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## NNPTC MEMBERS GET CRABS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Over three and a half long days highlighted by collaboration, communication, integration and, yes, crabs (as well as other delicious crustaceans), the National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers (NNPTC) held its annual meeting on May 18-22, 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland.

With federal partners, members of the collaborative training centers, and other invited programs in attendance, the NNPTC explored ways to continue delivering state-of-the-art STD/HIV clinical, behavioral intervention and partner services training in the face of limited funding, changing technology and evolving national initiatives. Sessions included:

- John Douglas, MD, Director of the Division of STD Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), discussed the division's revised STD Prevention strategic plan focusing on infertility prevention, HIV testing, and reducing health disparities.
- Kevin O'Connor, MA, Program and Training Branch Chief at the CDC's Division of STD Prevention related concern over the escalating number of gonorrhea cases and discussed the development of a new program targeted at lowering morbidity.
- Gustavo Aquino, MPH, Associate Director of Program Integration at the CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, spoke to the Program Collaboration Service Integration (PCSI) initiative and encouraged PTCs to maintain and increase Federal Training Centers Collaborative (FTTC) collaborations to increase program efficiency and avoid program redundancy.
- Rashad Burgess, MA, Chief of the Capacity Building Branch at CDC, discussed initiatives at the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention and the development of a new strategic road map for services to 2020, in addition to introducing a new HIV testing campaign ("9 ½ minutes.")
- The group discussed the innovative ways to reach adult learners via pod-casts, video-streaming, and other web-based technologies.



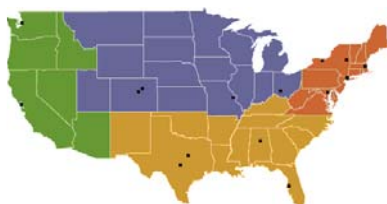
Kevin O'Connor, MA



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John Douglas, MD



## Sample Trainings:

### Clinical:

- STD Intensive
- Laboratory Methods
- HIV/AIDS Update
- Ask, Screen, & Intervene:  
Incorporating HIV Prevention Into the Medical Care of Persons Living with HIV

### Behavioral:

- Bridging Theory & Practice: Applying Behavioral Theory to STD/HIV Prevention
- Selecting Effective Behavioral Interventions
- Facilitation Skills for Group Level STD/HIV Interventions
- Various DEBI Intervention Trainings

### Partner Services:

- Introduction to Sexually Transmitted Disease Intervention (ISTDI)
- Fundamentals of Sexually Transmitted Disease Intervention (Fund of ISTDI)
- HIV Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS)

## HIV PCRS Capacity Assessment

In 2008, the CDC funded the Partner Services and Program Support PTCs to develop, implement, and report on a nationwide capacity assessment of programs that conduct Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS) for HIV infection in the 65 jurisdictions and 81 selected community based organizations in the United States. The capacity assessment identified the jurisdictions' training, technical assistance, and capacity development needs to facilitate the provision of HIV/STD partner services in accordance with the Recommendations for Partner Services Programs for HIV Infection, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydial Infection, released by CDC in November of 2008. The assessment findings were summarized into a document titled, HIV PCRS Capacity Needs Assessment Highlights, which have been cleared by CDC for national release. It focuses on key findings from the assessment and provides recommendations for capacity development and training and technical assistance in the delivery of partner services. Following the email distribution on June 12, 2009 to all jurisdictions and organizations that participated in the assessment, the Highlights document will be posted on the NNPTC website at: [www.nnptc.org](http://www.nnptc.org).

## What's New?

- Log onto [www.stdcases.org](http://www.stdcases.org) to experience 2 NEW STD cases!
- [National Training Calendar](#)



Recipients of this year's Sylvie Ratelle Award - Jeanne Marrazzo, MD, MPH second from left and Terry Hogan, MPH second from right. Accompanied by Dr. Mark Thrun and Janine Dyer.

## Tools for your Prevention Toolkit

Recently, HIV prevention efforts have begun to focus on the development and evaluation of risk-reduction interventions for HIV-positive individuals delivered in a clinic setting. Since an estimated two-thirds of HIV-positive individuals receive medical care, providers may be able to reduce HIV/STD transmission by conducting in-depth risk assessments, delivering brief safer sex messages, and utilizing Partner Services. In order to respond to this need, the NNPTC would like to introduce you to the following tools:

**Partnership for Health (PfH)** is a brief safer sex intervention for HIV outpatient clinics which emphasizes the importance of the partnership between the patient and his or her health care provider. PfH is an evidence-based intervention that has been found to be successful in the clinic setting. It uses providers as the agents of the intervention to deliver message framing, repetition, and reinforcement during patient visits to increase HIV-positive patients' knowledge of, skills for, and motivations to practice safer sex and disclosure. In addition, it is designed to improve patient/provider communication about safer sex and disclosure.

**Ask, Screen, Intervene**, a modular course designed for HIV care providers, focuses on integrating, quick, feasible, and effective prevention messages into a patient's clinical visit. The program covers emerging trends in the HIV epidemic, the interaction between STD's and HIV, tailoring effective prevention messages, referral options, and initiating Partner Services. Remember you have more influence over your patient's life than you think!

Free continuing education credits offered!  
For more information visit [www.nnptc.org](http://www.nnptc.org)

