



NPIN Policy Regarding the Inclusion of Organizations in the NPIN Organizations Database

This document provides information and guidance on the scope of the NPIN Organizations Database with regard to the organizations and types of services included in it.

As outlined in the current Statement of Work, the NPIN Organizations Database lists information on “...organizations providing services related to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, and TB.” Not all organizations are included in the database. To be included in the database, organizations must focus their services on one or more of the disease areas of NPIN (HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, or TB) or offer specific programs targeting one or more of these diseases. Examples of the types of organizations listed in the database include:

- AIDS Service Organizations
- Community Based Organizations
- Clinics
- Foundations
- Hospitals
- Public Health Departments/Social Service Departments
- Religious Organizations
- Commercial Organizations
- Educational Institutions/Organizations
- Social Service Organizations
- Professional Organizations
- Public Education Departments

For those organizations included in the database, information on a variety of services is provided, including:

- Prevention Education Services
- Capacity Building Services
- Counseling Services
- Faith Based AIDS Services
- Financial Assistance and Funding Services
- Information Resources Services
- Testing and Medical Services
- Legal and Social Services

The scope of the database is determined by:

- The relevance of the information to CDC’s and prevention partners’ needs and priorities
- The ease or difficulty of obtaining and maintaining types of information
- Resource availability

The database is structured so that each record reflects a specific entity at a specific location and the services provided by the organization at that location. This enables users to locate needed services at locations convenient to them.

General laboratory organizations, such as Quest and LabCorp, and private physicians/practices are not included in the database, even though they offer HIV, viral hepatitis, STD, and TB testing, because they do not have an HIV/viral hepatitis/STD/TB focus and, therefore, are not within the scope of the database.

However, the database includes a number of nationwide testing organizations that focus on HIV, viral hepatitis, STD, and TB testing. Through contracts with national lab companies, these organizations offer testing at a wide variety of locations. Clients contact the nationwide testing organizations through toll free numbers, pay fees for services, and are sent to the lab location of their choice for test administration. Results are then provided through the nationwide testing service organization. In these cases, only the physical location of the nationwide testing organization's headquarters is listed in the NPIN database.