



# Replicating Innovative HIV Care Strategies in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Innovative HIV Care Strategies Using a Comprehensive Approach  
to Address the Needs of Priority Populations

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# Agenda

- *Project Overview*
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- *Intervention Overview*
  - ***The Black Women’s Project*** – presented by: Mr. Erik Moore, the front-line Team, & Dr. Gwen Davies, with Positive Impact Health Centers, Atlanta, GA
  - ***Curing Hepatitis C Among People of Color Living with HIV*** – presented by: Dr. Merceditas Villanueva & Mr. Ralph Brooks, with the Yale School of Medicine AIDS Care Program, New Haven, CT
- *Q&A*
- *Participant Feedback*

# About Integrating HIV Innovative Practices (IHIP)

- **Funding/Administration:** The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part F: Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program administered by HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB).
- **Purpose:** To support the coordination, replication, and dissemination of innovative HIV care strategies in the RWHAP through the development and dissemination of implementation tools and resources.

# Framework for RWHAP SPNS RWHAP

DEMONSTRATE OR IMPLEMENT	EVALUATE & DOCUMENT	COORDINATE, REPLICATE, & INTEGRATE
<p>Fund recipients to respond to emerging needs of people with HIV using evidence-based, evidence-informed, and emerging interventions</p>	<p>Use an implementation science framework to identify effective interventions to improve HIV outcomes among Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients</p>	<p>Develop guides and manuals, interactive online tools/toolkits, publications, and instructional materials that describe how to coordinate, replicate, and integrate interventions and strategies for RWHAP providers</p>
<p>Fund special programs to develop a standard electronic client information data system to improve the ability of recipients to report data</p>	<p>Evaluate and document specific strategies for successfully integrating interventions in RWHAP sites</p>	<p>Streamline access to materials and promote replication through the Best Practices Compilation</p>

# Key Support to RWHAP Providers

- Implementation tools and resources
  - Featuring interventions implemented by RWHAP grant recipients/subrecipients
- Capacity building technical assistance (CBTA) on featured interventions
- Support in the development and dissemination of implementation tools and resources
- Email Helpdesk ([ihiphelpdesk@mayatech.com](mailto:ihiphelpdesk@mayatech.com))

Check out [TargetHIV.org/IHIP](https://www.targethiv.org/IHIP)

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Beautifull is a Community Health Worker with decades of experience working with the transgender community and individuals living with HIV.



**Sevyn Jones, MPH:**  
Sevyn is a Data Analyst and a current MPH candidate with over 7 years of experience working in HIV patient and health advocacy.

**Gwen Davies, PhD:**  
Gwen is a Licensed Psychologist and acted as the Principal Investigator for the Black Woman's Project. She has over 20 years of experience working with individuals living with HIV.



**Letitia Burr, MSW:**  
Letitia is an Intensive Case Manager with 24 years of experience working with clients experiencing Domestic Violence and Mental Health needs.

**Erik Moore, MSW:**  
Erik is Medical Case Manager with 12 years of experience working with homeless populations and people living with HIV. This is the second SPNS Initiative that he has managed.



# Project Overview

- Black Women's Project was supported by a RWHAP Part F: SPNS Grant "Black Women First Initiative."
- Other funding that supports clients in the program included: RWHAP Parts A, B and C, and 340B Ryan White Pharmacy Program
- AIDS United funding of TransLife Care Initiative
- The priority population is Black women (cis and trans) with HIV
- This program specifically serves Black women with high need for wraparound care in order to maintain overall health and undetectable HIV viral load

# Overview: Recipient-Sites



Positive Impact Health Centers (PIHC) is an HIV services agency with three site locations, in the metro Atlanta Georgia area, serving 10,000 people per year with HIV care and prevention services. PIHC improves health outcomes through coordinated HIV care, behavioral health services, substance use counseling, case management and peer navigation services.

***Our mission is Patient-centered care for the HIV community to create a life worth loving.***

# Overview: Black Women First Initiative

The Black Women First Initiative is based on substantial evidence that Black cisgender and transgender women are disproportionately affected by HIV. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), black cisgender women make up 57% of all cisgender women newly diagnosed with HIV. Transgender women have the highest rate of HIV prevalence with some estimates as high as nearly 50 times that of other adults. The Black Women First Project focused special priority on the Transgender population at PIHC.

Reasons for these poor outcomes include:

- HIV stigma
- Need for childcare
- Higher levels of depression and trauma
- Poverty
- Effects of institutional racism

# Project Goals and Outcomes

The overall goal of the Black Women's Project was to provide **90%** of the clients with bundled interventions such as:

- Trans-Life Care
- Intensive Case-management
- Cognitive Process Therapy

During the program **90%** of retained clients achieved viral suppression

- The Black Women's Project served **113** clients with case management and a minimum of one other bundled intervention
- **58** Black transgender women living with HIV received trans-specific services through Trans-Life Care
- **76** Black cisgender and transgender women living with HIV received mental health services that include cognitive processing therapy (CPT) for PTSD

# Intervention

Bundled interventions offered in the Black Women's Project include:

## ***Peer/Patient Navigation***

Provided by case managers and CHWs

## ***IPV/Domestic Violence (DV) Interventions***

Provided by case managers and outside IPV/DV providers

## ***Self-Efficacy***

TransLife Care services are provided by the internal Gender Inclusivity Team

## ***Trauma-Informed Care***

Provided by behavioral health and well-being clinicians

When applied as a bundle, these interventions work together to:

- **Increase** engagement in HIV care
- **Reduce** stigma
- **Achieve** and maintain viral suppression

Intensive case management:

- **Reduces** barriers to care
- **Satisfies** unmet needs
- **Increases** overall well-being by reducing traumatic distress and providing a path to recovery from substance abuse and IPV

# Intervention: Based on Patient Experience

## Patient comes to PIHC

1. She is identified by rapid entry, a case manager, medical provider, or a mental health provider, as a high-need/acuity Black woman.
2. She is referred to the BWP program.
3. She meets with intake person to get consent, receive description of the program, and do intake.
4. She meets with intensive case manager to reduce barriers to care and connect and coordinate to other needed services.
5. She receives other needed services: peer navigation, trauma informed care (therapy/medication), IPV/DV services, and/or TransLife Care.



# Intake and Eligibility Process

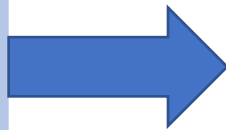
## Centralized Intake/Eligibility Screening for Program

- Eligibility criteria (Black cis/trans women)
- HIV+
- In need of 2 or more bundled services
- Meets RW FPL income restrictions



## Assigned Case Manager

- Biopsychosocial assessment
- Referrals to appropriate internal and external services
- Individual Service Plan (ISP) developed in collaboration with the client



### IPV/DV Services

- Safety Planning
- Abuse Assessment Screen
- Trauma Informed Care
- Referrals to DV Shelters

### Housing

- Housing Assessment
- Homeless Diversion
- Emergency Hotel Lodging
- Permanent Housing

### Behavioral Health

- Therapy
- Psychiatry
- PTSD Assessment

### Substance Abuse

- SA Addiction Screening Tool
- Assessment and treatment
- Harm reduction group
- Intensive outpatient program

### Employment/Income

- Benefits Application(s)
- Employment Referrals

### Clinical Care

- Linkage for newly Dx to services
- Formerly Incarcerated
- Pilot Screen – HIV Treatment Drop Out
- Re-engagement of Lost to Care
- Rx ART
- Viral Load Suppression
- Other medical care needs (Pap, Co-morbidities, etc.)
- Community Health Worker
- Access to Hormone Therapy

### Social Supports/Education

- Groups – Safe Space and Youth
- Volunteering
- Faith Community
- GED/Continuing Education

Intervention Bundles

All services have Trans-Life Care built into the interventions

# Intervention Challenges

- **Recruitment and Retention** – Recruitment was not a challenge, however; we did have some minor retention issues as Atlanta can be a transient city where clients often come and go and fall out of care without warning  
Solution: By helping clients anticipate barriers, case managers helped avoid this barrier by providing transportation and telehealth options
- **Developing an integrated CAB** - Clients preferred to keep separate groups (transgender/cisgender) to maintain the content of the meetings to their specific concerns
- **Transportation** - Atlanta is a sprawling car-dependent metro area and many of our clients do not have access to their own, reliable transportation  
Solution: To provide Rideshare options, telehealth options, gas cards and MARTA cards utilizing other funding (RWHAP/340B)
- **Impact of COVID-19** - Adapting to virtual only access was difficult with patients without consistent Wi-Fi or cell phone data  
Solution: On a limited basis the agency provided cell phones and tablets with data

# Intervention Successes

- 1. *Culturally Tailored Approach:*** A deep understanding of the cultural norms, beliefs and values of Black women
- 2. *Community Involvement:*** Engaging influential figures within the Black transgender community to create a sense of trust
- 3. *Accessible and Equitable Services:*** Ensuring accessible free or low-cost services
- 4. *Insurance Navigation:*** Assist with obtaining health insurance and co-pay/premium assistance so that being insured doesn't result in a new barrier to care
- 5. *Peer Support and Mentoring:*** Implementing the trans-life group where Black women who have successfully managed HIV can offer encouragement and practical advice
- 6. *Comprehensive Education:*** Providing comprehensive education about HIV treatment, IPV prevention and recovery options, trauma-informed care and self-care to empower Black women

# Intervention Successes and Outcomes

- ***Intersectional Approach:*** Acknowledging and addressing the intersectionality of identities
- ***Holistic Health Support:*** Incorporating mental health, sexual health, reproductive health and gender-affirming care (access to HRT) into the intervention
- ***Stigma Reduction:*** Implementing initiatives to reduce HIV-related stigma within the community of Black women
- ***Personalized Care Plans for High Acuity Clients:*** Tailoring the intervention to meet individual needs and preferences
- ***Long-Term Follow-up:*** Establishing a system for long-term follow-up and support to ensure continuity of care and sustained positive outcomes

# Outcomes – Bundled Interventions

<b>Bundled Interventions and Encounters Per Client: (Peer/Patient Navigation, Trans-Life Care, Trauma-Informed Care, DV/IPV Services)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Clients engaged in 2 or more bundled interventions</b>	107	93%
<b>Clients engaged in 3 or more bundled interventions</b>	50	44%
<b>Number of clients engaged in Peer/Patient Navigation services</b>	115	100%
<b>Number of clients engaged in Self-Efficacy / Trans-Life Care services</b>	66	57%
<b>Number of clients engaged in Trauma-Informed Care services</b>	85	74%
<b>Number of clients engaged in IPV Interventions services</b>	25	22%
<b>Average Number of Encounters per client</b>	10.21	

# Outcomes – Trans-Life Care

## TransLife Care Fact Sheet – Past 12 Months

Over the past 12 months, the Gender Inclusivity Team has implemented TransLife Care Interventions with the below noted accomplishments and outcomes. The team provided services to 40% of the BWP enrollees.

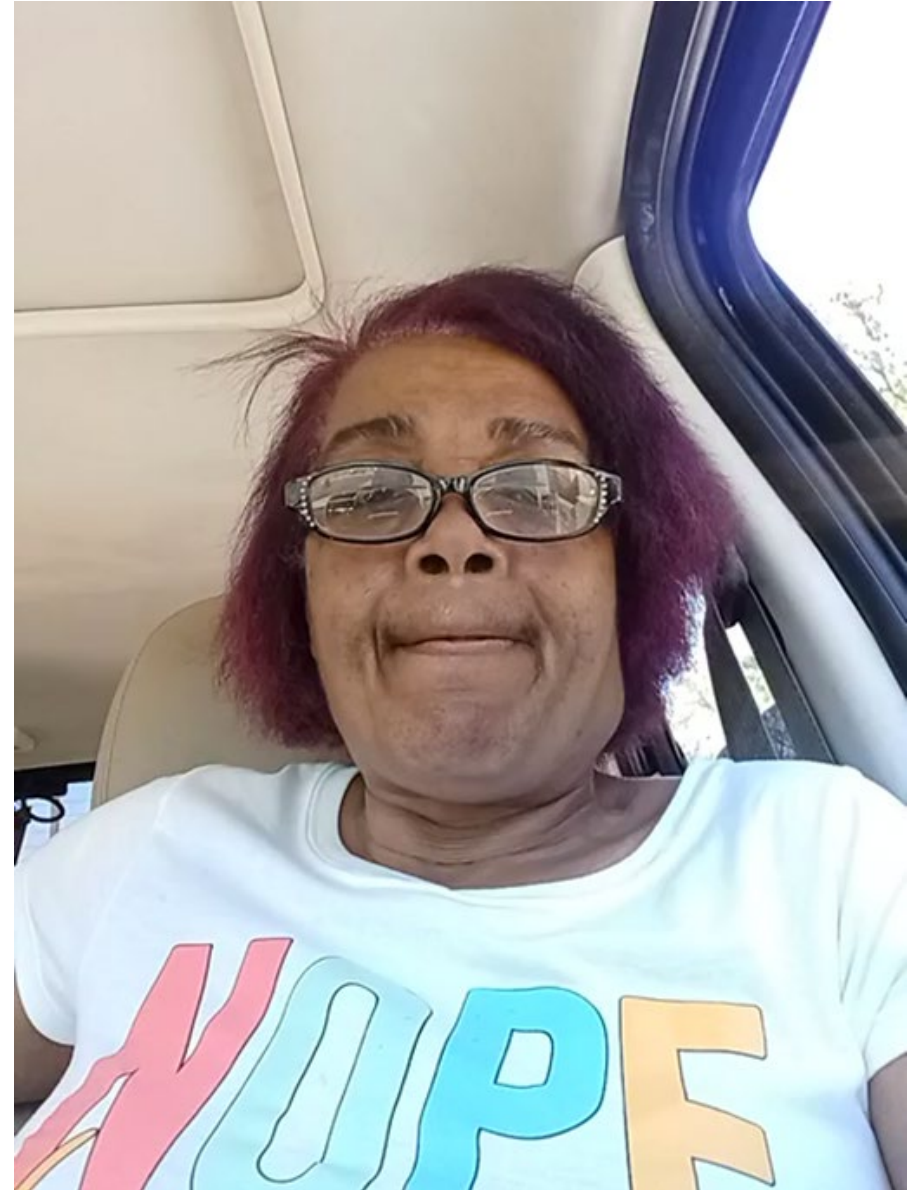
- Launched TransLife Care Drop in Center
- 77% Viral Load Suppression Rate amongst the cohort
- 70% Accessing HRT Services
- Developed support groups and a safe space
- Expanded Staff – Bi-Lingual Case Manager
- Established community outreach efforts at the community ballroom scene

# Client Testimonial

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# Case Study

## **Ms. Jordan:**

- A transgender woman who came to the BWP through an internal referral from a provider at one of our clinics.
- The provider stated multiple barriers to care, as noted below.
- Ms. Jordan was viremic, living with her sister's family and about to be evicted.
- Sister was taking her rent money but not paying the rent.
- No employment or transportation.
- No familial or community support.
- Disability – Cystic Fibrosis.



# Case Study Results

## Engaged in PIHC Services:

- Trans-Life Care Peer Support Groups
- Case Management and CHW Peer Support
- Housing
- Behavioral Health

## Results:

- Obtained her own housing
- Employer provided her with a car, and she drove for the first time –self-taught
- Met a romantic partner
- Currently virally suppressed

# Sustainability

## What has worked?

- Dedicated program staff working as a team, (e.g. Case Manager, Community Health Worker, Mental health providers and trans-life care specialists)
- Meeting regularly to consult on cases
- Having staff that mirrored the population

**What do you plan to discontinue and why?** All interventions were needed to support patients, however, the research component will end

**What do you plan to support and why?** All interventions will be continued. We are seeking agency buy-in to create a dedicated Care Team to serve high-need Black cis/trans women with HIV

**What kind of funding is required to sustain?** PIHC will use 340B revenue to sustain staff and some services

# Sustainability (con't)

PIHC has recently become certified as a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH). In PCMH there is an integrated team, just as in the Black Women's Project, which maintains collaborative contact with each patient assigned to the team.

In effect, the interventions offered are bundled, with each team having a medical provider, a Medical Case Manager, a Behavioral Health Clinician acting as a consultant/provider, and access to a CHW.

# Lessons Learned

Greatest contributor to success is PIHC as a “one stop shop” for HIV medical and social services with a large client population  
Rapid entry clinic

- Case management and peer support
- Pharmacy
- Mental health and substance abuse services
- Food assistance
- Dental clinic

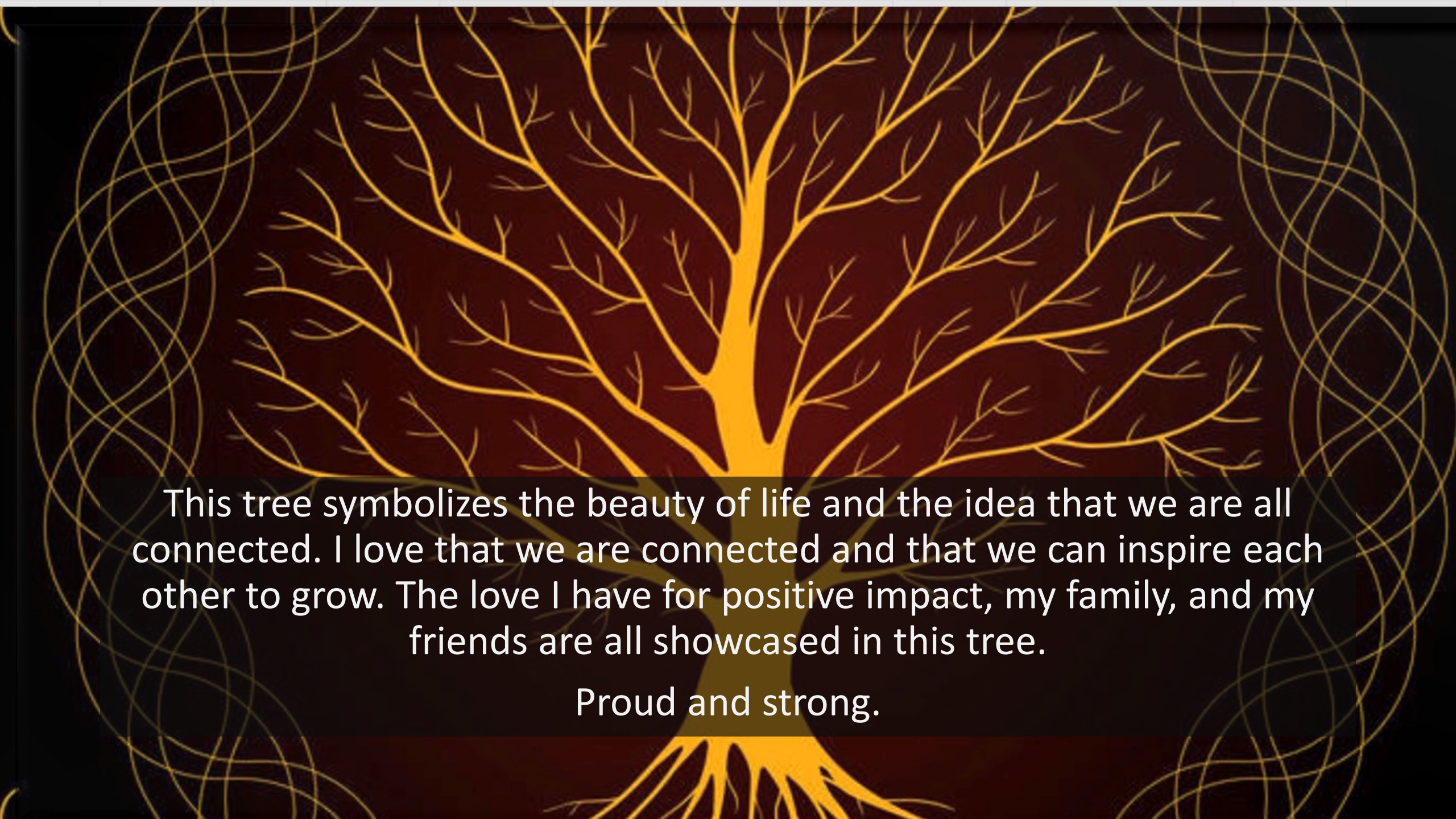
Access to services on this level, and all under one roof, invariably leads to greater retention in care as well as increased medical adherence

# Lessons Learned (con't)

- The company's culture and environment play an integral role in ensuring client satisfaction and retention.
- The welcoming and supportive atmosphere at PIHC sets it apart and makes a significant impact on client outcomes.

Ideally, an agency seeking to replicate our program would be:

- A larger-scale clinic that offers similar services and
- Strong community ties and
- A reputation for inclusivity and social justice



This tree symbolizes the beauty of life and the idea that we are all connected. I love that we are connected and that we can inspire each other to grow. The love I have for positive impact, my family, and my friends are all showcased in this tree.

Proud and strong.

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# Replicating Innovative HIV Care Strategies in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: Creating and Using a Clinic Cascade of Care for HCV Treatment

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# Ralph Brooks, MS

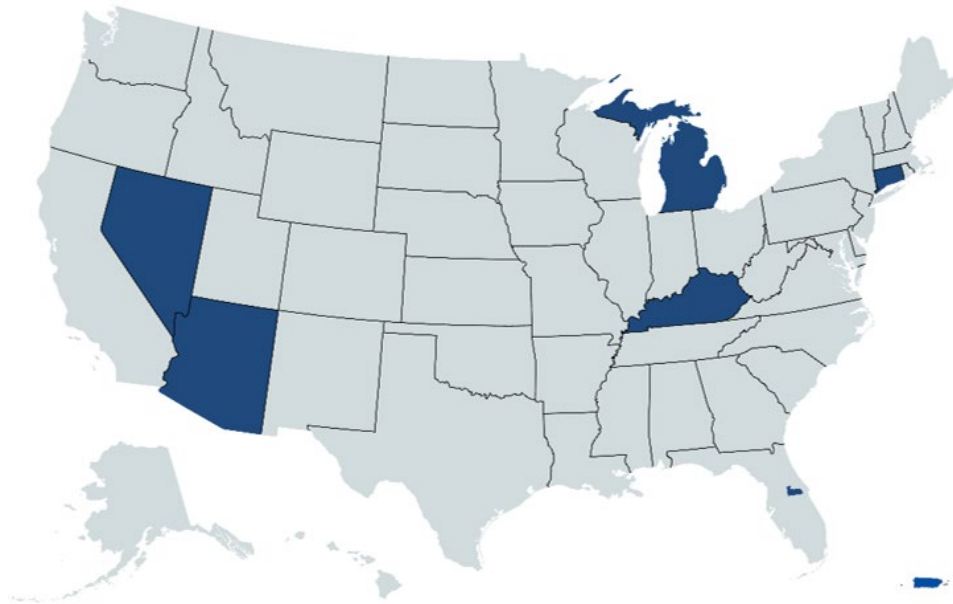


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# Objectives

- Brief overview of the grant goals and participants
- Discuss importance of creation of HCV care cascade
- Demonstrate the case conferencing tool intervention
- Provide a real-world example of the utility of using the tool
- Summarize lessons learned

# HRSA 077 Project Overview: Leveraging a Data to Care Approach to Cure HCV Within the RWHAP: A Multisite Partnership



- HRSA HAB Special Projects of National Significance initiative (9/1/2020-11/29/2023)
- Yale School of Medicine served as the Technical Assistance Provider (TAP)
- 7 participating jurisdictions
- 18 Ryan White Clinics

Jurisdictional Partners: Arizona, Connecticut, Florida (Orange County), Kentucky, Michigan, Nevada, Puerto Rico

# RWHAP Clinics Participating in HRSA 077

**Nevada:** SNHD Community Health Clinic

**Florida:** Sunshine Clinic (Orange County HD Clinic)

**Arizona:**

- El Rio Health
- North Country Healthcare
- Valleywise Community Health Center

**Michigan:**

- Beaumont Medical Center
- Corktown Health Center
- Sunshine Family Care Clinic

**Connecticut:**

- Brownstone Clinic
- Charter Oak Health Center
- Generations Family Health Center
- Trinity Health of New England

**Kentucky:**

- Bluegrass Care Clinic
- LivWell Community Health Services

**Puerto Rico:**

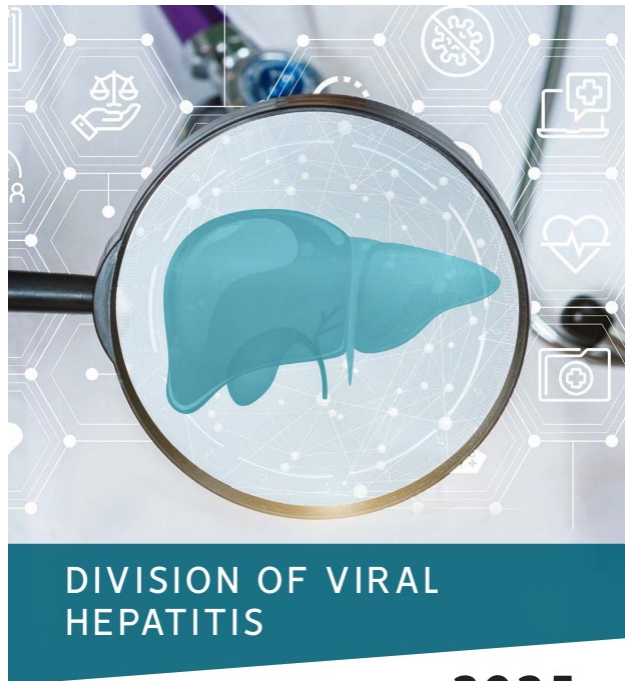
- Bayamon HD Medical Center
- Caguas HD Clinic
- CLETS
- Programa Vida

# Two Main Project Components

1. HCV Clearance Cascades for Co-Infected Individuals
2. Outreach and Linkage to Care



# Significance: HCV Viral Clearance Goal >80%



**2025  
STRATEGIC PLAN**



**The Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan: A Roadmap to Elimination (2021-2025)**

outlines **5** goals for the next **5** years.

	<b>Prevent</b> new viral hepatitis infections
	<b>Improve</b> viral hepatitis-related health outcomes of people with viral hepatitis
	<b>Reduce</b> viral hepatitis-related disparities and health inequities
	<b>Improve</b> viral hepatitis surveillance and data usage
	<b>Achieve</b> integrated, coordinated efforts that address the viral hepatitis epidemics among partners and stakeholders

HepVu.org SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) HepVu

# Why the HCV Clearance Cascade is Important

- Clearance cascade is a TOOL to help visualize diagnosis and treatment milestones
- Identify gaps in care
- Monitor elimination efforts
- Key step in 2025 National Hepatitis Strategy

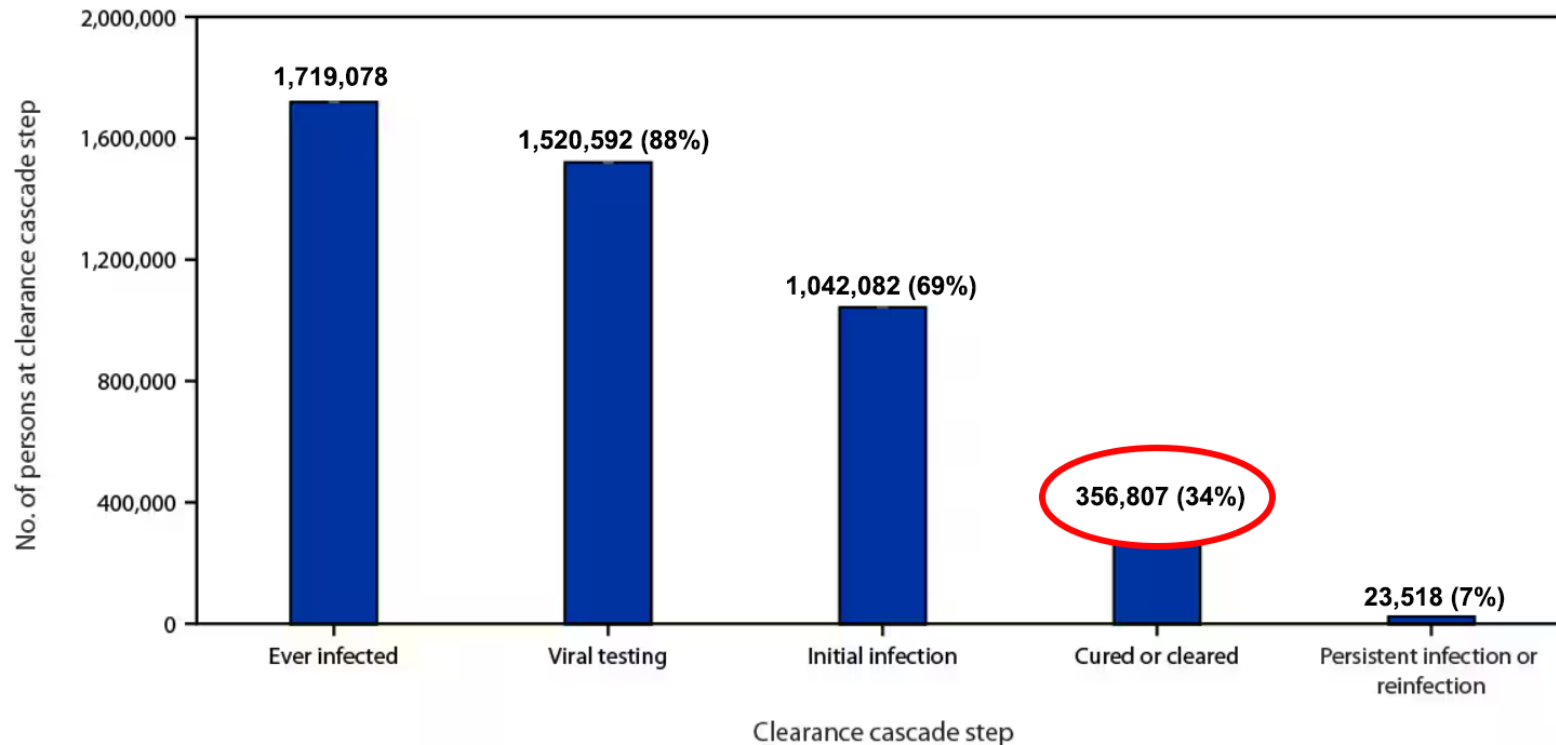
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# Why the HCV Clearance Cascade is Important (con't)

FIGURE 1. Hepatitis C virus clearance cascade using national commercial laboratory data — United States, 2013–2022



Source: Quest Diagnostics (January 1, 2013–December 31, 2022).

Source: MMWR, 2023

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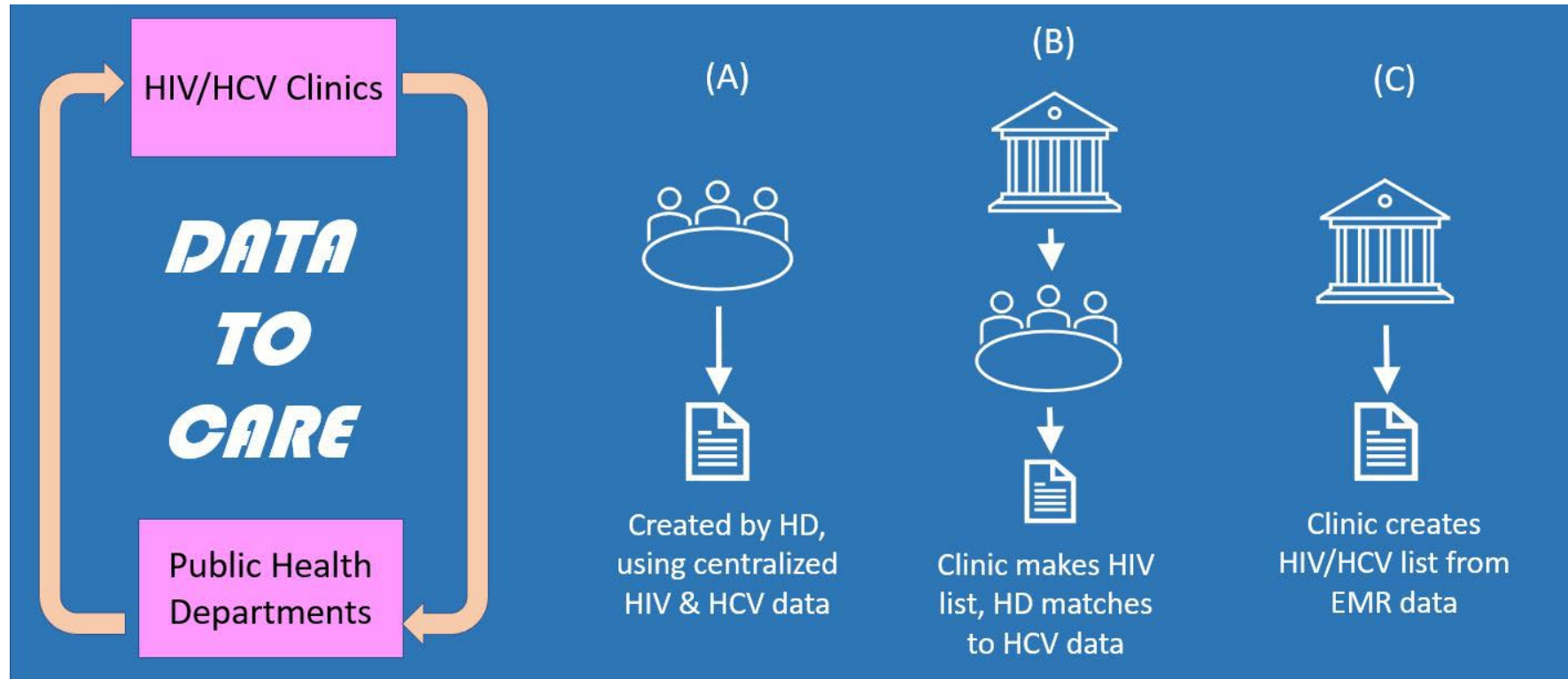
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# Creating a **Clinic** Cascade of Care

## **Promoting Outreach and Linkage to Care**

1. HCV Clearance Cascades for Co-Infected Individuals
2. Outreach and Linkage to Care

# Creating a **Clinic** Cascade of Care: Does the Clinic Have A Working Partnership With The Local Health Department?



Create HIV/HCV  
Co-infected List:  
Different Models

# Case Conferencing Data Tool

- Case Conferencing Data Tool
  - Demographics (for ID matching),
  - Treatment Status
  - Barriers to Care
- Data Tool automatically generates cascades
  - More granular than CDC viral clearance cascades
  - Details of status
- Yellow fields are minimum needed for cascade creation

The screenshot displays a spreadsheet interface with columns A through R and rows 1 through 25. The top section (rows 1-10) contains demographic information: Date of Completion (9/2/2022), Match ID Number, eHARS Number, HCV DataID, First name, Last name, DOB, Birth Year, Age, Sex at Birth, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Street address, City, Zip Code, Phone number, and HIV Dx date. The bottom section (rows 11-25) contains clinical and outcome data: Patient Outcome Category (current), Date of outcome (or date of assignment, if outcome date unknown), Date of SVR (if applicable), Needs Review? (self-populated), Needs Case confintervention? Why?, and Barriers to Care (select). The 'Needs Review?' and 'Needs Case confintervention?' columns contain 'Y' or '0' values. The 'Barriers to Care' column is a dropdown menu with options like 'Substance use', 'Hepatitis C', 'Other', etc. A QR code is located in the top right corner.

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# Module 4: Case Conferencing

## Module 4

- Video 1: The Case Conferencing Tool
- Video 2: Create the HIV/HCV Co-infected List
- Video 3: Implement the Case Conference
- Video 4: Generate and Use the Clinic Care Cascade

# Mini eLearning Module 4: Video Excerpt

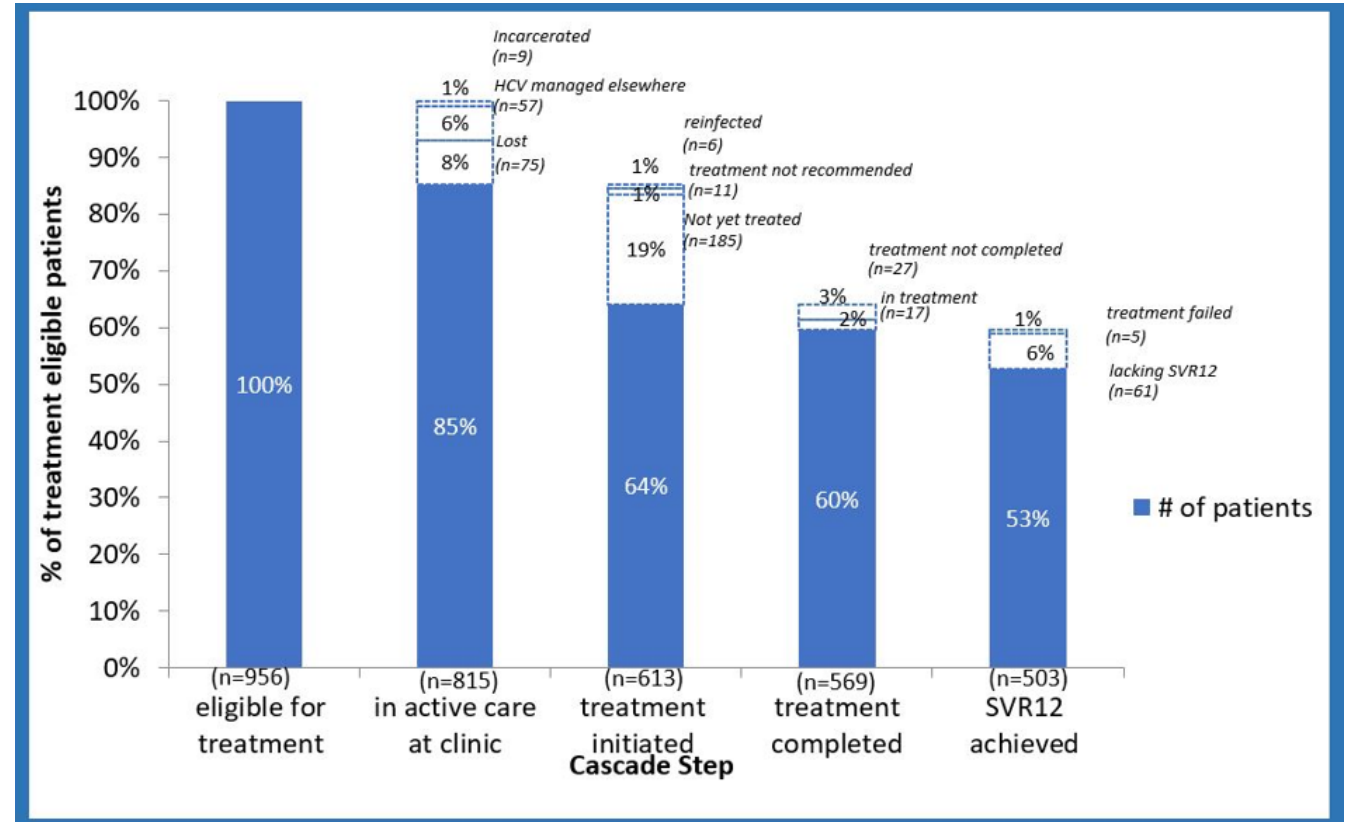
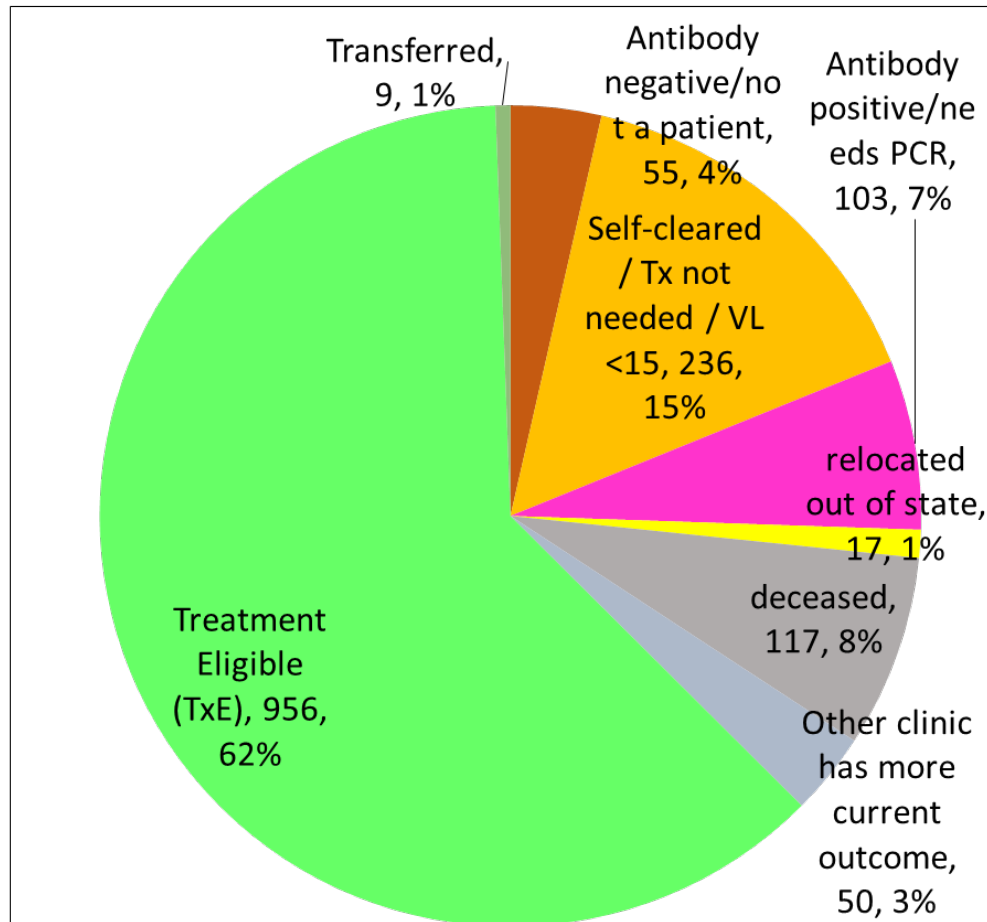
How to Create Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Care Cascades for Persons with HIV/HCV Coinfection: A Written Companion to the Mini-Module Video Training Series for Health Departments and Clinics

<http://targethiv.org/spns-hcv-dtc>



# Example of Aggregate Results: 14 Clinics as of 11/30/2021 (N=1,543)

## HIV/HCV Co-infection Outcomes



# Real Life Clinic Example: RW-funded HIV Clinic in New Haven, CT: Status of HCV Treatment Among Cohort as of 8/31/2018

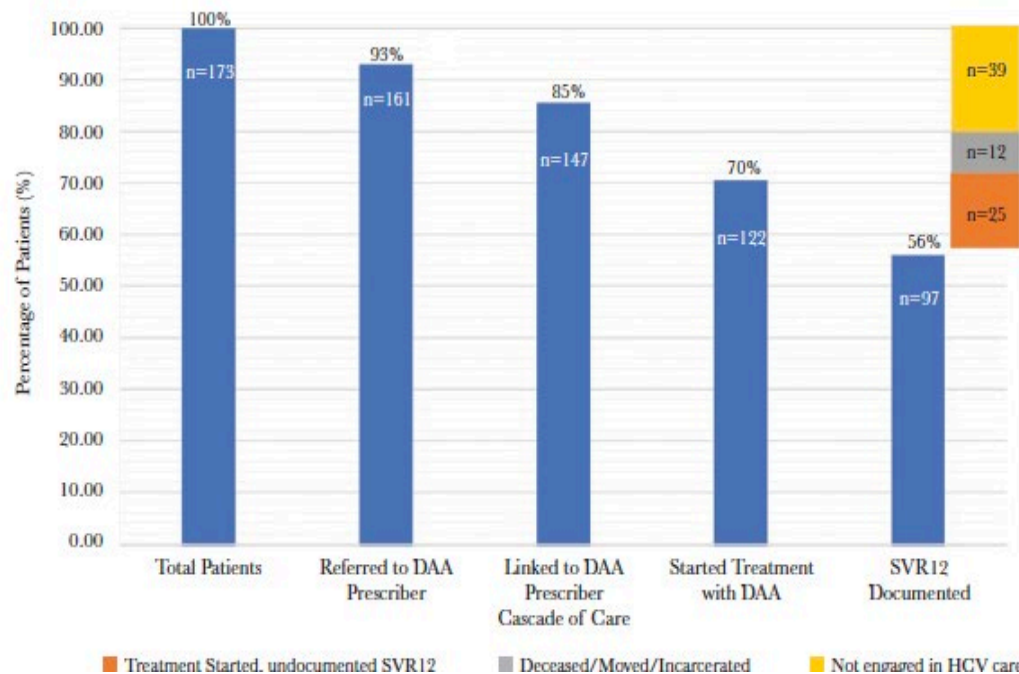
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Implementing a Comprehensive Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Clinic Within a Human Immunodeficiency Virus Clinic: A Model of Care for HCV Microelimination

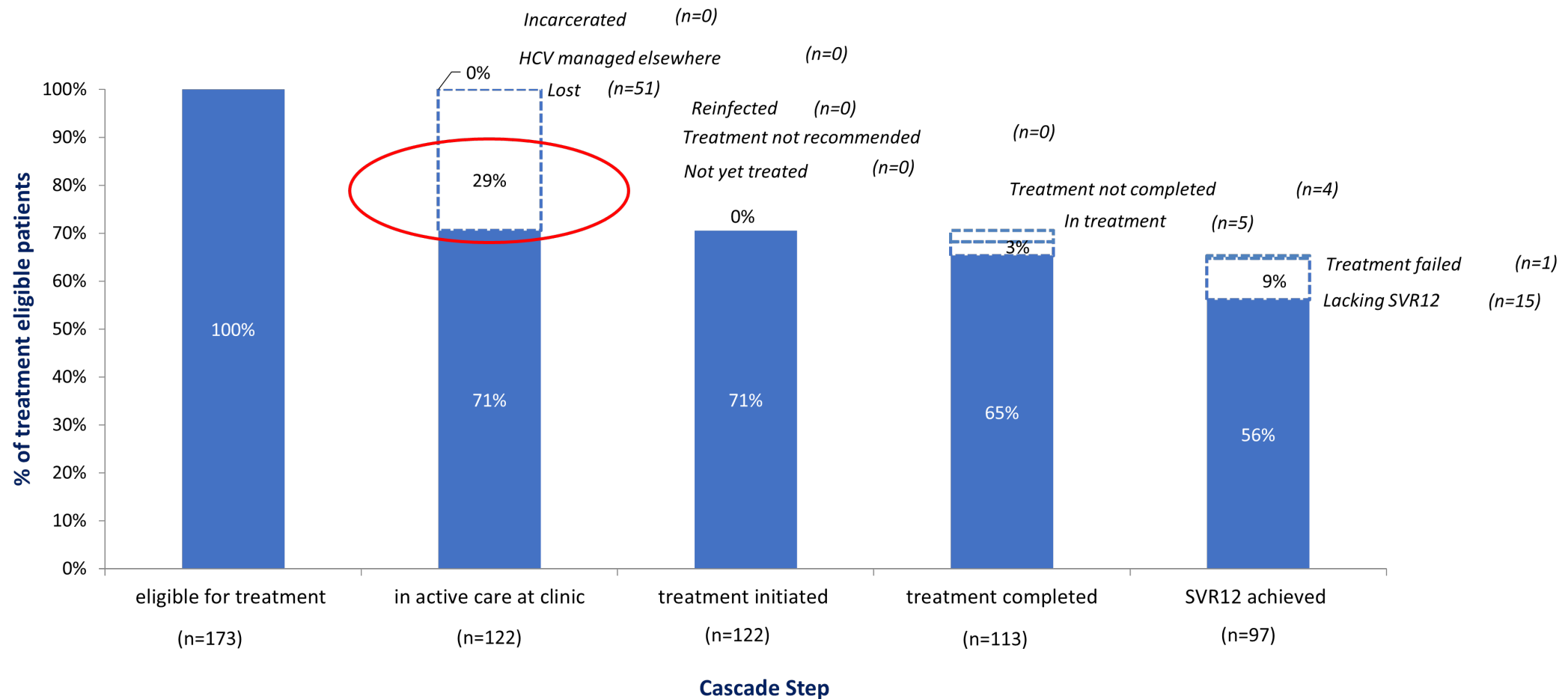
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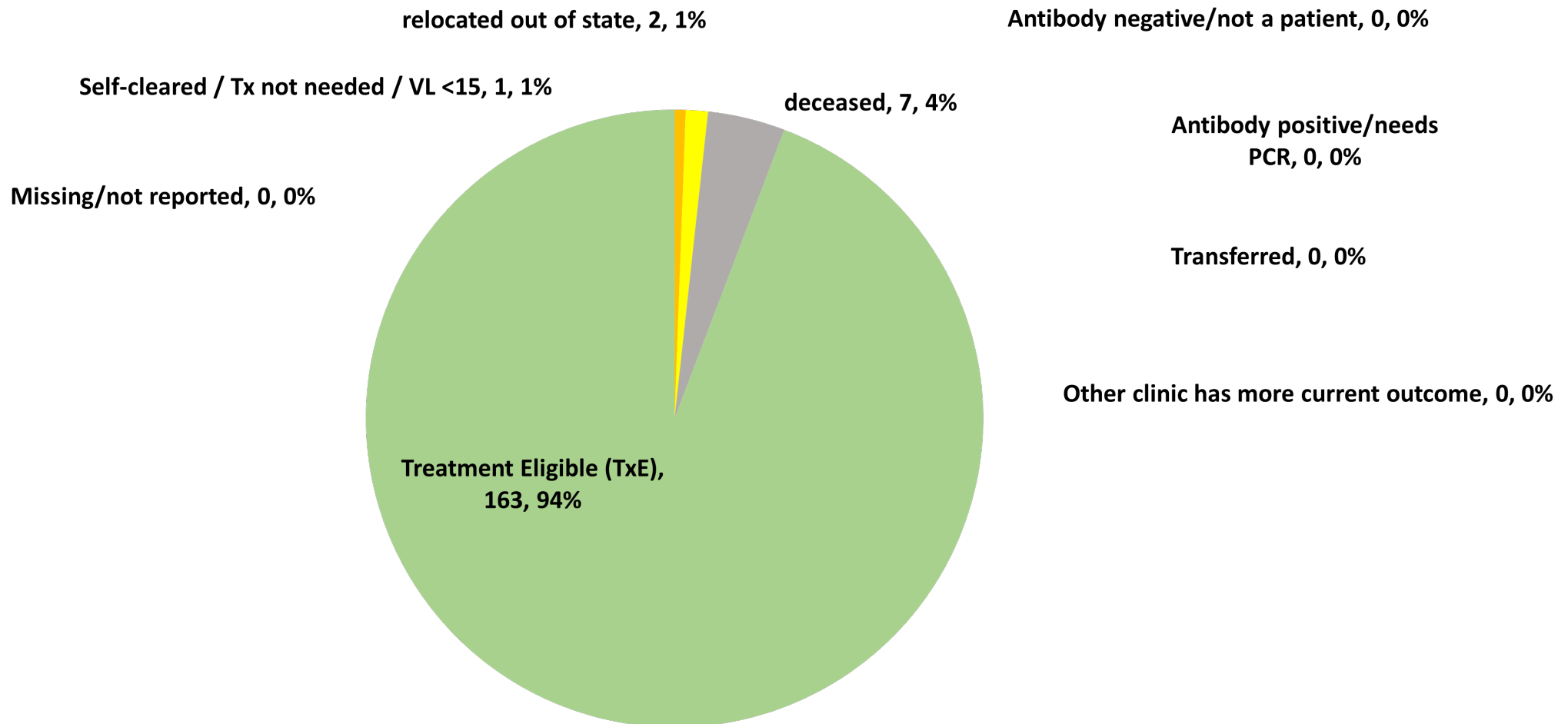
- Clinic created the HIV/HCV Coinfected List (Model C)
- Labor intensive
- Lack of detail among “not engaged in care”

# Real Life Clinic Example: Using the Tool for the Original Data

## HIV/HCV Coinfection Treatment Cascade

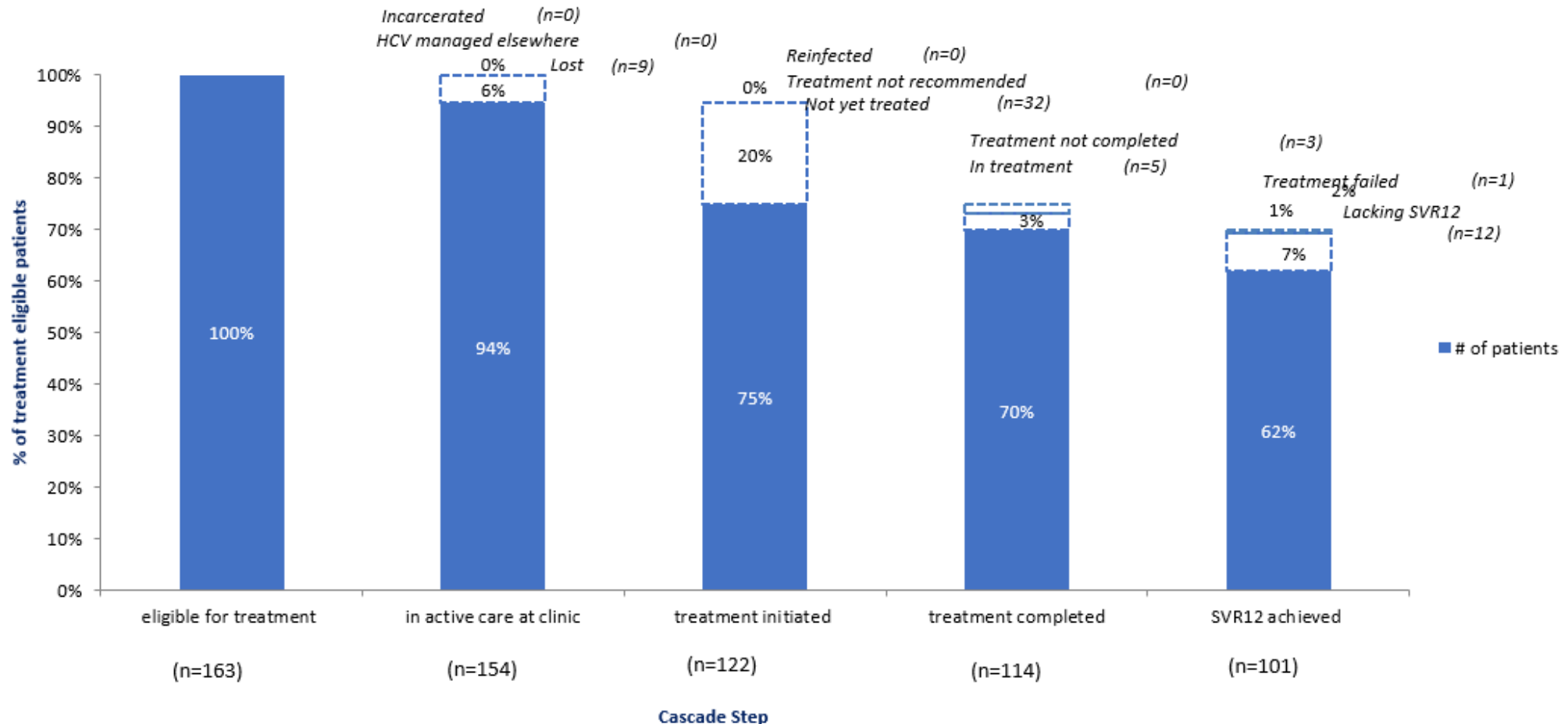


# Real Life Clinic Example: Using the Tool for the Original Data-Revising Denominator and Enhanced Definitions



# Real Life Clinic Example: Using the Tool for the Original Data-Revising Denominator and Enhanced Definitions (con't)

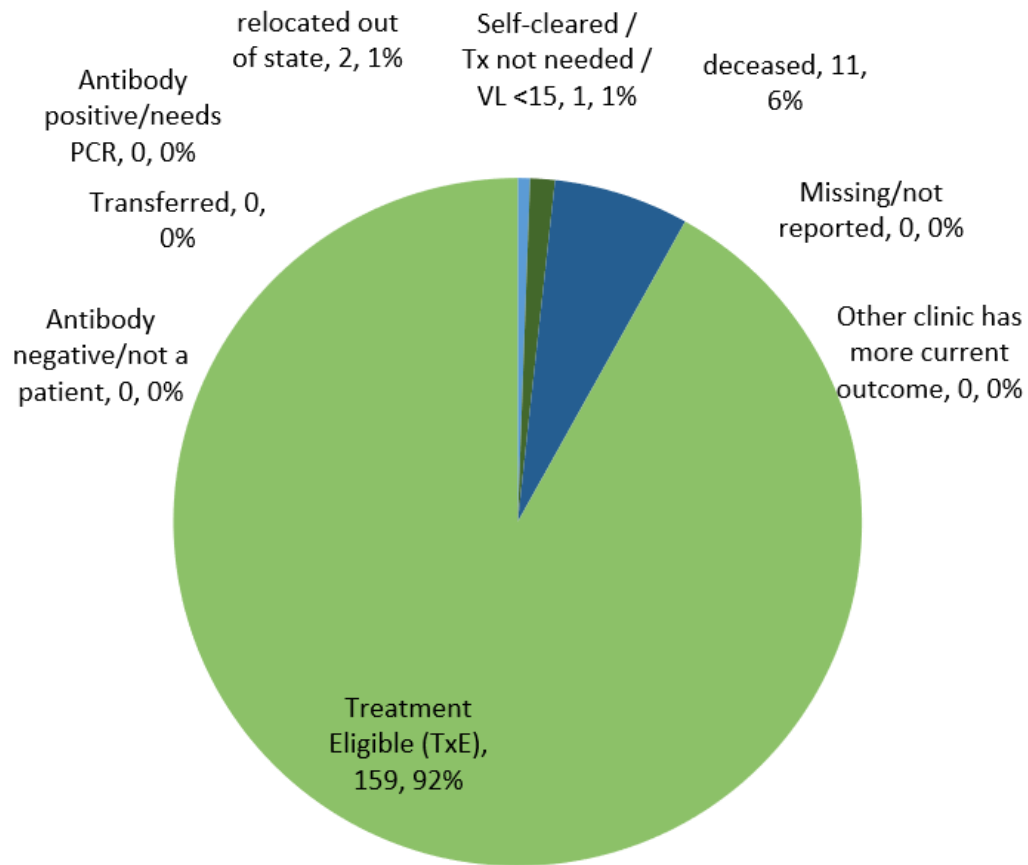
## HIV/HCV Coinfection Treatment Cascade-revised 2018 Cascade



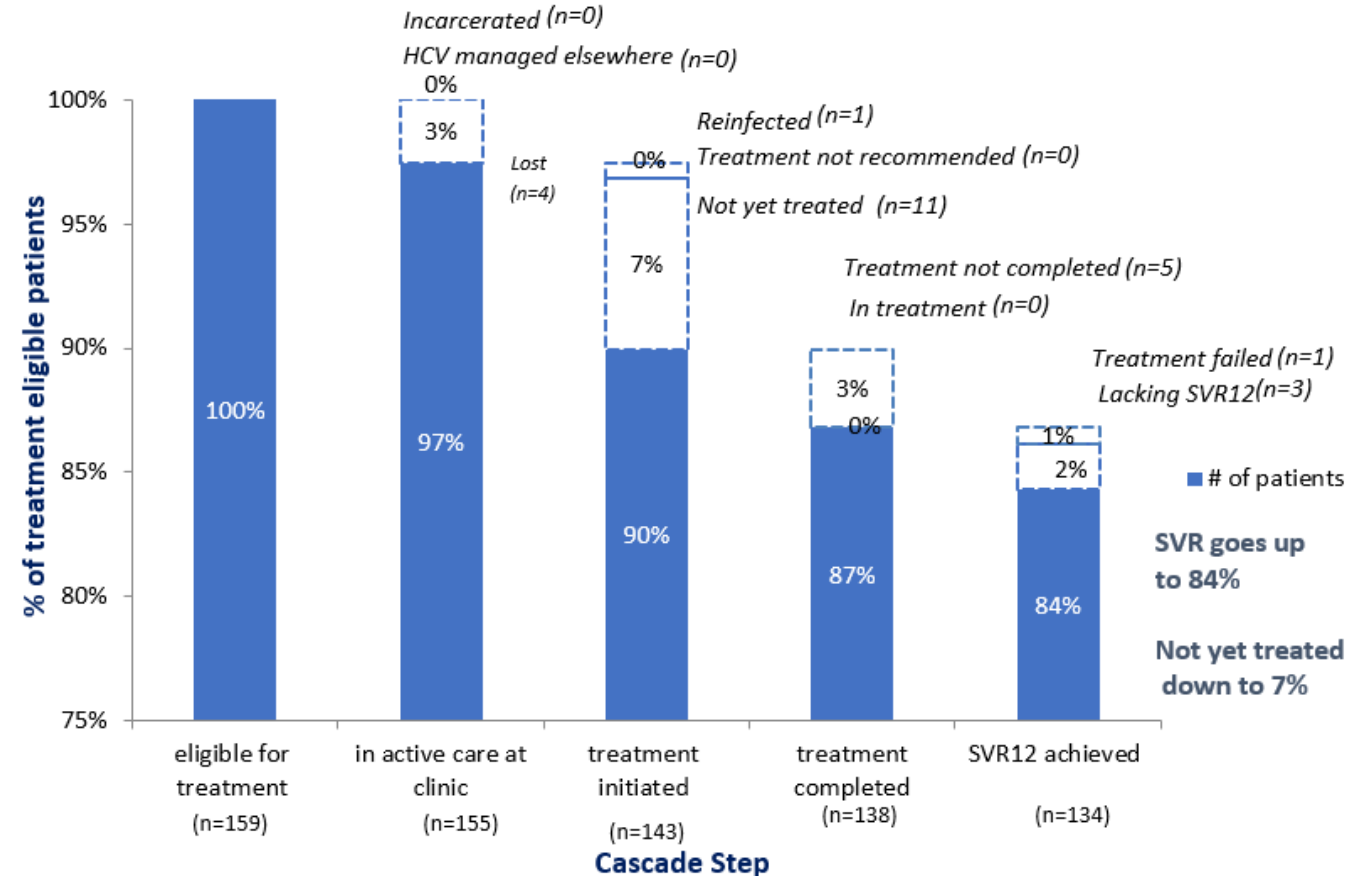
# Analysis Not Yet Treated Group in 2018: Chart Review

Reason	Number
Active SUD	11
Not Ready (Competing priorities or other)	7
Comorbidities HCC (n=2) Decompensated (n=1) Multiple (n=3)	6
Refused	3
Mental Health	1
Unclear	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>

# Updated Cascade Using the Tool: 2024



## HIV/HCV Coinfection Treatment Cascade





## What Accounts for the Improved SVR Rate in Our Clinic: Best Practices

- Treatment within long-term care settings
  - Leeway Residential
  - Jail
- Initiation of Treatment for SUD (e.g. MOUD)
- Models of Care:
  - Ongoing Monitoring with Referrals to HCV treatment team
- Assessing Readiness for Treatment in ongoing fashion
- Use of Specialty Pharmacy



# Sustainability (3)

- Training modules on HRSA Target Web Site
- Ongoing presentations to key stakeholders

# Some Lessons Learned

## Using the Case Conferencing Tool

- The Case Conferencing Tool is your friend!
- Ensure persons completing the list understand HCV
- Have dedicated staff knowledgeable about data
- Create regular updating sessions
- Implement the results: outreach to clients who have not successfully been treated

# Some Lessons Learned (con't)

## Outreach and Linkage Services

- Use multiple methods for outreach and linkage if possible
- Leverage HD jurisdictional DIS staff if possible
- Check with DIS and HD staff re: more up to date data on “lost” clients
- Use multidisciplinary support staff to address client barriers
  - Refer to long term care facilities
  - Address active SUD issues
- Designate specific clinic champion(s) in a comprehensive QI effort

## References (2)

**TargetHIV page with project information and resources:**

**<https://targethiv.org/spns/hiv-hcv-dtc>**

- Recorded webinars
- Implementation Manual with steps and lessons learned to support replication
- Videos and companion text
- Clearance cascade and case conferencing tools

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Please use the following link to give your feedback

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/June72024>



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