

SUNRISE COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER SAMHSA-CSAP PROJECT October 2005 – Present

Sunrise Community Counseling Center, Inc. (SCCC) and Behavioral Assessment, Inc. will design and implement a 5-year program that integrates health services delivery and epidemiological monitoring in the SPA4 Metro area on Los Angeles County (LAC). The program will target Latino and re-entry youth aged 12-17 incarcerated for gang-related activities. The goal of the program is to build the capacity of SCCC to provide substance abuse prevention intervention, HIV and hepatitis prevention and screening among Latino youth who have been through the state juvenile detention system due to their gang affiliation and are reentering the community in a post incarceration phase. The program will work with these youth and their families. The program also includes community stakeholder and epidemiological monitoring activities that will be an essential part of the evaluation. The program has the following specific objectives: 1) To enhance the existing substance abuse prevention and treatment program of SCCC to serve gang affiliated and reentry Latino youth and to build agency capacity for effective substance treatment for this population; 2) To build capacity among SCCC and BAI's community stakeholder partners, (CCNP, YMCA, CARECEN, Inner City Law Center, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Public School District East Los Angeles Alternative Education Center, New Economics for Women, Los Angeles STD Program) in recognizing substance abuse issues and in providing wrap-around and supportive services for re-entry youth aged 12-17 in substance abuse prevention and identification of high risk behavior that could lead to HIV and hepatitis infection; 3) To provide substance abuse treatment/prevention services using Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT) model to high-risk reentry gang affiliated youth aged 12-17. The design and implementation of the BSFT will include a needs assessment of the target population that will include community epidemiological data. This needs assessment will be utilized to build a component in the BSFT model that will address specific issues in substance abuse, HIV and hepatitis prevention.