

Part A Planning Councils – Why Join CAEAR Coalition?

By definition, Planning Councils are local. They provide the community and consumers oversight and set priorities for local allocation of Ryan White funding. But members of planning councils have few opportunities to learn from other cities and regions, and even fewer opportunities to be heard in the halls of Congress. Planning Council membership in CAEAR Coalition strengthens local advocacy work and provides a crucial voice in the national debate: representatives of planning councils who attend CAEAR meetings and Hill visits return to their community with vital information about trends and direction of the Ryan White program. Because many planning council representatives in CAEAR Coalition are people living the HIV/AIDS, they can make a compelling and personal case to key legislators.

“Our planning council is so much stronger because of our CAEAR Coalition membership. We are able to see the national and regional differences in planning councils, and discuss best practices with other councils. Representing my planning council in CAEAR Coalition has helped me find my voice as a person living with HIV/AIDS and taught me the power of my personal story in shaping national public policy.”

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Complete the **Join and Payment Form** to become a member of the CAEAR Coalition, the united voice for the Ryan HIV/AIDS White Program. Questions? E-mail info@caear.org or call 202-789-3565.