
  - Coordinating with state training partner
  - Staff turn over
  - Lack of funding for staff time or participant travel
  - Challenges in recruiting participants
  - Resistance from rural/frontier communities
  - Discomfort talking about sexuality among DV providers
  - Training too long; needed shorter hour-long snippets

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# After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training of Trainers

# DV & HIV/AIDS Resource Toolkit

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- In response to requests from trainers, NNEDV created over **20 resources**
  - Fact Sheets
  - Brochure
  - Program Poster [nnedv.org/dvhivtoolkit](http://nnedv.org/dvhivtoolkit)
  - Discussion Guides
  - Safety Planning Guide
  - Medication Storage Guide
  - More!

# Awareness Raising Campaigns

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- Created **5 infographics** and posted **articles** on our website and social media to recognize the intersection during *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and draw attention during *World AIDS Day* as well.

# Infographics

THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN  
**WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV**  
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# Post Evaluation

# Moving Forward

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In 2013, presented curriculum to the President's Working Group on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities.

Because of NNEDVs on-going commitment to these issues, we were funded to provide trainings to select groups on the intersection.

## *Webinars*

- Transitional Housing Grantees
- Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Grantee

# Moving Forward, cont.

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## *Meeting of Ntnl DV Organizations*

- Hosted a meeting of DV organizations who are doing work nationally on this intersection.
- The goal of this meeting is to coordinate efforts in our field and identify ways we can support and enhance each other's work.

## **Organizations in Attendance:**

- Ntnl Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- Futures Without Violence
- Northwest Network
- Casa de Esperanza/Ntnl Latin@ Network
- Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence
- National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs
- Dept of Health & Human Services

# Moving Forward, cont.

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## *Creating a Modular Curriculum*

- Editing our training curriculum to appear in both full-day training format as well as in 5 modules
- We plan to start to distribute the training more widely to encourage and facilitate partnerships between the DV and HIV/AIDS fields
- Presenting at regional, national, international conferences

# Moving Forward, cont.

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## *Expanding our Resource Toolkit*

- We plan to expand the Positively Safe Resource Toolkit to complement and enhance the effective work being done in the field
  - Confidentiality
  - Information on State & Federal Laws
  - Trauma-Informed Services/Care

# Moving Forward, cont.

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## ***Continue Awareness Raising & Cross-Sector Collaboration***

- Aim to continue to lift the voices of the organizations already engaged in effective advocacy on this intersection
- Foster partnerships and model cross-sector collaboration between the DV and HIV/AIDS fields
- Join forces with other organizations in both fields

# Questions?

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