



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



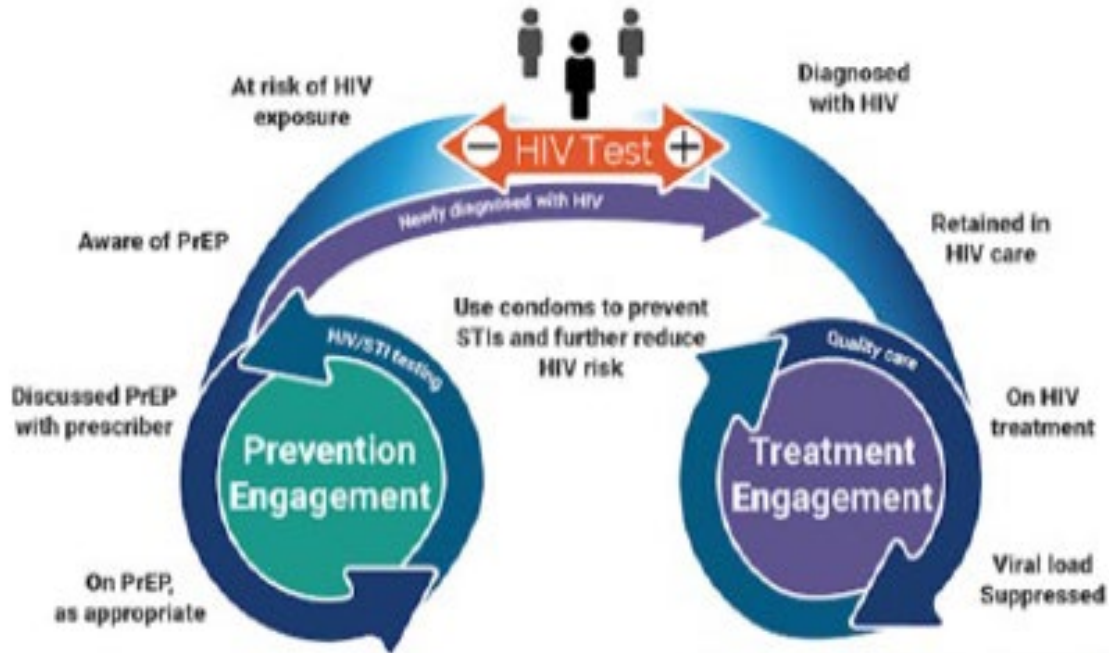
HRSA HAB's Federal Collaborations



A Status-Neutral “Whole Person” Approach to HIV

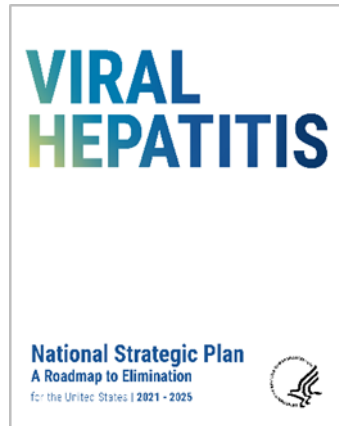
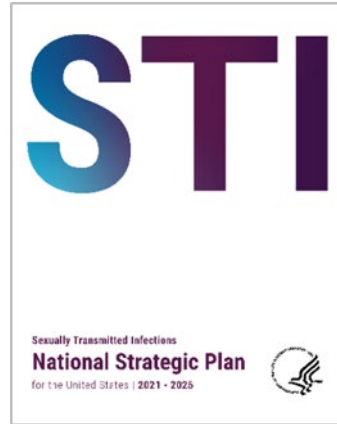
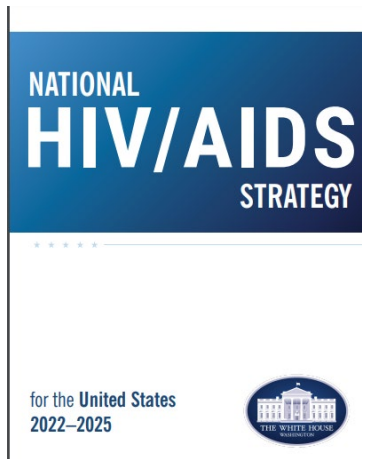
Status Neutral High-Impact HIV Prevention

HIV Status-Neutral Service Delivery Model



- 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.



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.



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.



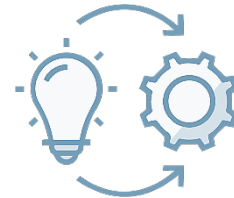
Support Continuous Quality Improvement: We help our recipients set goals, monitor performance measures, and oversee quality improvement projects.



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



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



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

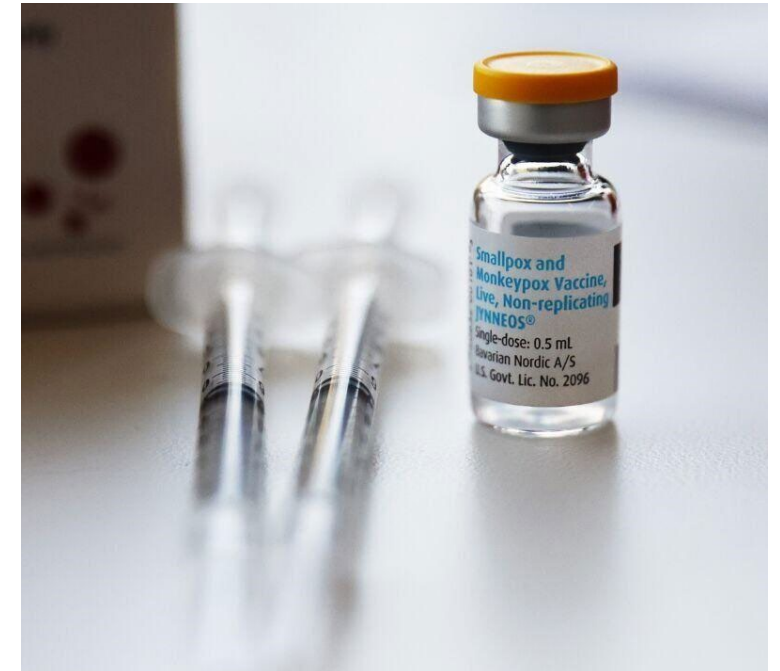
Monkeypox (MPx) Updates

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

NATIONAL RYAN WHITE CONFERENCE ON HIV CARE & TREATMENT



-  **> 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

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

"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 Dixon



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



A SPECIAL PROJECT OF
NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

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**



**Healthy Divas
T.W.E.E.T.**

**Black Men Who
Have Sex with Men**



**Project CONNECT
TMI**

**Integrating Behavioral
Health & Primary Care**



**Buprenorphine
CoCM**

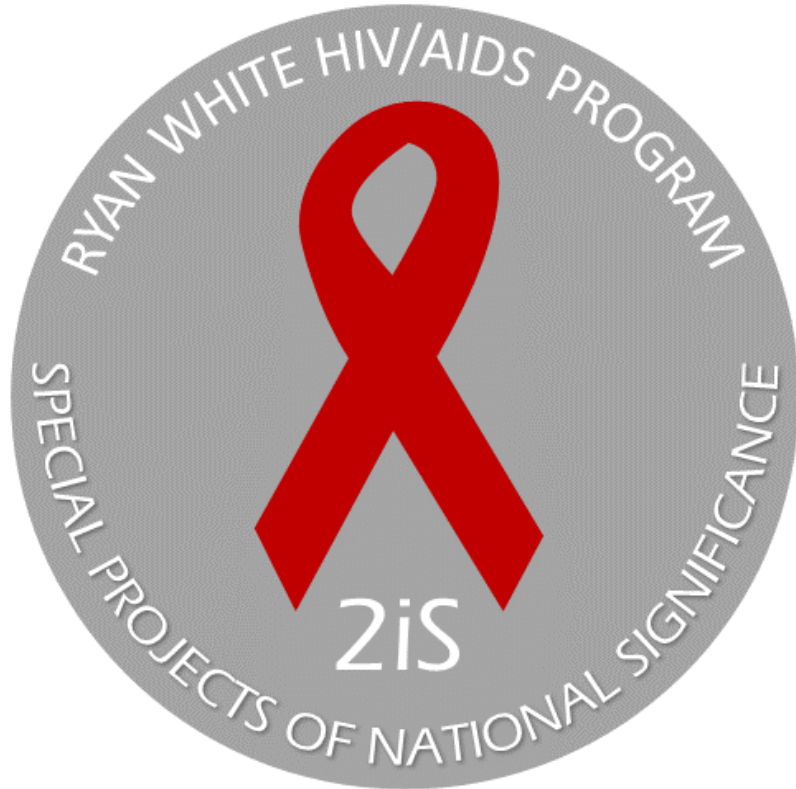
**Trauma-Informed
Care**



**CPT
Seeking Safety**



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



Project Description:

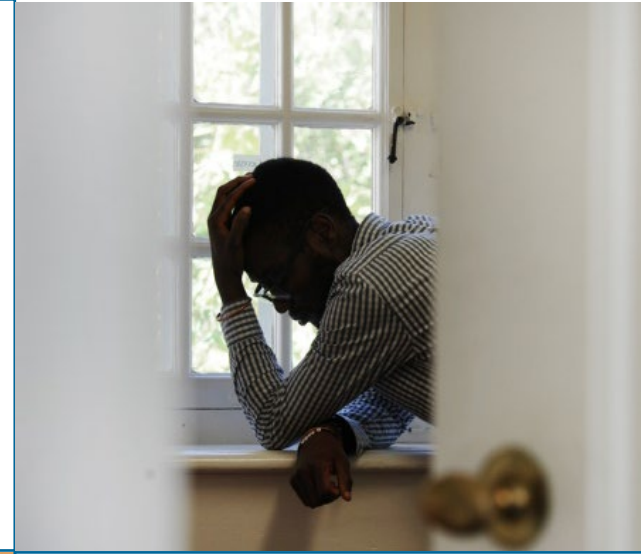
The 2is initiative is a **four-year** project to facilitate the *rapid implementation* and *evaluation* of **7 innovative intervention strategies**.

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](https://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](https://targethiv.org/bestpractices/submission-form)



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RWHAP Best Practices Compilation

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

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



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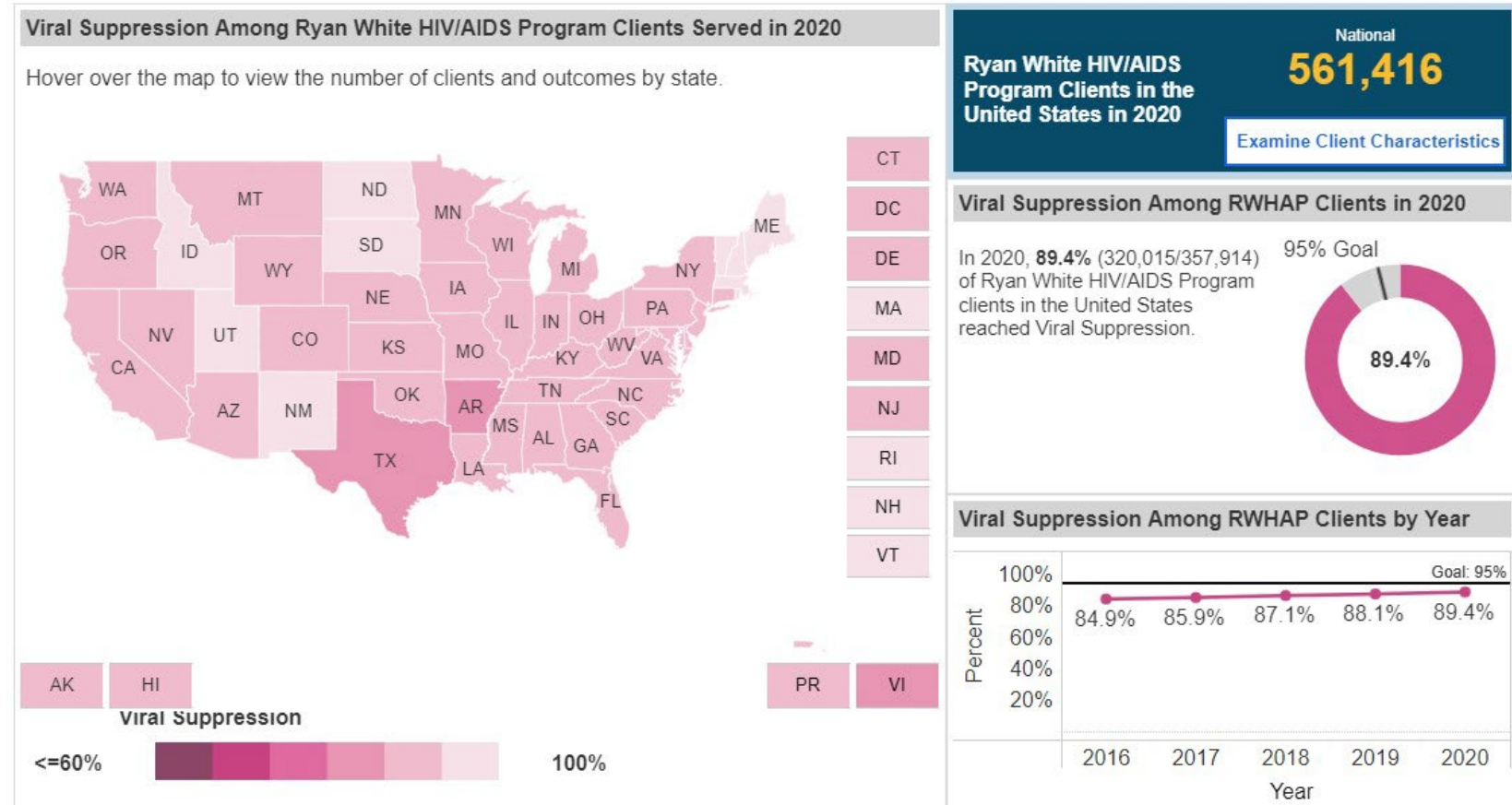
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Data Updates



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

**HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM
COMPASS**

HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Compass Dashboard

Explore the reach, impact, and outcomes of HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)

Understand Outcomes, Demographics, and Performance for Years 2010-2020

Compare RWHAP data by year, state, and jurisdiction

- Impact of the RWHAP**
Explore RWHAP outcome measures by jurisdiction, year, and priority populations
[Impact of RWHAP](#)
- Characteristics of RWHAP Clients**
Explore demographic characteristics of RWHAP clients, by jurisdiction
[Characteristics of RWHAP Clients](#)
- Benchmarking Performance by Jurisdiction**
Summarize RWHAP jurisdictional performance and benchmarking
[Provider Performance](#)

Explore Data on Priority Populations for Years 2010-2020

Compare and analyze data by gender, race, transmission category, age, and other factors

- Outcome Measures by Age**
Compare viral suppression or retention in care for RWHAP clients by age
[Age](#)
- Outcome Measures by Race/Ethnicity**
Compare viral suppression or retention in care for RWHAP clients by race/ethnicity
[Race/Ethnicity](#)
- Outcome Measures by Housing Status**
Compare viral suppression or retention in care for RWHAP clients by housing status
[Housing Status](#)
- Outcome Measures by Transmission Category**
Compare viral suppression or retention in care for RWHAP clients by transmission category
[Transmission Category](#)

RWHAP Services Received for Years 2010-2020

Explore the services provided through RWHAP

RWHAP Services Received
Explore core medical and support services received by RWHAP clients
[RWHAP Services Received](#)

RWHAP AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for Years 2014-2020

Explore the ADAP data

ADAP Client Characteristics
Explore RWHAP ADAP client demographic characteristics by jurisdiction
[ADAP Client Characteristics](#)

More Characteristics

Detailed analysis at the provider/recipient level

Recipient & Provider Characteristics
Explore characteristics of RWHAP recipients and providers
[Recipient & Provider Characteristics](#)

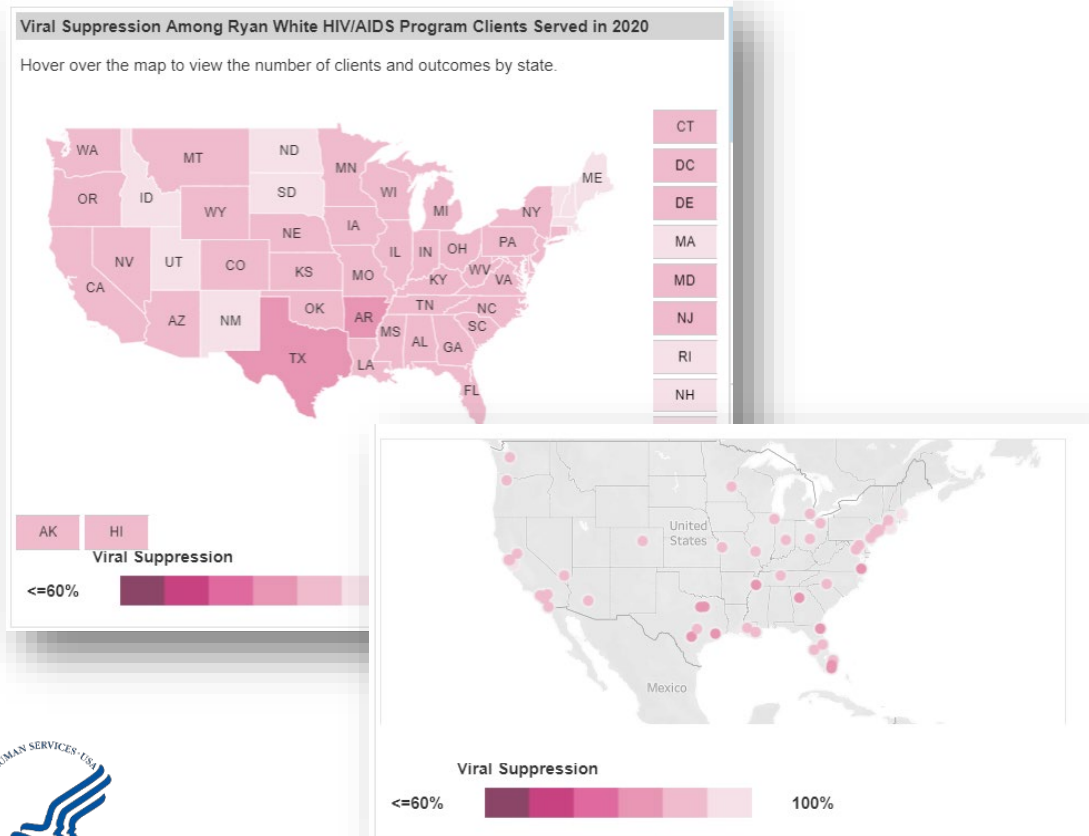


RWHAP Compass Dashboard: Public Access vs. Limited Access

Access

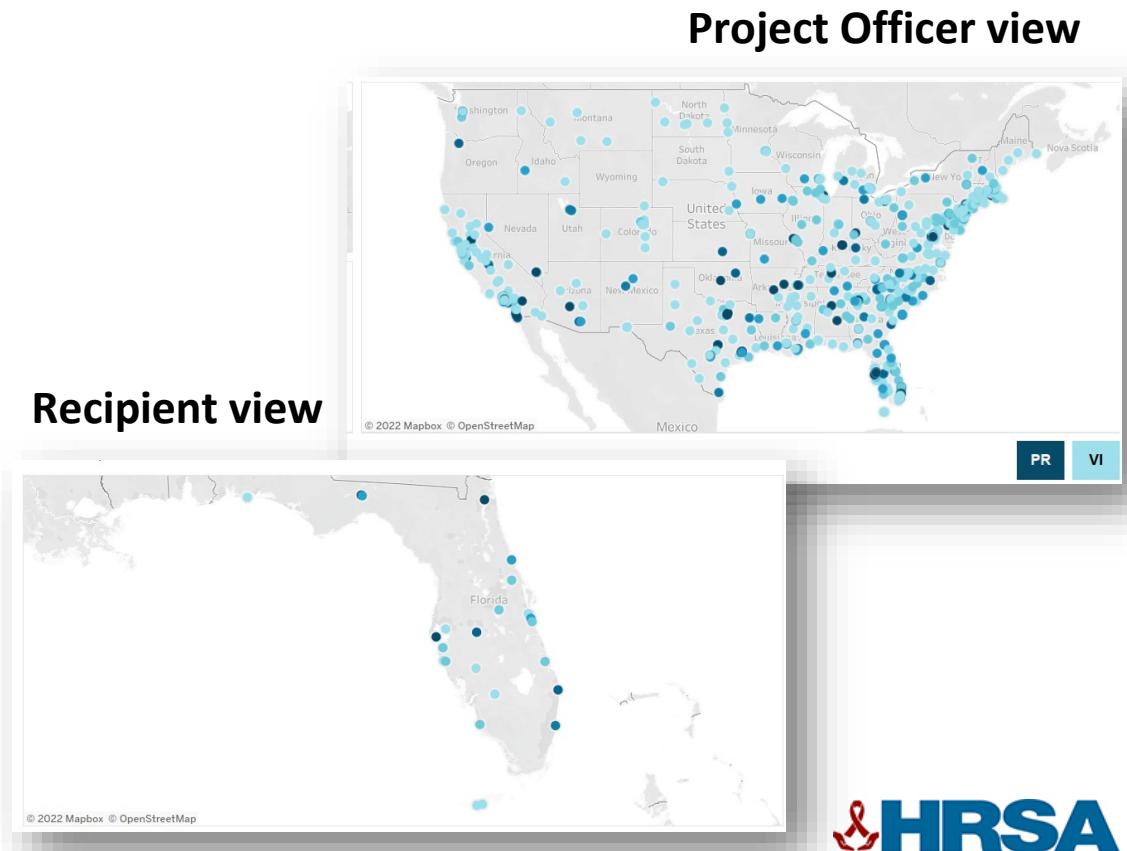
Public Access Dashboard

Jurisdictional data: national, state, and metro area



Limited Access Dashboard


Jurisdictional data **AND** recipient and provider data



Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. Updates



FY 2022 EHE Activities



Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. Initiative 2021 Community Engagement Listening Sessions

Executive Summary

HRSA
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Background
The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) oversees the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) and has a leading role in the *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE)* initiative. Community engagement has been fundamental to HRSA's success since the beginning of the RWHAP. HRSA HAB believes our collective success in meeting the goals of the RWHAP and EHE initiative depends on how well we engage people with HIV and their communities in the planning, development, and implementation of HIV care and treatment strategies.

In 2021, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) hosted 16 virtual *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE)* initiative community engagement listening sessions in the [20 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regions](#). For each region, HRSA HAB offered two sessions: (1) a public health leader roundtable and (2) a community member listening session.

These sessions provided a direct line of communication among HRSA, public health leaders, and community members in EHE jurisdictions. Participants included people with lived experience; healthcare providers; community leaders; and organizations involved in HIV prevention, care, and treatment. In total, more than 1,900 participants attended at least one of the sessions.*

Participants in HRSA HAB's EHE Listening Sessions
Listening session participants included—

- community-based organizations, including organizations focused on housing, mental and behavioral health, youth, and LGBTQ+ support
- state and local health departments
- federal agencies
- Federally Qualified Health Centers and look-alikes
- faith-based organizations
- people with HIV and clients served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) and by HAB EHE recipients
- RWHAP AIDS Education and Training Centers
- other RWHAP organizations
- other individuals who are not captured in the categories above

Leaders from the HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care, the HRSA Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of HIV Prevention also were in attendance.

Listening Session Topics
The listening sessions were guided by questions on the following topics: (1) barriers to and opportunities for effective HIV prevention and treatment; (2) innovative approaches to enhance HIV prevention and treatment; and (3) current and future partners for collaboration outside of the medical and public health communities.

* Please note, this document is a high-level summary of the feedback and suggestions offered during the 16 listening sessions and does not include all of the comments and ideas shared during the sessions.

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■ Site Reviews and Visits

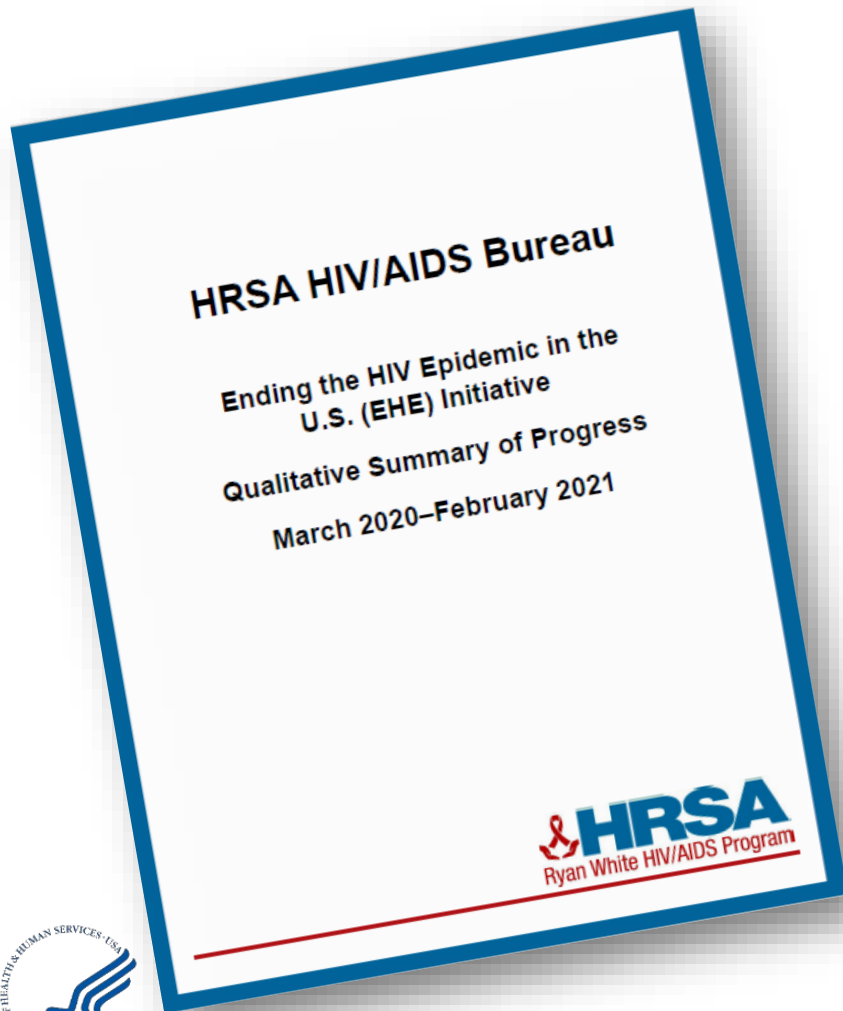
- Completed the site reviews for all 47 jurisdictions
- Began Comprehensive Site Visits in July 2022

Access the new resources:

<https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/resources/expert-panel-summaries>



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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