



DIVISION: COMMUNITY HEALTH

HIV CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

Our program helps people living with HIV/AIDS in Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson, and north Mason counties to live as independently as possible, and improve their health and quality of life. We connect clients with needed health and social services, and provide opportunities for clients to learn and socialize together.

“The most rewarding aspect of my work is helping the clients to have and maintain a better standard of care. Advancements in treatment and care have made a huge impact and being able to share that knowledge with the clients, which, in turn, brings me great satisfaction and fulfillment.”

Mark Wickamshire, HIV Community Health Worker

WHAT WE DO

Our program supports the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV/AIDS and promotes healthy behaviors to prevent HIV transmission. We offer:

- **Medical case management services**
- **Peer support**
- **Social connections** through partnerships and initiatives such as Red Ribbon Supper Club, lunch-and-learns, and World AIDS Day events.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

22 clients newly enrolled or re-enrolled in case management

8 clients were successfully placed in long-term housing

85 percent of client survey respondents ranked our case management services as excellent or very good

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM NAME: HIV Case Management

SUPERVISOR: Ashley Duren
(Betti Ridge until November 2022)

2021 FTE STAFF: 6

GRANTS & SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR 2021:

- HIV Community Service Funds, Ryan White Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- CARES Funding from DOH

Thank you to our partners for their continued support!

2022 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We connected Harborview’s Madison Clinic with the Northwest Washington Family Medicine Residency clinic in Bremerton and **restarted in-person visits for Madison Clinic clients**. Many clients felt better engaged with their doctors as a direct result of being seen face to face.
- We held our **first hybrid in-person/online World AIDS Day celebration on Dec. 1**. The in-person event was hosted at the Norm Dicks Government Center with a display in the lobby featuring our AIDS quilts, and a variety of speakers.



Kitsap Public Health employees gather to celebrate former HIV Case Management Program Supervisor Betti Ridge prior to her retirement in November 2022. Ridge worked at the Health District for 22 years, sharing knowledge and compassion with clients and colleagues alike.



HIV Case Management Program employee George Fine offers COVID-19 tests in front of the Health District’s booth at Kitsap Pride on July 23, 2022.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

In 2023, we are most looking forward to advocating for more community providers to contract with the Early Intervention (EIP) Program. EIP is a Washington state provided program that helps pay for HIV-related medical and mental health expenses.

Year after year, Kitsap Public Health’s client survey has identified a severe shortage in EIP contracted providers in Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam counties. We want to be part of the solution to close that gap.

This lack of contracted providers prevents program clients from having access to critical care like dental and mental health services. They often have to travel long distances to receive care.

Our team is working with members of our quality improvement group to advocate on behalf of clients for better local participation in EIP.

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