

Ending The HIV Epidemic

Ending the HIV Epidemic in the US (EHE) – Quarterly Stakeholder Webinar Federal Agency Updates July 14, 2021

The following includes high-level updates from federal agencies on improving outcomes of Syringe Service Programs (SSPs) and advancing the EHE initiative.

	<p>EHE HOPWA Resource Tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD has developed an EHE HOPWA Resource Tool, currently available on the AHEAD Dashboard. HUD will continue to work collaboratively with EHE leadership and commit to furthering work on federal partnerships toward this effort.
	<p>FY21 Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC funding in FY21 will support testing expansion, more locations, extended hours of operation, and additional services in existing SSPs to ensure meeting the needs of the community. <p>SSP Activity Expansion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 of 32 EHE plans described activities to expand SSPs—and 25 jurisdictions have proposed evidence-based strategies to address substance use, including increasing the number of venues and prescribers that offer medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder and syringe services. <p>Community Engagement Priority Populations Identified in EHE Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 EHE plans included PWID among their community engagement priority populations. • 18 EHE plans included persons experiencing homelessness among their community engagement priority populations.

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	<p>Technical Assistance & Additional Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Harm Reduction Technical Assistance Center: https://www.cdc.gov/harmreductionta/index.html. ● Technical package on SSP implementation: https://www.cdc.gov/ssp/docs/SSP-Technical-Package.pdf. ● Suite of materials is available: www.cdc.gov/ssp.
	<p>HRSA HAB</p> <p>Quarterly EHE Recipient Webinars</p> <p>The second quarterly EHE recipient webinar took place on Wednesday, June 16th. Upcoming webinars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● September 15, 2021 ● December 8, 2021 <p>Community Engagement Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since the last quarterly webinar, HRSA HAB has hosted 4 Regional EHE Virtual Community Engagement Sessions <p>Upcoming Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mountain West (Regions 8 & 10) – August 10 & 12, 2021 ● South Central (Region 6) – August 17 & 19, 2021 ● Southeast (Region 4) – September 7 & 9, 2021
	<p>HRSA BPHC</p> <p>Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY 2022 President’s Budget Request: \$50 million to support up to 140 additional PCHP health centers.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY 2021 PCHP funding: \$48 million to provide expanded support for the Phase 1 health centers and add approximately 108 new PCHP health centers - applications are currently under review for an anticipated August 1 award date. ● FY 2020: \$54 million to support 195 health centers - Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) funding to expand prevention and treatment services to people at high risk for HIV transmission, including Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)-related services, outreach, and care coordination at the nation’s health centers - additional implementation data will be available in early August. <p>Preliminary SSP Implementation Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health centers are reporting engagement with some form of SSPs nationwide, including in CA, IN, NY, and OH
	<p>Indian Health Service</p> <p>HIV Testing & Incidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HIV screening coverage of all persons ages 13-64 as per national guidelines increased from 30.6% in 2012 to 57.2% in 2020. These are unique patients. In 2020, IHS’s overall HIV testing volume was 33,962 persons, representing 8% of the user population tested. ● HIV incidence stable, HIV mortality declining. A stable transmission rate and a lower mortality rate are positive indicators – a 21% increase in HIV patients in 2014-2018 and a 31% drop in mortality in the same period means HIV patient cohorts are growing. The key to successful viral suppression is case management using remote and in-person case management support specific to the context. <p>National Surveillance Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MHAF funds assisted IHS in establishing a collaboration with the CDC Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention to analyze national surveillance data on HIV diagnosis, deaths, and continuum of care metrics for American Indian/Alaska Natives. IHS and CDC staff stratified the national data by IHS Service Area to evaluate geographic variations in Indian Country.

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NIH EHE Awards & Funding

- At least 30 NIH EHE Awards to be funded Summer 2021. Information on EHE awards made in 2019 and 2020 can be accessed on the [CFAR website](#).
- New NIH EHE research funding opportunities were announced this quarter. Selected examples:
 - [NOT-MD-21-023](#) involves a funding collaboration between the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities and the Minority HIV/AIDS Fund for Research Centers in Minority Institutions
 - [NOT-MD-21-020](#) supplements to support research on populations that experience health disparities, socioeconomically disadvantaged populations, underserved rural populations, and sexual and gender minorities
 - [RFA-AI-21-023](#) Respond pillar epidemiology research to better understand HIV susceptibility and ongoing transmission
 - [RFA-AI-21-024](#) Implementation science regarding multidisciplinary approaches in HIV care and treatment
 - [RFA-AI-21-025](#) Diagnose and Prevent pillar research to reduce HIV incidence
 - [RFA-AI-20-069](#) Innovative Models for Delivering PrEP and STI Services (*on HIV.gov*)
 - [PAR-20-274](#) New Models of Integrated HIV/AIDS, Addiction, and Primary Care Services
 - [PAR-20-036](#) Understanding HIV Viral Suppression and Transmission
 - Other NIH EHE-related funding opportunities are available [here](#)

Ongoing NIH EHE Projects on SSP

- Implementation of Telemedicine Test and Treat for On-site Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy at Miami's IDEA Exchange SSP
Jurisdiction: Miami-Dade County, FL
Pillars: Diagnose, Treat, Respond
- Mobile Delivery of PrEP and Medication Assisted Treatment at an SSP – A Pilot Study
Jurisdiction: Miami Dade County, FL
Pillars: Treat, Prevent

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Ongoing SAMHSA SSP Funding and Support

- [Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants](#) (SABG)
- [State Opioid Response Grants](#) (SOR)
- [Minority AIDS Initiative](#) (MAI) Programs