



Readiness Survey

Use the following checklist to assess your faith-based organization's readiness and ability to participate in *Our Faith Lights the Way! HIV Testing Campaign*. For additional information, call The Balm In Gilead at 804-644-BALM (2256). Check all that apply in each section. Complete and compute readiness on the next page.

1. Knowledge of HIV/AIDS information

- The Faith Leader is trained and/or knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS
- Pertinent leadership (deacons, trustees, elders, board, health ministry chairperson) are trained and/or knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS
- The congregation is knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS
- The leadership is willing to promote HIV testing as a means of reducing the spread of HIV
- The leadership is willing to promote/host a HIV testing event under the auspices of the faith institution
- There is a designated person or committee to coordinate and report on testing campaign events

2. Faith institution as a "safe space"

- The faith institution understands its role as compassionate leaders in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS
- The faith institution currently has an outreach ministry (soup kitchen/food pantry, clothing distribution, homeless, HIV/AIDS, pastoral care, visitation, grief/bereavement, prison/reentry, youth, alcohol/drug prevention, etc.)
- The faith institution is willing to provide to people a listing of local HIV testing sites
- The faith institution is willing to make referrals to other service providers within the community
- The faith institution is willing to instruct volunteers for the event and congregation members on the importance of maintaining confidentiality
- The volunteers and leadership will demonstrate compassionate leadership
- The faith institution provides a safe space in which all people will feel welcomed, valued and affirmed
- The members of the congregation treat everyone with same level of respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or sexual orientation
- The volunteers will treat each person inquiring about or arriving for an HIV test with a non-judgmental attitude
- The volunteers, throughout the testing promotion or actual testing event, will convey a professional attitude
- The faith institution is willing to partner with an organization that has a HIV mobile unit to ensure privacy and confidentiality or provide space to an reputable agency which provides HIV testing
- The faith institution is willing to report general testing data to The Balm In Gilead

3. Site

A.

- The faith institution has 1-2 enclosed, private areas within the faith institution's properties that is not exposed to extreme temperatures (*Note: number of rooms required vary according to the number of people expected*)
- The partnering HIV testing agency can provide a mobile testing unit or health practitioner

B. For onsite testing events:

- The leadership is willing to allow the partnering HIV testing agency to assess the faith institution site for its appropriateness for HIV testing
- The faith institution has promoted, hosted, or sponsored HIV testing in the past
- Volunteers are willing sign a confidentiality statement if an HIV testing event is held
- The partnering HIV testing agency is willing to assess the faith institution's site for its appropriateness for HIV testing
- The identified space can be dedicated to HIV testing for the dates and times of the testing event
- The designated testing area is accessible to a restroom or washing area
- There are safe entrances and exits for people to enter and leave the site
- There is adequate space to accommodate a waiting area

Readiness Assessment Scoring

1. Knowledge of HIV/AIDS information

Total Checked in Section 1 _____

2. Faith institution as a "safe space"
Section 2 _____

Total Checked in

3. Site

Total Checked in Section 3 _____

A. Total Selected in Section 3A _____

B. Total Selected in Section 3B _____

Results

Host, sponsor or promote a testing event: If you checked at least: 2 statements from section #1, 5 from section #2, 1 from section #3A, and 2 from section #3B, then consider participating in *Our Faith institution Lights The Way HIV! Testing Campaign* as a HIV test site at least once in the year and in any of the options listed below, throughout the year.

Provide referrals to HIV testing sites, provide HIV education and /or promote testing: If you checked at least: 2 statements from section #1, and 5 from section #2, then consider participating throughout the year in *Our Faith institution Lights The Way! HIV Testing Campaign* by promoting HIV testing, providing referrals to a site in the area, offering a list of local HIV test sites, and/or allowing a basic HIV education training to be conducted by a trained AIDS educator or health care professional.

Promote HIV education and testing: If you checked at least: 2 statements from section #1, consider participating throughout the year in *Our Faith institution Lights The Way! HIV Testing Campaign* by promoting HIV testing and/or allowing a basic HIV education training to be conducted by a trained AIDS educator or health care professional.

Get the facts about HIV: If can check none of the statements in the sections, consider participating throughout the year in *Our Faith institution Lights The Way! HIV Testing Campaign* by promoting members of the community and faith institution to get more information about HIV or allowing a basic HIV education training to be conducted by a trained AIDS educator or health care professional at your faith institution.