

DISPARITY: “UTTER DISSIMILARITY OR DISTINCT IN QUALITY”

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| Description of Service | AIDS Network | ARCW | Description of Service Provided |
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| Medical Care | Referral Only | Direct provider with clinics in Kenosha and Milwaukee | <p>ARCW operates the largest HIV medical clinic in the state of Wisconsin with a current patient census of 954. ARCW provides advanced HIV treatment through a medical team of three infectious disease physicians, two nurse practitioners, and three registered nurses and a strong collaboration with the Medical College of Wisconsin.</p> <p>AIDS Network connects clients to comprehensive medical care through referrals to the University of Wisconsin’s HIV Clinic and Dean Clinics Infectious Disease clinic.</p> |
| Dental | Referral | Direct provider | <p>ARCW operates the only HIV specific dental clinics in Wisconsin. Operating clinics in Milwaukee and Green Bay 1110 residents of Wisconsin received preventative and/or restorative care from the ARCW Dental Clinics in 2008. Care is provided by a team of three dentists and three hygienists. 47% of all ARCW dental patients have no health care coverage</p> <p>AIDS Network refers clients to</p> |

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| | | | <p>providers in the Madison area, including the Max Pohle Clinic, Access Community Health, etc.</p> |
| Mental Health and AODA | Referral | Direct Provider | <p>ARCW is Wisconsin's largest provider of HIV related mental health care services. They offer crisis stabilization, counseling, group and couples therapy and harm reduction alcohol and drug treatment. Services are provided by eight mental health therapists and counselors. ARCW offers comprehensive AODA counseling and treatment services.</p> <p>AIDS Network refers clients to mental health professionals throughout the region and refers clients seeking AODA assistance to area agencies.</p> |
| Food Pantry | Referral | Direct provider | <p>ARCW operates Wisconsin's only HIV dedicated food pantries in LaCrosse, Eau Claire, Wausau, Green Bay, Milwaukee and Kenosha. Also, on a limited basis, food is delivered to clients from the southern region who have become clients of AIDS Network. The food pantries provide close to two tons of food per day, 30 percent of which is delivered directly to homebound clients.</p> <p>AIDS Network refers clients to local food pantries.</p> |

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| Case Management | Direct Provider | Direct Provider | <p>Per AIDS Network’s annual report: “The Life Care Services Director lead a team of six case managers, a benefits specialist, a Treatment support services coordinator and a Program Assistant. Life Care Services provided direct client support and referrals to satisfy individual client needs in multiple areas”</p> <p>Per ARCW’s annual report: “Twenty social work case managers throughout Wisconsin are strong advocates for people with HIV disease” and provide assistance in securing the care, treatment and support they need</p> |
| Needle exchange | Direct Provider | Direct Provider | <p>AIDS Network exchanged 86540 syringes in 2008 in the southern region. ARCW exchange 123,017 syringes in the southern region and over 750,000 statewide. ARCW did 96 overdose reversals in the southern region in 2008 utilizing their Naloxone protocol.</p> |
| Housing | Referral | Direct Provider | <p>ARCW operates two housing facilities in Milwaukee that provide a home for nearly one hundred individuals who otherwise would be homeless. More than \$620,000 in rental assistance was provided by ARCW last year. ARCW operates a housing counseling and placement office in Madison, and provides support through the</p> |

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| | | | <p>HOPWA grant to Madison's Rodney Scheel House.</p> <p>AIDS Network refers clients to either the ARCW housing office in Madison or to the Community Action Coalition (through subcontract)</p> |
| Legal | Direct Provider | Direct Provider | <p>ARCW lawyers represented HIV Patients across the state on issues such as discrimination, health care directives, entitlements, and estate planning. ARCW is unique in that they provide direct representation in court on most cases brought to them by agency clients.</p> <p>AIDS Network's annual report state"most of our advocacy involves issues such as housing, medical and consumer debt, public benefits, estate planning, employment and immigration.</p> |

Source: Annual report of AIDS Network and ARCW

This chart does not include all programs, but focuses on major functional areas.

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