CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis HIV/AIDS Bureau Updates

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People

HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau Vision and Mission

Vision

Optimal HIV care and treatment for all to end the HIV epidemic in the U.S.

Mission

Provide leadership and resources to advance HIV care and treatment to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities for people with HIV and affected communities.

Session Agenda

Federal Collaboration

Policy Highlights

Program Activities

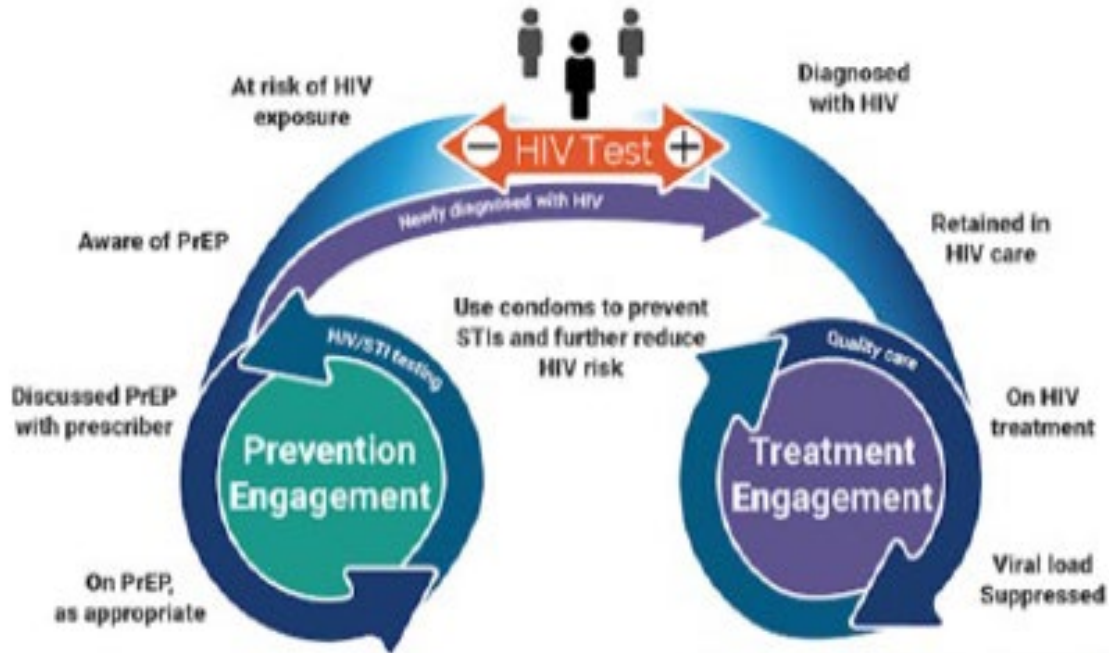Data Update

EHE Activities and Data

HRSA HAB's Federal Collaborations

A Status-Neutral "Whole Person" Approach to HIV

Status Neutral High-Impact HIV Prevention

- RWHAP legislation provides funds to be used for the care and treatment of *people diagnosed with HIV*

- HAB encourages recipients to leverage the existing RWHAP infrastructure
  - Risk reduction counseling
  - Targeted HIV testing
  - Referral to PrEP services

- HAB will continue to work towards linking people with HIV to essential HIV care and treatment, and to support services

Addressing Syndemic: HIV, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis
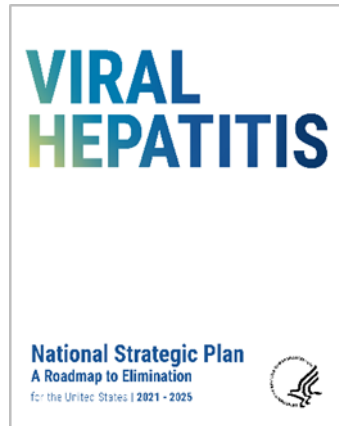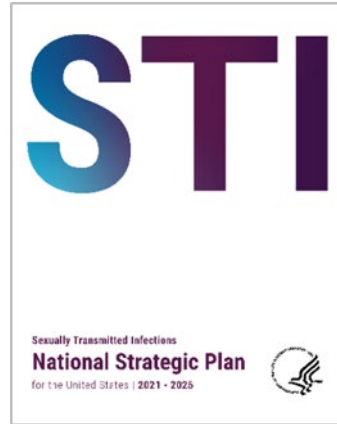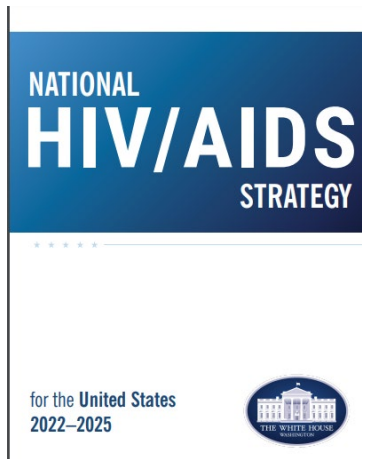
- HRSA has developed an **implementation response** to provide activities in support of the goals of National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and the National STI and Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plans.

- Activities address not only HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs, - but also other components of the syndemics that exacerbate these conditions within certain communities.

NHAS Quality of Life Indicator Workgroup

Purpose: Develop an indicator to measure quality of life for people with HIV

Key points:

- Workgroup membership included ACL, DOJ, CDC, HRSA, NIMH, NIAID, and SAMHSA
- Co-chaired by CDC and HRSA
- Accelerated timeline to complete work
- Utilized existing datasets to identify indicator and future actions
- Community engagement conducted in late February 2022

NHAS Quality of Life Indicators

Quality of Life Indicators address:

- Self-rated health status
- Mental Health
- Food insecurity
- Employment status
- Unstable Housing or Homelessness

Policy Highlights

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Unwinding

- The HHS Secretary may, under section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, determine that: (a) a disease or disorder presents a public health emergency (PHE); or (b) that a public health emergency, including significant outbreaks of infectious disease or bioterrorist attacks, otherwise exists.

- Duration and Notification:
  - 90 days, but may be extended
  - Congress must be notified of the declaration within 48 hours, and relevant agencies
  - Prior to issuing declaration, the Secretary should consult with public health officials as necessary

- As a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the HHS Secretary issued the PHE declaration on January 31, 2020.

- On March 3, 2022, CMS released updated guidance regarding redeterminations of Medicaid beneficiary eligibility for when the PHE ends. The updated guidance provides planning and reporting tools to assist states as they transition back to pre-PHE Medicaid eligibility and enrollment operations at the end of the PHE.

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Phase 1: Preparation—Get Ready to Renew Now

- As the COVID-19 PHE comes to an end, state Medicaid agencies will restart yearly Medicaid eligibility reviews.

- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients and clients enrolled in Medicaid should:
  - ✓ **Prepare** for the renewal process to not risk a gap in Medicaid or coverage
  - ✓ Focus on **client awareness and education**
  - ✓ Strike a tone of **positive action** in communications to clients

- RWHAP recipients should ensure that clients are aware of the renewal process by:
  - ✓ Updating contact information
  - ✓ Checking mail for renewal forms
  - ✓ Completing renewal forms

Phase 2: Coverage

- If a client is eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, RWHAP recipients and subrecipients must help the client **renew and maintain coverage**.

- If a client is ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP, RWHAP recipients and subrecipients must help the client **transition and enroll in the best alternate coverage they are eligible for** at the time they go through the unwinding process.

- Possible forms of coverage available: an employer-sponsored plan; Medicare; insurance plans, including those available through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace.

RWHAP recipients and subrecipients must maintain policies and document their efforts to ensure that they **assist clients to vigorously pursue enrollment in health care coverage**

[Determining Client Eligibility & Payor of Last Resort in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: Policy Clarification Notice 21-02]

Gender Affirming Care Activities in the RWHAP

- Gender affirming care presentations at the 2022 NRWC.
- Collaborating with other federal partners to integrate and consolidate gender-affirming care resources and leverage expertise across various agencies.

Training

Education

Policy

Funding

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Notable Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Activities

Promoting Health Equity

Engage the Community: We engage community directly, have developed a community engagement framework, and the RWHAP legislation has requirements for community engagement and partnership.

Utilize data: We use data to inform decision making to address health disparities, and the RWHAP legislation requires the same of our recipients.

Support Continuous Quality Improvement: We help our recipients set goals, monitor performance measures, and oversee quality improvement projects.
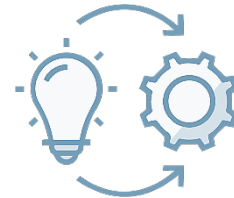
Employ Implementation Science: We use implementation science in practice, program, and policy. This includes:
- ✓ Collating and disseminating evidence-informed interventions
- ✓ Building capacity of community-based organizations

Service Delivery: The RWHAP addresses Social Determinants of Health such as housing, food, and transportation, as well as clinical services.

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Monkeypox (MPx) Updates

Supporting RWHAP Recipients and Subrecipients

- Distributed a Dear Colleague Letter on MPx to RWHAP recipients and subrecipients on **August 8, 2022:** https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/ryanwhite/grants/monkeypox-guidance-dear-colleague.pdf

- Created a Monkeypox Information web page on the HAB website that houses HHS, CDC, and HRSA resources on MPx

Next Steps

- MPx vaccines and treatment are being provided by the U.S. federal government

  - HRSA received a limited number of the JYNNEOS vaccine for rapid distribution to RWHAP recipients

- RWHAP providers should work with their state/territorial health departments to access MPx vaccines
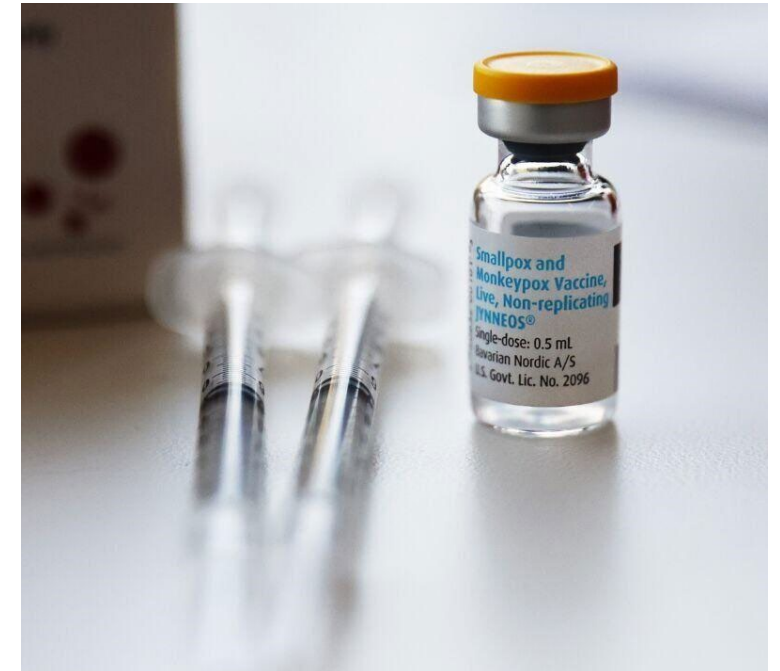
2022 National Ryan White Conference

- **> 350** abstract submissions led **160** concurrent breakout sessions

- **8,944** registrants

- **30,482** attended concurrent breakouts over the four days

- **86** poster sessions

Conference Participant Reactions

"Very good Plenary session." Michelle A Bryant

"Such a wealth of resources to learn from during this conference. Thanks you HRSA/NRWC 2022." Larry Zayas

"Great conference!! It was my first time but next year I'm going to be ready!! Thank you!" Lydia Harris

"There are so many wonderful break-out session. I'm like a kid in a candy store" Norma Piel-Brown

"Just watched the interview with Ryan's mom. Very touching story." Aaron Harris

"Today's Community Engagement plenary session was an amazingly powerful and insightful presentation." Donald Cherry

"This is my first #RWNC, it's truly amazing. Looking forward to connecting with attendee's & hearing their stories." Jonathan Dixxon

"The Virtual 2022 National Ryan White Conference was great! Amazing job!" Maribel Rodriguez

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Recent Technical Expert Panels (TEPs)

- **Implementation Science** (June 1-2)

- **Health Information Technology Technical Expert Panel** (July 26-27)

- **Optimizing HUD-assisted Housing among People in Need of HIV Care and Prevention Services** (August 1-2)

Recently Funded Initiatives and Activities

- **SPNS Emerging Strategies to Improve Outcomes for People Aging with HIV** *(8/1/22-7/30/25)*
  - Health Research Inc./NY State Health Department
  - National Option Research Center

- **SPNS Telehealth Strategies to Maximize HIV Care** *(8/1/22-7/30/25)*
  - John Snow, Inc. (JSI)

- **SPNS Supporting Replication of Housing Interventions in the RWHAP (SURE)** *(8/1/22-7/30/26)*
  - The Corporation for Supportive Housing
  - Boston University

- **Increasing Uptake of Long-acting Injectable Antiretrovirals Among People with HIV (MHAF)** *(9/1/22)*
  - Columbia University

RWHAP Part D Communities of Practice

- **Purpose: Facilitate the delivery of evidence-informed interventions and promising strategies to improve family-centered services to WICY with HIV in HRSA-funded RWHAP Part D provider organizations and HRSA-funded organizations serving similar populations.**

- **The Communities of Practice will focus on three important areas:**
  - Youth transitioning from youth services to adult care
  - Trauma informed care
  - Pre-conception counseling, including sexual health

- **Period:** 2023-2026

AIDS Education & Training Centers Program (AETC)

Release of NOFOs for the Regional AETC and National Coordinating Resource Center (NCRC) in late 2023 with start dates of July 2024

Goals

- Increase size and diversity of workforce
- Make sure the HIV care workforce remains current on HIV care best practices
- Increase integration of HIV prevention and care into primary care sites
- Continue to improve administration of the program

What are some innovative models or strategies for recruiting more diverse health care providers in HIV care?

E2i Project and Toolkits

The E2i initiative was a **four-year** project to facilitate the rapid implementation and evaluation of **11 intervention strategies.**

The **goal** was to understand whether these intervention strategies could improve outcomes for clients in **four focus areas** in Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program settings.

Transgender Women	Black Men Who Have Sex with Men	Integrating Behavioral Health & Primary Care	Trauma-Informed Care
Healthy Divas T.W.E.E.T.	Project CONNECT TMI TXTXT	Buprenorphine CoCM SBIRT	CPT Seeking Safety TIA/CHANGE

Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV (2is)
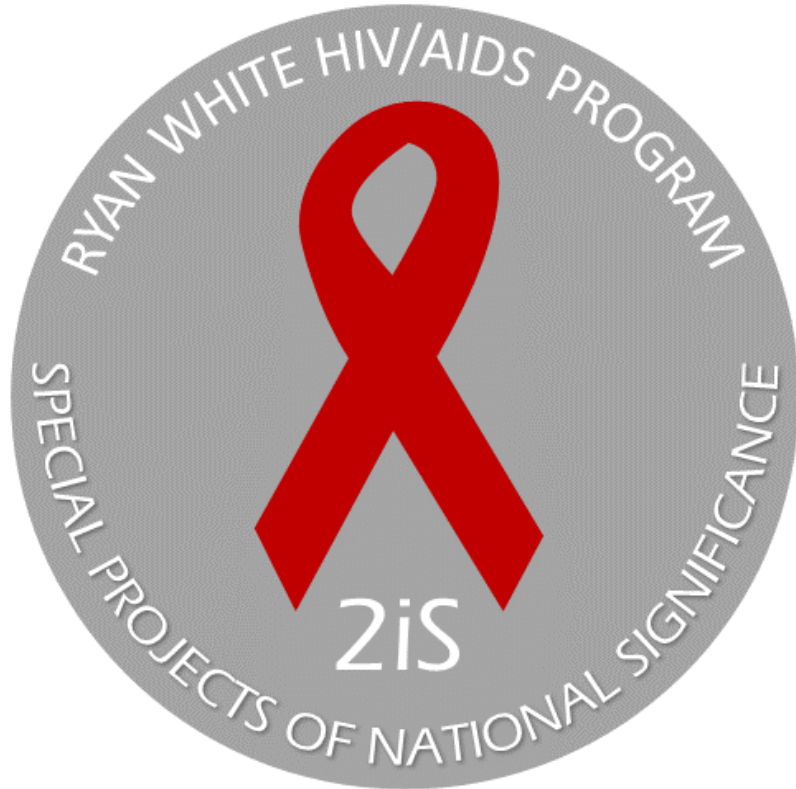
Project Description:

The 2iS initiative is a **four-year** project to facilitate the *rapid implementation* and *evaluation* of **7 innovative intervention strategies**.

The **goal** is to understand whether these intervention strategies can *improve outcomes* for clients in **4 focus areas** in Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program settings.

2iS Focus Areas

LGBTQ+
Youth
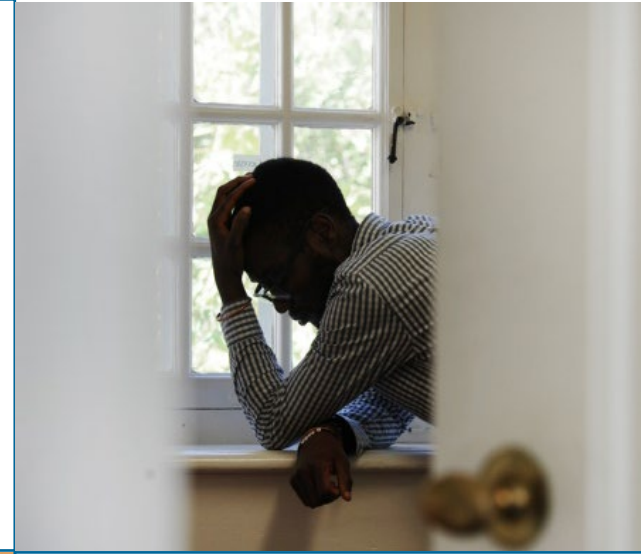
Telehealth

Incarceration
experience

Substance
Use
Disorder

RWHAP Recipient Best Practices Compilation

The RWHAP Best Practices Compilation
gathers and disseminates interventions that improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum.

Search and share today!
targethiv.org/bestpractices/search

RWHAP Best Practices Compilation
TargetHIV.org/bestpractices

Search
The RWHAP community can easily search and identify intervention strategies that have been successful in improving HIV care for clients.

Share
RWHAP-funded organizations can submit information about interventions that have worked in their program to support replication by other RWHAP recipients or subrecipients. **Submit yours today!**
TargetHIV.org/bestpractices/submission-form

RWHAP Best Practices Compilation

The RWHAP Best Practices Compilation is designed to accelerate knowledge sharing and includes:

- Emerging interventions (EIs)
- Evidence-informed interventions (EIIs)
- Evidence-based interventions (EBIs)

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Data Updates

Updated Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Compass Dashboard

- ➤ **User-Friendly**
- ➤ **Interactive**
- ➤ **Visual**

The RWHAP Compass Dashboard allows users to view national-, state-, and metro area-level data and to explore RWHAP client characteristics, and outcomes, including age, housing status, transmission category, and viral suppression.

To access, visit https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/hiv-aids/compass-dashboard
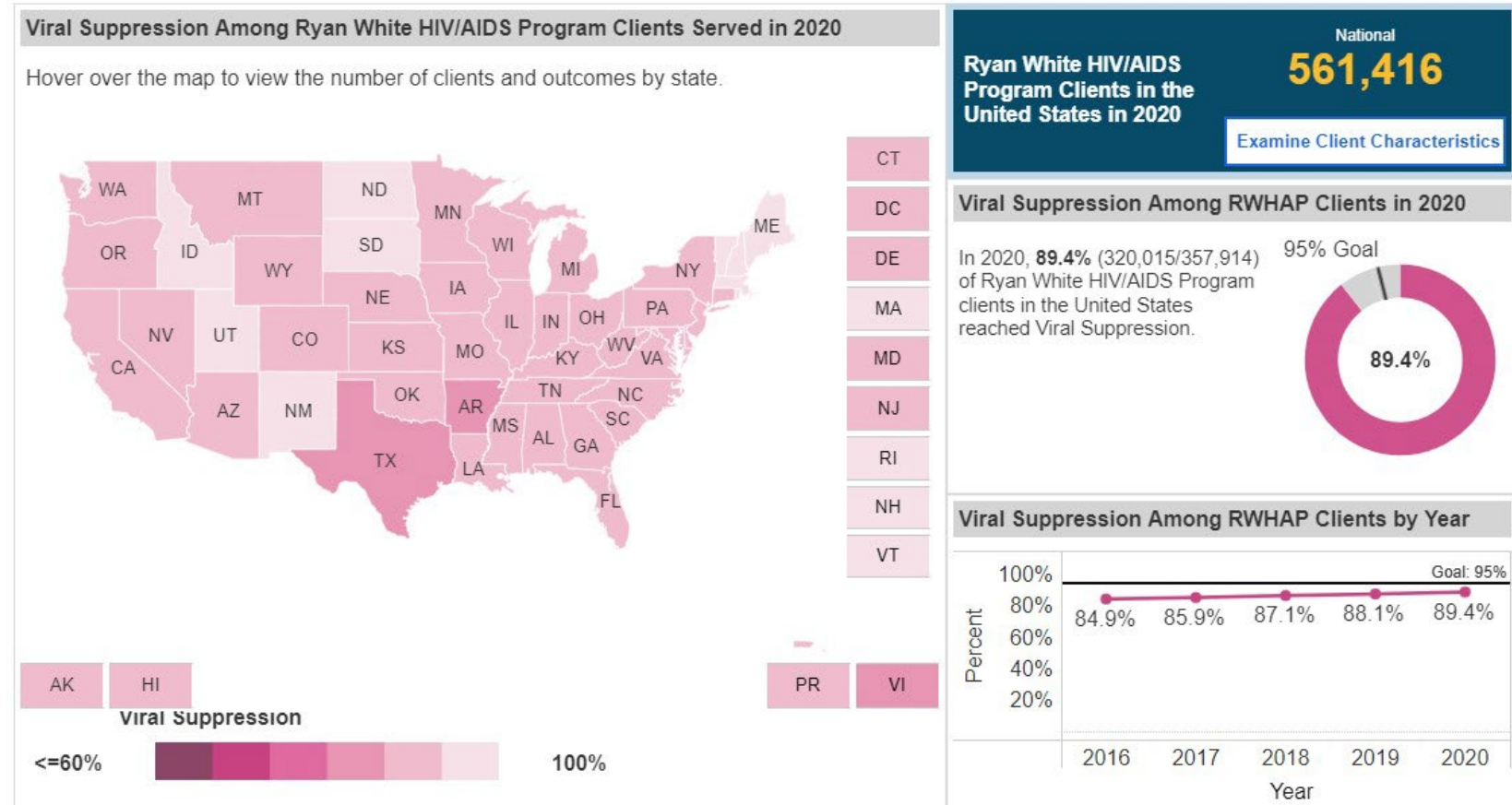
RWHAP Limited Access Compass Dashboard Released

RWHAP Compass Dashboard: Public Access vs. Limited Access

Public Access Dashboard
Jurisdictional data: national, state, and metro area
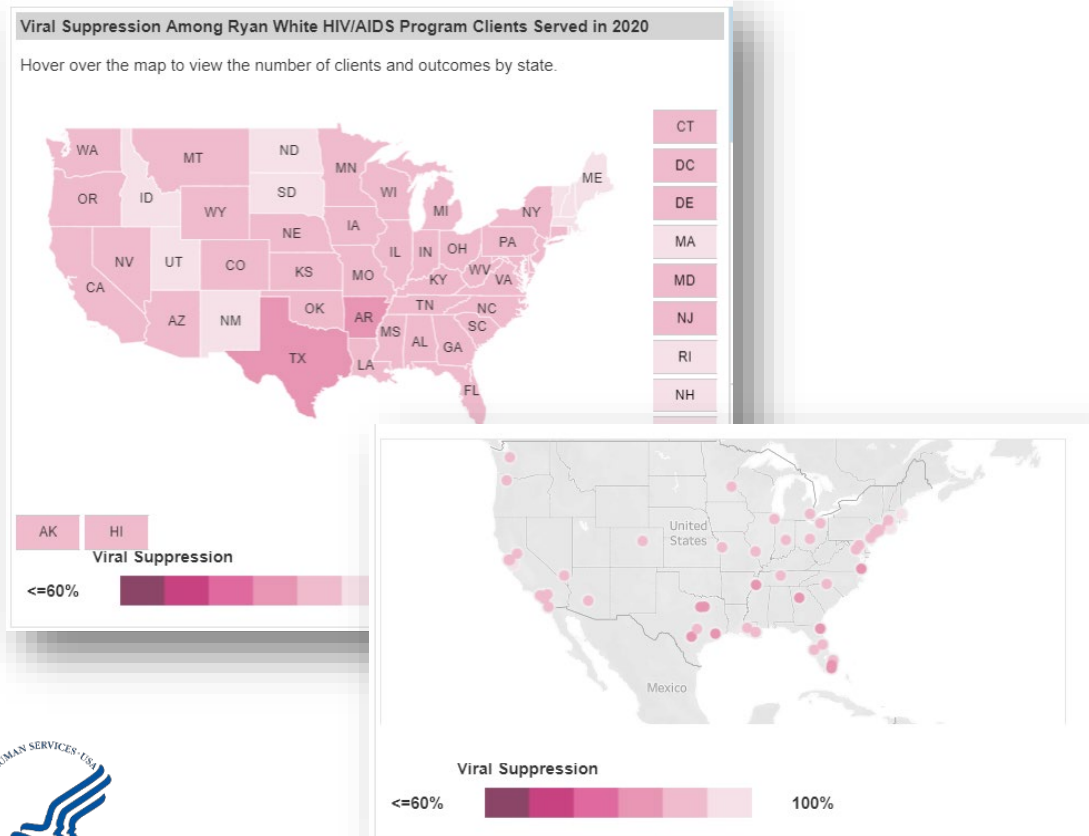
Limited Access Dashboard
Jurisdictional data **AND** recipient and provider data

Project Officer view

Recipient view
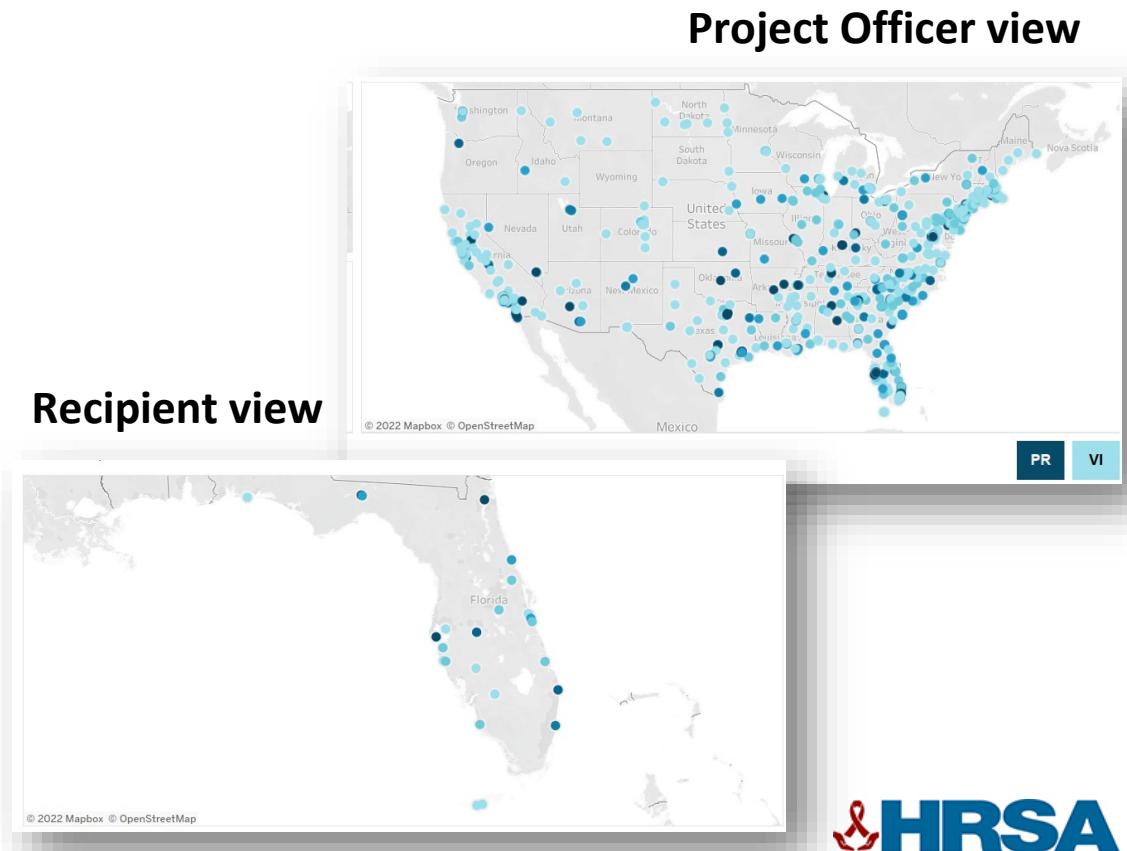
Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. Updates

FY 2022 EHE Activities

Access the new resources:
https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/resources/expert-panel-summaries

- **Site Reviews and Visits**
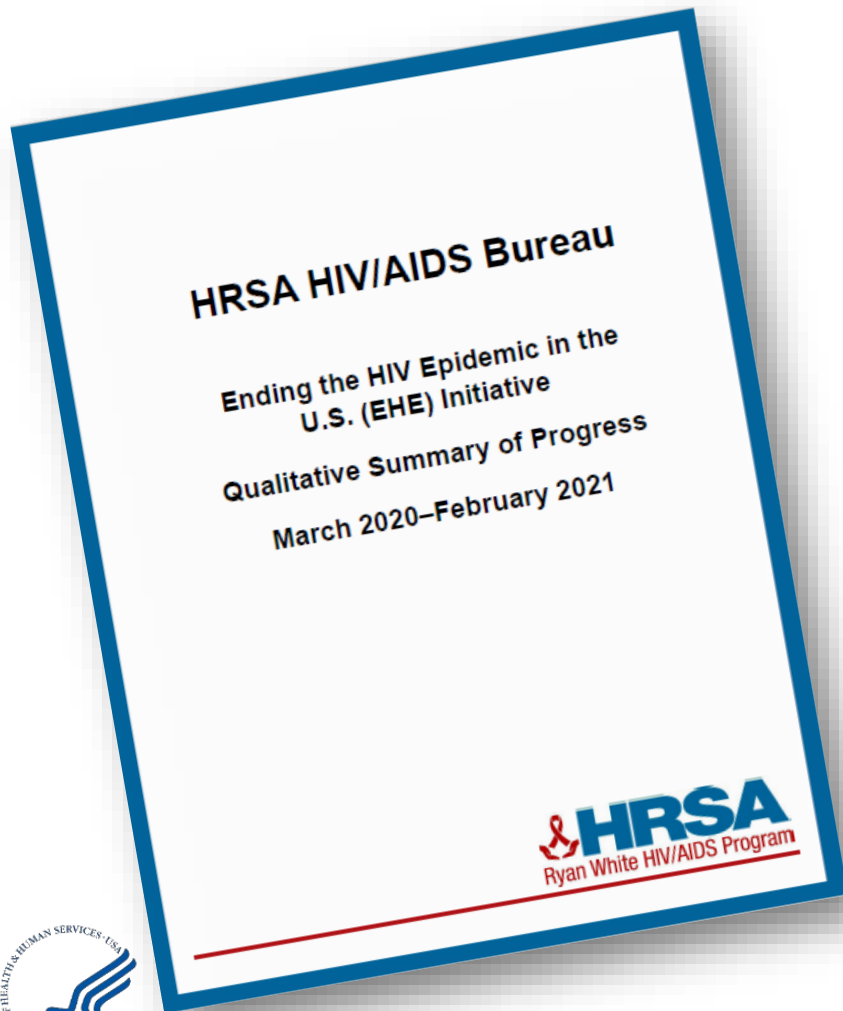 - Completed the site reviews for all 47 jurisdictions
  - Began Comprehensive Site Visits in July 2022

HRSA HAB EHE Qualitative Summary of Progress Now Available

Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) Initiative Qualitative Summary of Progress: March 2020-February 2021

- HRSA HAB's first publication of qualitative data regarding the EHE initiative
- Uses narrative information from EHE progress reports submitted during the first year of the EHE initiative to tell the story of:
  - EHE activities and accomplishments
  - Barriers and challenges
  - Successes, lessons learned, and best practices.
- Will facilitate the dissemination of EHE strategies and activities to the broader network of RWHAP recipients

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