



## Oral Poster

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**OP 1 An Organizational Model to Prevent HIV/AIDS in a Community Context: The Case "AIDS Commission"**

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**Abstract:**

**Introduction:** In literature we can find many cases where a proper organizational model is the basis of the fight against the spread of HIV infection. Recent studies talk of setting policy and promoting the development of organizational models for the prevention of AIDS designed by a community and for that specific community context. Therefore the focus is shifted towards an organizational and community model.

**Purpose/Methods:** To outline a conceptual and organizational model for culturally appropriate AIDS prevention capacity building in the territory of Modena. To present the experiences gained from a 7 year program carried out between Local Health Unit professionals and the local Community. The organizational model adopted with the AIDS Commission of Emilia-Romagna has led to the creation of the Modena AIDS Commission. At the base of the project there is a partnership among subjects from different areas: Politicians, Health Professionals, Arcigay, Volunteers, Pharmacies etc. This method ensures an interdisciplinary approach with the sharing of vision, goals and policies. The path starts from the definition of objectives and activities and ends with the evaluation of the outcomes. The model has 3 levels of responsibility: political, technical and managerial. The technical coordination which acts on the basis of strategic decisions made by the PA Manager and Health Professionals ensures the performance of the Commission's activities. The health goals are pursued through specific actions by theme: 1) Creation of interactive Google Maps for the identification of condom vending machines. 2) Periodic "Test Days" were organized with the Municipality of Modena 3) Training sessions were held for health professionals and pharmacists with the University of Modena. 4) Online and offline Awareness Campaigns and a mobile App "Helpaids".

**Results:** The building of a network of collaboration. Continually updated websites with information and news. AIDS health professionals share the priorities and the Mission Report written by the Local Health Unit and show how the goals have been achieved. Continual monitoring is being carried out by the AIDS Observatory for the territory of Modena.

**Conclusions:** Although the path towards a full institutionalization of the AIDS Commission in the Community of Modena is still far off. However, the results obtained encourage the continuation of the work already undertaken. This organizational model also allows the simplification of decision-making processes that would otherwise be difficult to implement.