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HHS Awards \$200,000 to establish the National Resource Center for HIV/AIDS Prevention among Adolescents

The University of Medicine and Dentistry will provide support services for those working with adolescents at risk for HIV/AIDS in minority communities

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) today announced that the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) was awarded \$200,000 for a three-year cooperative agreement to implement and operate the National Resource Center ("Center") for HIV/AIDS Prevention among Adolescents. The Center will focus on improving the health and well-being of adolescents at risk of HIV and those living with AIDS.

Specifically, the Center will support adolescent service providers (i.e. an organization that works with teens or an individual, such as a community health education specialist or a clinician) with web-based resources, evidence-based research, and training and technical assistance to promote HIV/AIDS prevention among adolescents, in particular adolescents from minority and high-risk populations.

UMDNJ received the award after submitting to a competitive bidding process. The University and their partners are experts in the field of HIV/AIDS care and prevention, and have the capacity to provide technical assistance and training to ensure that the adolescent care and service providers targeted through this project receive high-quality training, technical assistance, and training on best preventive practices.

UMDNJ received the award through the Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund (SMAIF) which is focused on improving the health and well-being of racial and ethnic minorities of all ages at risk for or living with HIV/AIDS. The SMAIF provides funding for programs to enhance the effectiveness of prevention and care services provided for high-risk communities. Initiatives funded through SMAIF closely align with the goals and objectives of the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#) by aiming to reduce new infections; increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV; and reduce HIV-related disparities.

In particular, UMDNJ is tasked with:

1. Developing an interactive, multimedia, web-based resource center for information focused on HIV/AIDS prevention among adolescents;
2. Synthesizing existing and emerging research and provide information on evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and practices;
3. Improving the capacity of program staff and communities through training and technical assistance to effectively implement and disseminate HIV/AIDS prevention programs targeting adolescents, including adolescents in high risk situations; and
4. Developing and implementing a strategy to manage, market, and evaluate the National Resource Center for HIV/AIDS Prevention among Adolescents.

For more information on the Office of Adolescent Health, or the National Resource Center for HIV/AIDS Prevention among Adolescents, please visit <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah>.

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