

Improving Outcomes for Women of Color Living with HIV Along the Care Continuum: Successful Systems of Care

A Panel Discussion

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Overview

- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities
- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care



HIV/AIDS Bureau Vision and Mission

Vision

Optimal HIV/AIDS care and treatment for all.

Mission

Provide leadership and resources to assure access to and retention in high quality, integrated care, and treatment services for vulnerable people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- Provides comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people living with HIV
 - More than half of people living with diagnosed HIV in the United States – more than 550,000 people – receive care through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
- Funds grants to states, cities/counties, and local community based organizations
 - Recipients determine service delivery and funding priorities based on local needs and planning process
- Payor of last resort statutory provision: RWHAP funds may not be used for services if another state or federal payer is available
- 84.9% of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients were virally suppressed in 2016, exceeding national average of 55%



Source: HRSA. Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Annual Client-Level Data Report 2015; CDC. HIV Surveillance Supplemental Report 2016;21(No. 4)



Objectives

- Discuss national data related to HIV health outcomes for women of color living with HIV.
- Describe key barriers to care and retention such as housing, transportation, stigma, fear, etc.
- Identify best practices that demonstrate successes in retention in care and viral suppression among women of color living with HIV.
- Describe available resources to replicate effective systems of care for women of color living with HIV/AIDS.

HIV Care Continuum

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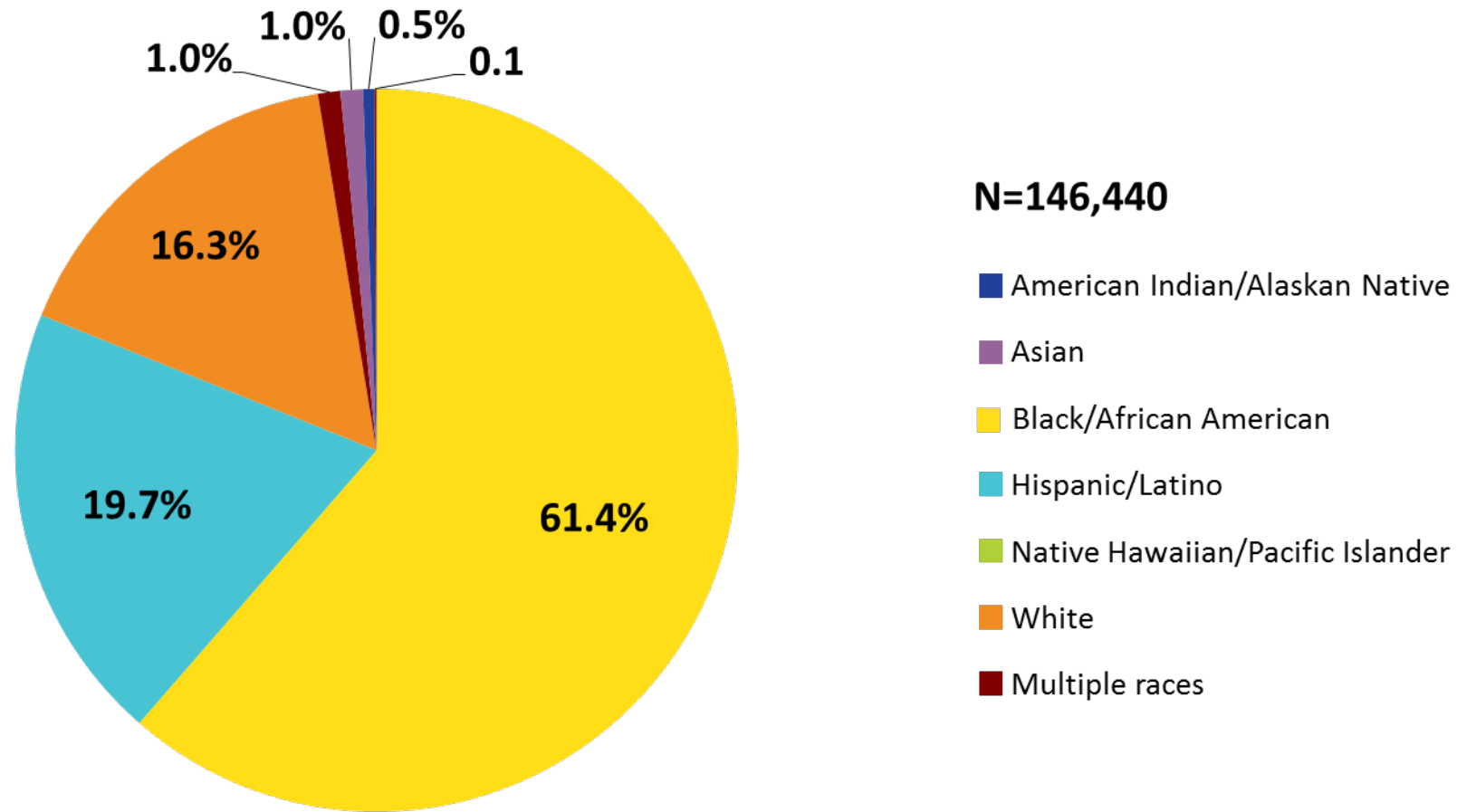
The series of steps a person with HIV takes from initial diagnosis through their successful treatment with HIV medication



Women of Color Living with HIV

- Women of color are the fastest growing demographic of women who are newly diagnosed with HIV within the United States (CDC, 2016).
- Certain regions of the U.S. continue to grapple with barriers to testing, access, treatment adherence, retention, and viral suppression for women of color living with HIV (HRSA, 2016).

Women Aged 13 Years and Older Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, by Race/Ethnicity, 2016—United States and 3 Territories^a



Hispanics/Latinos can be of any race.

^a Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Systems of Care

- Networks of care (through funding or contracts/agreements) to provide comprehensive HIV care (HRSA, 2016).
- Well-developed systems of care have proven to be the cornerstone of access to health care services for all populations.

Introduction of Panel Participants

East Carolina University, Greenville, NC - Part C EIS

**University of California at San Diego, San Diego, CA – Part D
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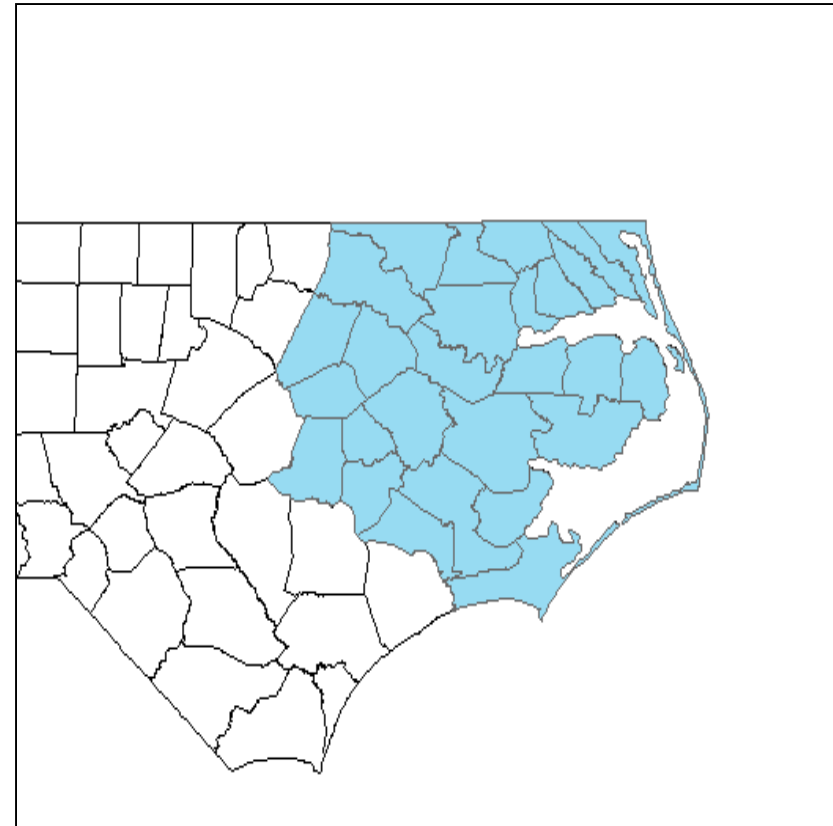


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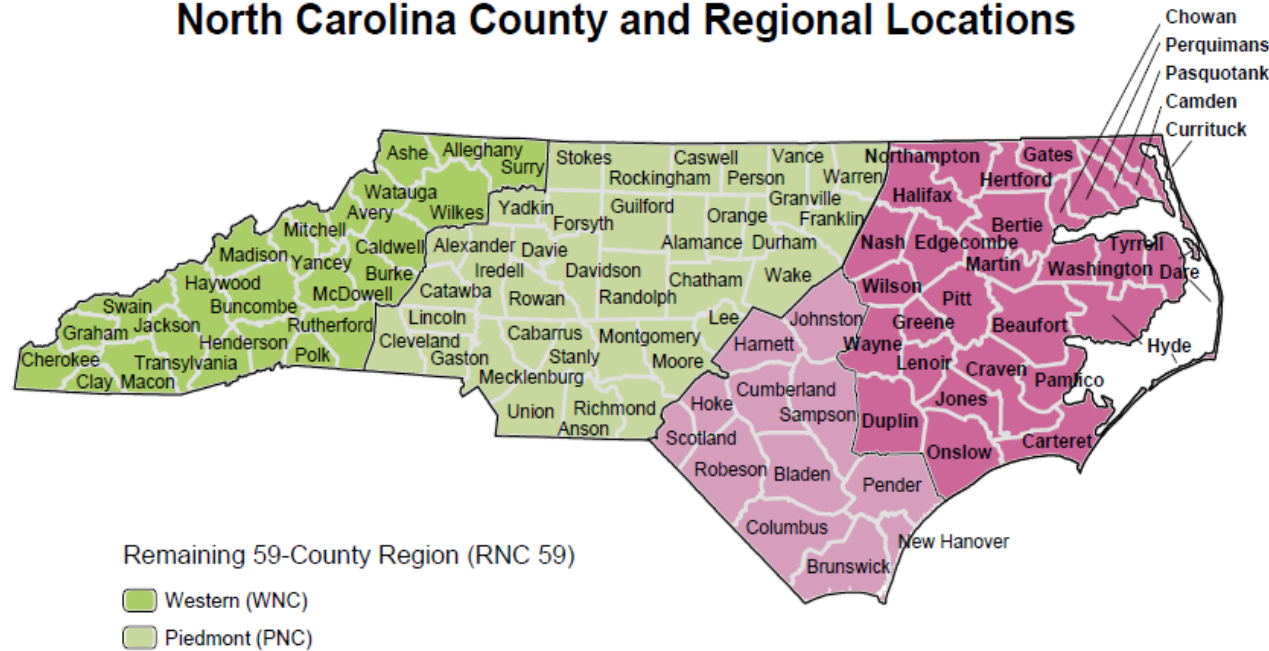
East Carolina University HIV Program (ECUHIVP)

- Primary Provider for HIV Care in Eastern North Carolina (ENC) - 30 Counties
- 14 counties covered by our existing RW Part C (RWPC) grants
- 5 counties covered by new Ryan White Part C (RWPC) -New Geographic Service Area (NGSA) Grant



Eastern North Carolina (ENC) exhibits its own health disparities

North Carolina County and Regional Locations



Health in the ENC 41 counties (pink) is worse than in the rest of NC.

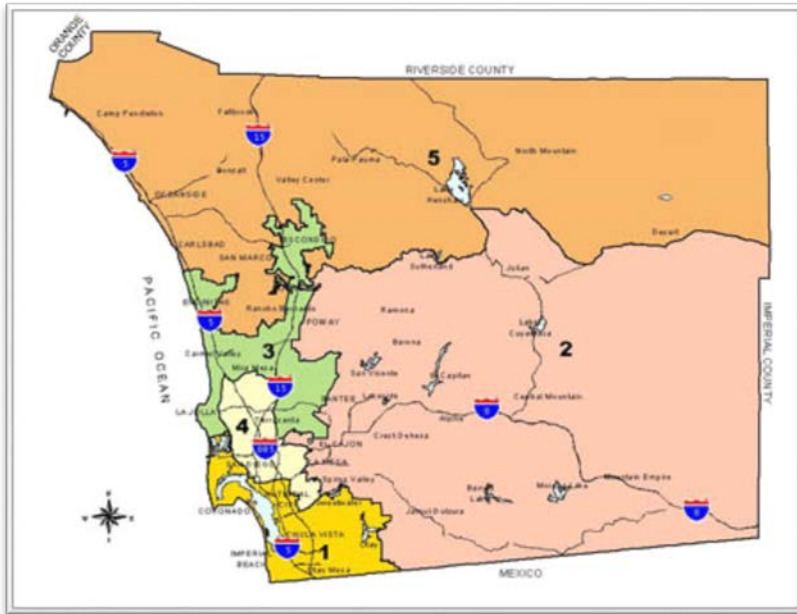
Health in the ENC 29 counties (dark pink) is the poorest of all.

University of California at San Diego

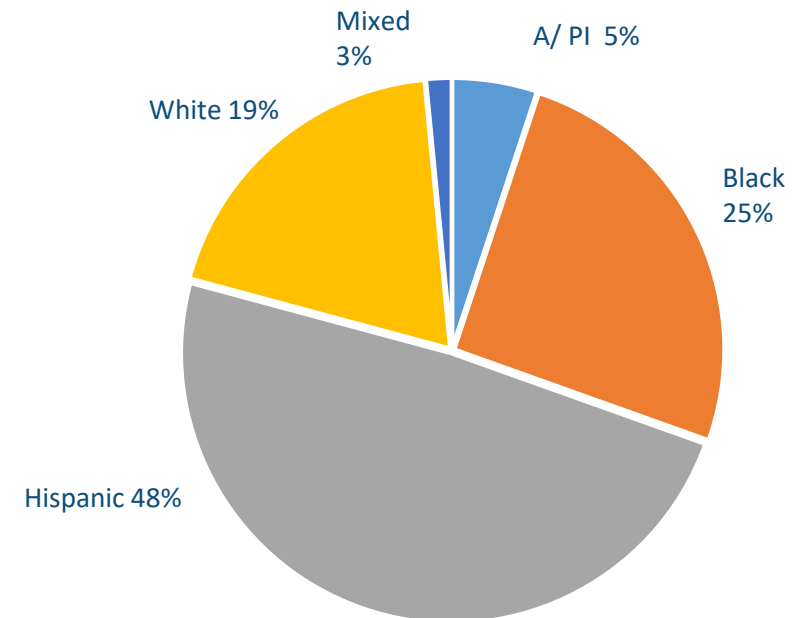
Mother-Child-Adolescent HIV Program

- *Mission: Through research, clinical care and education, to constantly improve the care and treatment of HIV infected and affected women, children and youth and to prevent new HIV infections*
- Ryan White Part A, D serving 400-500 people & families living with HIV annually
- A multidisciplinary team provides integrated model of care with high quality, comprehensive, culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate, trauma informed accessible medical care, behavioral health, education, case management, HIV prevention and social services
 - Pediatric Care: HIV Testing and Care for Infants & Children
 - Adolescent HIV Clinic: 13-24+
 - HIV Specialty Clinic for Women
 - Perinatal HIV Program, Preconception counseling, prenatal and obstetric care
 - Co-located with NIH clinical trial unit

UCSD MCAP has served San Diego County for 30 years



Women served in 2017



Population of 3.3 million spread over
4,526 square miles on the border with Mexico
15,000 residents living with HIV/AIDS
11% of PLWH are women

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