STUDENT SELECTION GUIDELINES

**Project L.E.A.P.**

**Houston Ryan White Planning Council**

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The following guidelines will be used by the Office of Support to select students for the 2014 Project LEAP cohort. They are presented in order of priority:

1. As outlined in the Service Definition for Project LEAP:
	1. The Office of Support shall enroll at least 20 HIV-positive individuals and up to 10 affected others. Preference will be given to non-aligned (non-conflicted) consumers of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program services in the Houston EMA and high risk applicants.
	2. Selected students shall be representative of the demographics of current HIV/AIDS prevalence in the Houston EMA, with particular attention to sex/gender, race/ethnicity, and the special populations of youth (age 13 - 24) and transgender.
2. Not be a prior Project LEAP graduate.
3. If the applicant is a prior LEAP graduate, they may be selected for the 2014 cohort if they have not been appointed to the Planning Council following LEAP participation and if space in the class is available.
4. Be available for the 2015 Project LEAP class schedule.
5. Have the ability to commit to Project LEAP expectations in regards to class participation, activities, and homework assignments.
6. Demonstrate an interest in planning HIV services in the Houston EMA. Students should have an understanding of the expected roles of Project LEAP graduates in local HIV prevention and care services planning.
7. Demonstrate an interest in volunteerism, advocacy, and other types of community involvement. If possible, have a history of past volunteerism, advocacy, and/or community involvement.
8. Demonstrated interpersonal skills consistent with successful participation in Project LEAP, such as ability/willingness to work in a team, effective communication skills, etc.