The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program supports a network of eight regional centers (and more than 130 local affiliated sites) and national centers that conduct targeted, multidisciplinary education and training programs for health care providers treating people living with HIV. The AETC Program also funds a Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner Program.

NATIONAL NETWORK

The AETC Program is a national network of leading HIV experts serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the six U.S. Pacific jurisdictions. The AETC Program increases the number of health care providers who are educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage people living with HIV and to help prevent behaviors that lead to HIV transmission.

CLINICIAN TRAINING

The AETC Program focuses on training a diverse group of clinicians, including physicians, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, nurses, oral health professionals, and pharmacists. The AETC Program also works with other multidisciplinary HIV care team members working in Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and sexually transmitted disease clinics, hospitals, community-based organizations, health departments, mental health and addiction treatment facilities, and other health care facilities.

Training activities are offered in person, online, and via distance-based platforms and are based on assessed local needs. An interactive training approach is emphasized to assist clinicians with complex issues related to managing HIV care and treatment.


NATIONAL CENTERS

The AETC Program funds national centers to support and complement the regional training centers:

- **AETC National Coordinating Resource Center** is a centralized, virtual HIV/AIDS educational resource that supports the needs of regional AETCs through coordination and development of HIV/AIDS training materials and curricula, rapid dissemination of late-breaking advances in treatment and changes to treatment guidelines, and critical review of patient-education materials.
AETC National Clinician Consultation Center provides clinicians access to the following resources for timely and accurate responses to questions about treatment:

» National HIV Telephone Consultation Services (Warmline): 800-933-3413, for questions about HIV/AIDS, including antiretroviral therapy, HIV clinical manifestations, comorbidities, and laboratory evaluation. The Warmline is available 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday.

» National Clinicians’ Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Hotline (PEPline): 888-HIV-4911 (888-448-4911), for questions about occupational exposures to HIV and other blood-borne pathogens. The PEPline is available daily, 9 a.m.–2 a.m. ET.

» National Perinatal HIV Consultation and Referral Services (Perinatal Hotline): 888-HIV-8765 (888-448-8765), for questions about the care of HIV-infected pregnant women, as well as indications and interpretations of rapid and standard HIV tests. The Perinatal Hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

» National Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Consultation (PrEPline): 888-HIV-PREP (888-448-7737), for questions on the indications for and the proper implementation of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The PrEPline is available 11 a.m.–6 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday.

» Substance Use Warmline: 855-300-3595, for expert clinical advice on substance use evaluation and management for primary care clinicians. The Substance Use Warmline is available 10 a.m.–6 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday.

AETC Education for Nurse Practitioners/Physician Assistants Program expands the number of culturally competent nurse practitioners and physician assistants with capacity/capability to provide primary care to individuals living with HIV.

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