An Introduction to Structural Interventions

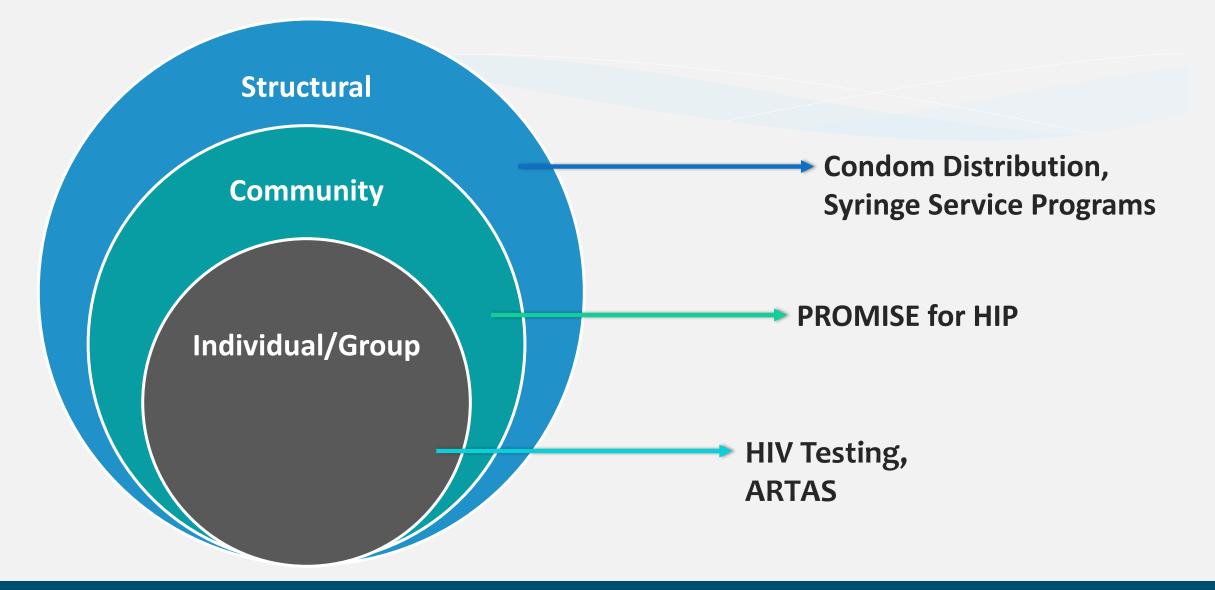




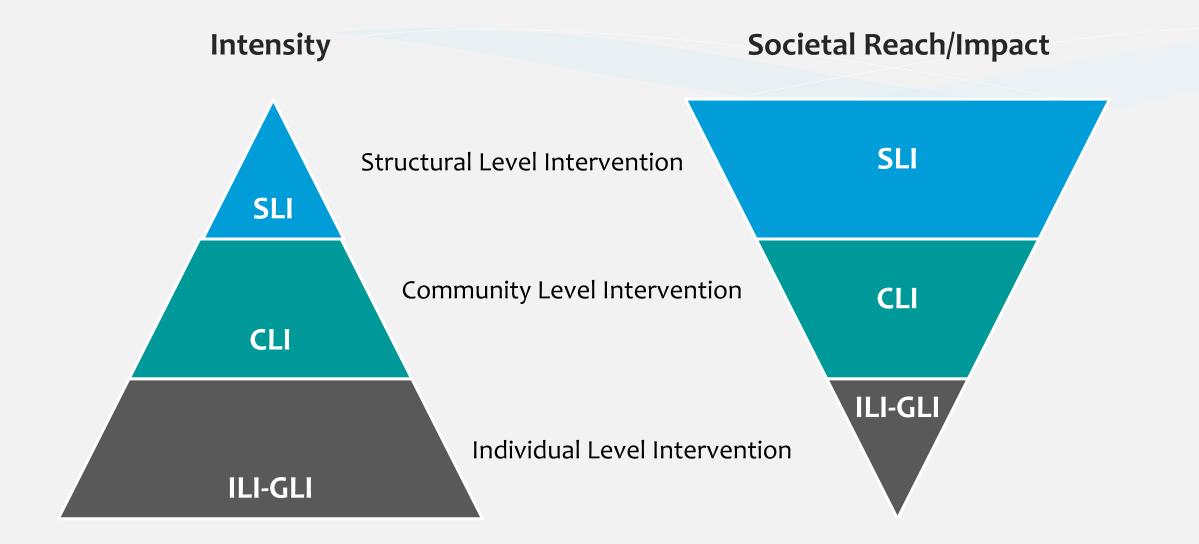
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Levels of Intervention



Reach of Interventions



What is a Structural Intervention?

Structural interventions operate to address the environmental, social, and economic factors that influence individual risk and protective behaviors.

Structural interventions do not rely on individual behavior change to alter the environment and can be used to enhance the effectiveness of biomedical and behavioral interventions.

Condoms for Porn Performers

County of Los Angeles Safer Sex In the Adult Film Industry Act

- In 2012, voters in Los Angeles County approved a measure to require condom use during sex scenes in adult films, as well as the regular testing of actors for sexually transmitted diseases
- * Porn productions were also required to obtain a health permit before production
- * It was contested in 2013 and 2014, both rulings upheld the LA County measure
- * Both support and opposition came from outside and within the adult film industry
- Measure B is the first sexual health initiative presented in a general election in United States history

Characteristics of Structural Interventions

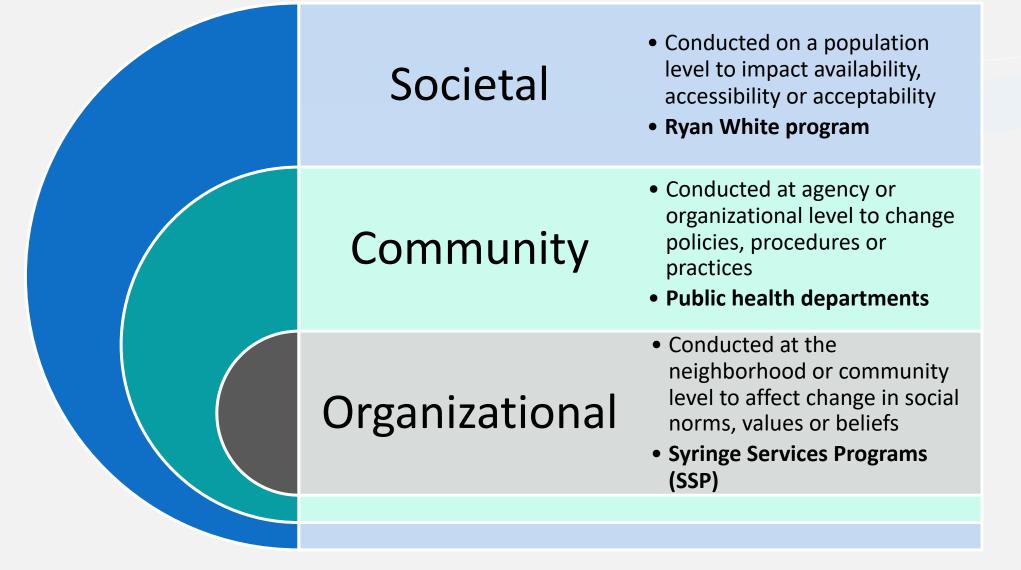
Have potential to reach more people

Non-personal in nature

Example: Condom distribution as a Structural Intervention

- <u>Does</u> focus on making condoms more available and/or accessible in the environment
- <u>Does not</u> focus on increasing perception of risk, or self-efficacy/skills to use condoms

SIs can be conducted at many levels...



The 3 A's – Structural Interventions Impact:

Acceptability

Interventions that alter social norms, values
culture; recognize that health is influenced by societal values, politics, culture and beliefs

Increasing social acceptance of SSPs Changing paraphernalia laws

Accessibility

 Interventions that alter structures or conditions
to increase resources or power to access things that improve health conditions



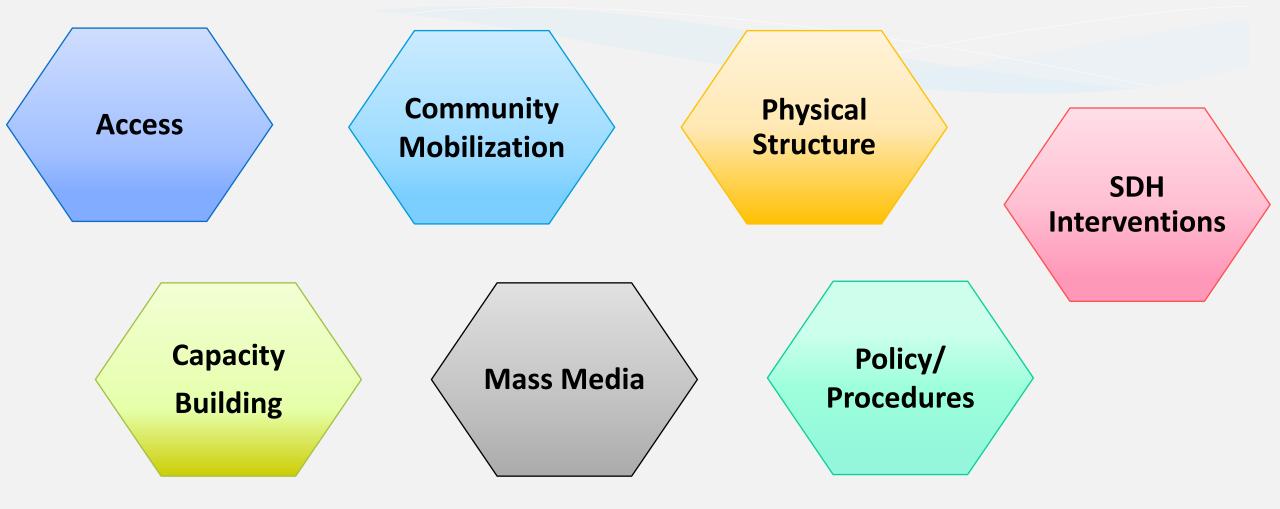
enrollment

Availability

 Interventions that increase or decrease the availability of tools, materials, or resources that can help or hinder health status Condom distribution

Mobile clinics

Components of Structural Interventions



Community Engagement



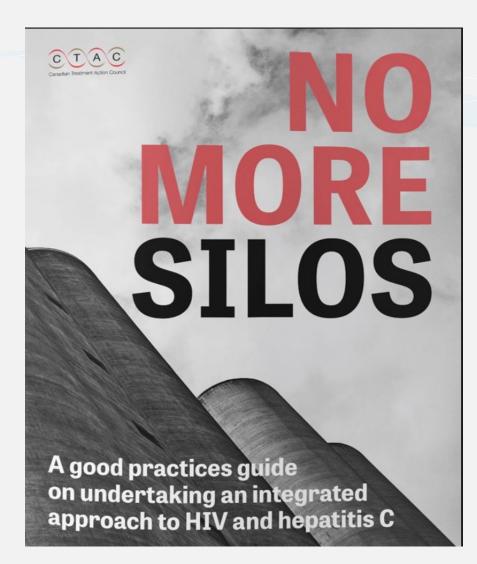
Condom Distribution



Social Marketing



Service Integration



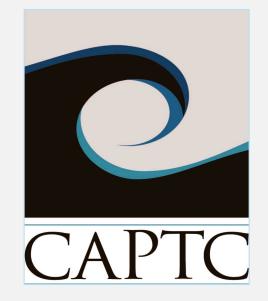
Housing Assistance for People Affected by HIV











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