

# **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program AIDS Education and Training Center Program Overview**

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# Office of Training and Capacity Development

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- **Mission:** Strengthen and transform health care systems by supporting the development of leadership, evaluation, training and capacity development to assure the provision of high quality HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services
- **3 Programs:**
  - AIDS Education and Training Centers Program (AETC Program)
  - Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)
  - Global HIV Program - President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)



# AETC Program Overview

- **Authority:** Section 2692 (42 U.S.C. §300ff-111) and section 2693 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.
- The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F AIDS Education & Training Center (AETC) Program, a national program of **leading HIV experts**, provides **locally based, tailored** education and technical assistance to healthcare teams and systems to integrate comprehensive care for those living with or affected by HIV. The AETC Program **transforms** HIV care by building the capacity to provide accessible, high-quality treatment and services throughout the United States and its territories.
- Special emphasis on clinicians who are themselves of minority racial/ethnic background and/or are serving minority populations, including American Indians/Alaska Natives.



# AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program

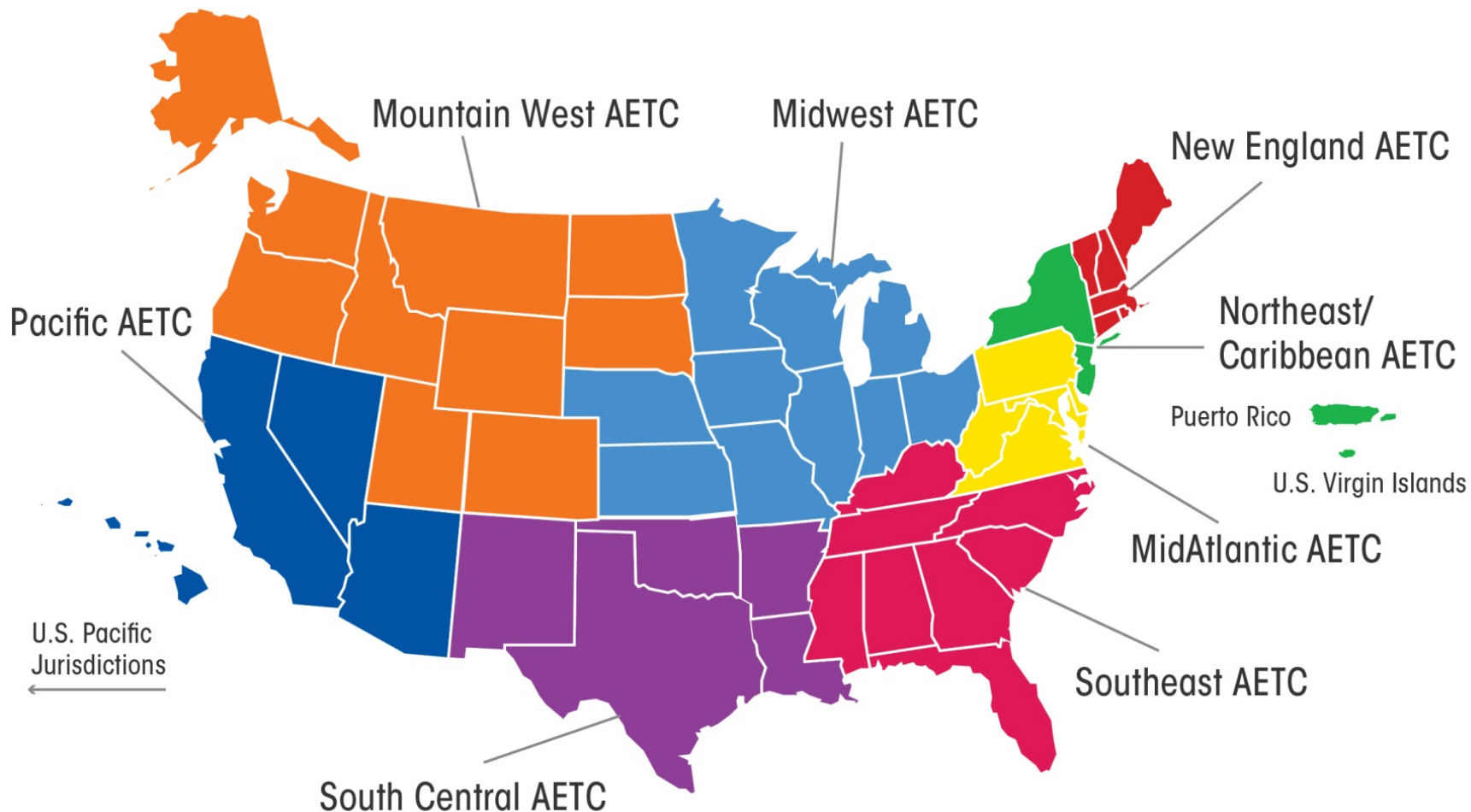
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## Mission:

To increase the number of health care providers who are effectively educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage people with HIV disease, and to help prevent high-risk behaviors that lead to HIV transmission



# Map of the 8 Regional AETCs



# Regional AETC Program Requirements

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**Train and provide technical assistance to health care professionals, interprofessional health teams, and health care organizations on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of HIV disease.**

- Opportunistic infections and other co-morbidities
- Hepatitis
- Noninfectious diseases associated with HIV
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Oral health



# Opportunities for AETC Collaborations with State HIV/AIDS Programs

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- **AETC Needs Assessments**

- Regional AETCs Identified individual and organizational workforce needs within their regions

- **Integrated Health Plans**

- Identified Workforce Needs

- **Practice Transformation**

- Transform and build capacity within selected clinics to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum



# 2015 AETC Needs Assessments - Purpose

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- To assess multiple dimensions of capability/capacity as well as perceived Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) needs and priorities
- To explore multiple dimensions of capacity and readiness of both targeted individuals and organizations that are currently no- or low-volume providers of HIV medical care



# AETC Needs Assessment - Purpose

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- **Identify regional HIV training needs, existing resources, barriers, and gaps within jurisdictions**
- **Help inform development of work plans and training activities**

# Summary of 2015 AETC Needs Assessments

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- **Identify more clinics and novice/low-volume providers who need training on HIV testing, especially in primary care settings**
- **Increase acceptance of HIV testing in both the provider and patient communities**
- **Increased need for training on Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Management and management of HIV/HCV Co-Infection**

# AETC Needs Assessment Continued

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- **Provide targeted trainings and technical assistance for rural primary care providers to build technical and cultural competency to improve People Living with HIV (PLWH) health outcomes**
- **Increase need for training on HIV Prevention and Behavioral Health strategies**
  - ✓ Mental health screening and first line treatment
  - ✓ MAT for substance use
  - ✓ Behavioral health interventions (e.g., motivational interviewing)



# AETC Practice Transformation Project (PTP)

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## Intent:

To increase the size and the strength of the HIV clinical workforce and to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum

## Goal:

To transform selected clinical practices and to build the capacity of the selected organizations to provide quality HIV care



# AETC PTP Continued

- PT Coach conducts needs assessment of health care site and develops PTP goals in conjunction with site
- Provides **mentoring** and **coaching** services for participating sites in the evolution of their HIV care delivery systems
- PT Lead Coordinator tracks and coordinates all actions, activities, and outcomes of project
- PT Coach serves as a dedicated facilitator, resource and mentor to the clinic and staff involved in the PTP project



# AETC National HIV Curriculum (NHC)

Free online CME/CEU training for physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and pharmacists includes:

[www.aidsetc.org/nhc](http://www.aidsetc.org/nhc)

- Six modules on HIV diagnosis, care, and treatment
- Novice to expert clinicians, faculty, and students
- Clinical screening tools and calculators
- > 400 interactive self-assessment questions
- Modular learning in any order
- Easy to use antiretroviral medication guide and references
- Clinical challenges



# HIV/HCV Co-infection: An AIDS Education & Training Center (AETC) National Curriculum

<https://aidsetc.org/hivhcv>

- Evidence-based online curriculum consisting of six core competencies for providers treating co-infected people living with HIV (PLWH)
- Provides training on HIV and Hepatitis C virus (HCV) co-infection among people in the United States and its territories
- Provides training on HCV prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment
- Health care providers and trainers of health care providers



# National Clinician Consultation Center

University of California at San Francisco - [nccc.ucsf.edu](http://nccc.ucsf.edu)

**Free** expert clinician consultation to healthcare providers through phone and e-consultation

- **HIV Management Warmline:** individualized expert multidisciplinary consultation on HIV care and management
- **Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Warmline:** HIV/HCV co-infection clinical consultation and HCV mono-infection clinical consultation
- **Substance Use Warmline:** individualized national clinical consultation for healthcare providers treating people living with HIV who use/abuse substances or are at risk of contracting HIV due to substance use
- **PEPline:** real time management of post-exposure prophylaxis to HIV, hepatitis and other bloodborne pathogens
- **Perinatal HIV Hotline:** consultation for HIV testing and care during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the postpartum period
- **PrEPLine:** for questions about pre-exposure prophylaxis as a prevention tool
- **e-CCS Online Consultation:** register at [nccc.ucsf.edu](http://nccc.ucsf.edu) to submit questions about HIV management and case-tracking online





# Next Steps

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**RWHAP Part B/ADAP Program Directors should meet with Regional AETCs to discuss activities requiring resources for collaboration based upon:**

- Integrated Health Plans
- Regional AETC Needs Assessments
- Practice Transformation Projects

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# Questions

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