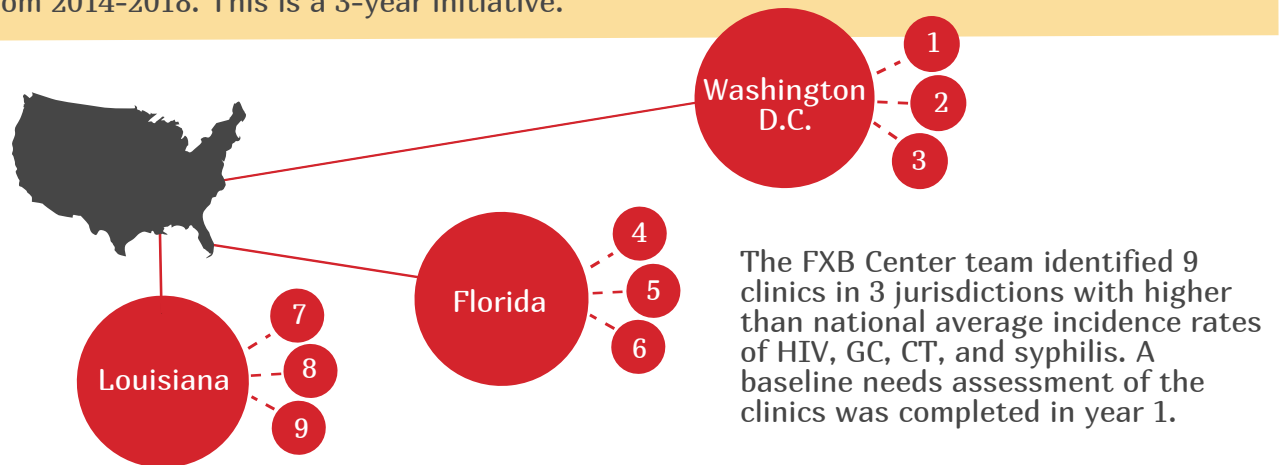


Improving Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Screening and Treatment among People with or at Risk for HIV

Morbidities related to bacterial STIs are higher among people with HIV

In 2018, a Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau Special Project of National Significance project was awarded to Rutgers School of Nursing François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center, Newark, New Jersey, to evaluate interventions to increase routine screening, testing, and treatment of bacterial STIs among people with or at risk of HIV due to consecutive increases in incidence rates in gonorrhea (GC), chlamydia (CT), and syphilis across the United States from 2014-2018. This is a 3-year initiative.



Four evidence-based interventions were selected to implement in each clinic to hopefully increase the rates of routine STI screening:

<p>1</p> <p>Sexual History Taking</p> <p>screening</p> <p>S</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Patient Self-Collection</p> <p>testing</p> <p>T</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Provider Training</p> <p>diagnosis</p> <p>D</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Sexual & Gender Minority Welcoming Measures</p> <p>services</p> <p>S</p>
<p>Using audio computer-assisted self-interview <u>sexual health history</u>, for all patients at each non-acute clinical care/lab visit to identify risk & need for bacterial STI testing</p>	<p>Supporting patient self-collection of recommended urine & extragenital site GC/CT nucleic acid amplification test specimens</p>	<p>Offering health care provider training to utilize state-of-the-science recommendations for diagnosis & treatment (e.g., <u>syphilis staging and treatment</u>, GC, CT)</p>	<p>Integrating welcoming measures & clinical team training to create a clinical safety zone to engage sexual health discussions & provide STI harm reduction services to those at highest risk, including young adults, men who have sex with men & transgender clients</p>

Successful interventions identified through this project will be promoted through a STI screening, testing, and treatment toolkit to assist in their long-term sustainability and dissemination across the United States.