



NATIONAL **HIV** TESTING DAY ACTIVITIES

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June 27 is National HIV Testing Day a day we focus on the importance of HIV testing and knowing your HIV status. According to HIV.GOV this year's theme is "Level up your self-love: check your status," which focuses on encouraging people to get tested and taking charge of our health and wellness. The Area 7 HIV program office has focused on ensuring individuals are educated on the importance of HIV testing, prevention options after the test (PrEP and treatment as prevention) within the counties of Central Florida.



Activities started on June 22, 2024 in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate to host our 3rd annual Talk Test Treat Latinos testing event in partnership with Hope and Help, Bliss Health, and the DOH PrEP Coordinator. During this event education was provided to 200 individuals, tested 38 individuals and referred 2 individuals to PrEP services.



The evening of June 22, 2024 the Area 7 program hosted our annual Talk Test Treat Latinos education outreach at Noche De San Juan and we provided HIV and PrEP education to 500 individuals. During this event we surveyed 178 individuals; through this survey the following data was collected 37% of respondents never had an HIV test conducted and 69% of respondents never heard of PrEP. Through this event we were able to provide much needed education to one of our priority populations.



On the actual observance day the Area 7 Team participated in two different activities. Actual testing was provided in collaboration with Positive Assistance at Walgreens in Kissimmee, where we tested a total of 24. In addition, the team participated in the Seminole County Health Department's HIV Stigma round table discussion. During this discussion the group focused on how to address external and internal stigma as it relates to HIV testing and Treatment as Prevention.

