

12 years of HIV prevention Interventions with Spanish-Speaking gay, bisexual and MSM individuals.

The research literature points to intersecting challenges in Latin American migration (global, rural to urban) that hinder safe sexual practices that may account for higher rates of HIV infection. Numbers of HIV infection amongst Spanish-speaking gay, bisexual and MSM individuals, had an increasing trend.

Centre for the Spanish-Speaking Peoples/HIV Prevention Program. Gerardo Betancourt, Community Educator (2006-2021).



Mano en Mano (2008-2011)/Chicos Net Intervention

promotion of sustainable condom use adoption among gay, bisexual, and other MSM.



Intervention's Objectives:

- Increase HIV prevention knowledge & awareness.
- Reduce isolation.
- Develop self-efficacy.
- Empowerment, resilience and passion (in having goals in life).

MnM/Chicos Net Theoretical Framework

Mano en Mano Model

Individual's
Context



**Proximate
Mediator**

Social-
Cognitive
determinants
of HIV
transmission
behaviour
Provide a

**Program that
intervenes:**

- 1) Reduce isolation
- 2) Provide HIV information
- 3) Develop critical awareness
- 4) Develop resilience and self-efficacy skills

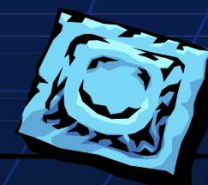
Evaluation Pre
and Post
Interview

-Isolation Scale
-Knowledge of HIV
-Impulse Control Scale
-Resilience scale

Risk
Environment



Immediate Outcome
Condom Use
adoption reduction of
UAI



Mano en Mano reported positive outcomes in reducing UAI and individual's isolation (2008-2012).

- Barry D Adam, Gerardo Betancourt, and Angel Serrano Sánchez. 2011. "Development of an HIV prevention and life skills program for Spanish speaking gay and bisexual newcomers" *Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality* 20 (1):11-17.

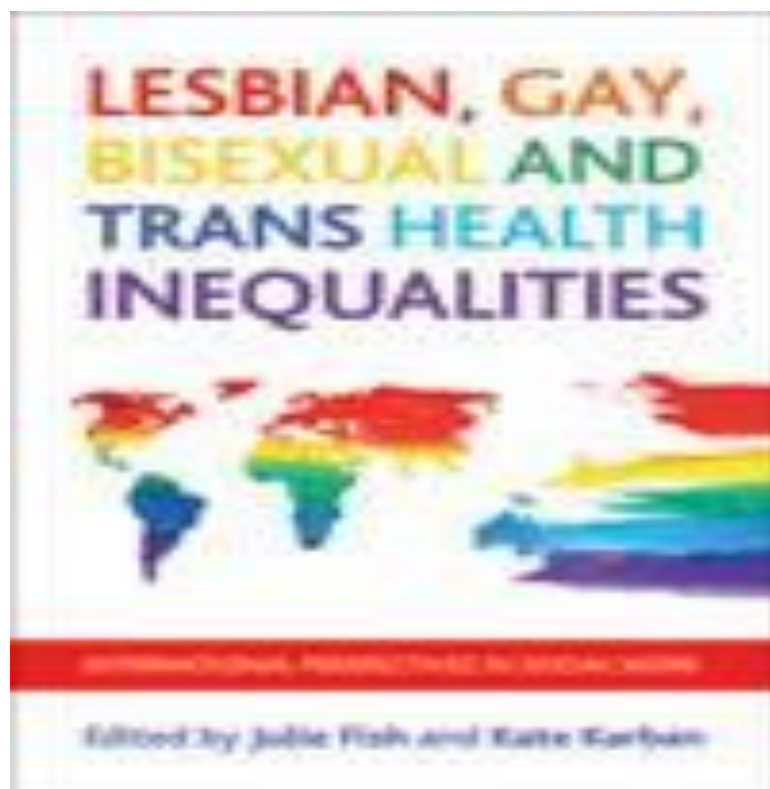


Chicos Net (2011- 2018)

- Promotes the use of art-based forms as activities and qualitative narrative
 - storytelling, photo-voice, video, radio-novella, etc.
- Pre-Post questionnaire
- Pre-Post scales:
 - HIV knowledge and social support.



Community Without Borders (2018-2020)



- CWB promoted state of the art HIV prevention knowledge: PrEP use, U=U, Using Apps for sex.
- Transwomen and women were welcome to the intervention.
- 12 interventions of 4 sessions each, over n=75 participants over the 3 years.