

HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Part F: AIDS Education and Training Centers Program

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The Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV. More than half the people with diagnosed HIV in the United States—approximately 535,000 people in 2017—received services through RWHAP. The RWHAP funds grants to states, cities/counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care and treatment services to people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission among hard-to-reach populations. The RWHAP, first authorized in 1990, was funded at \$2.34 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2018.

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part F AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program supports a network of eight regional centers with more than 130 local affiliated sites, as well as two national centers that conduct targeted, multidisciplinary education and training programs for healthcare providers treating people with HIV.

NATIONAL NETWORK

The RWHAP Part F 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 territories/associated jurisdictions. The AETC Program increases the number of healthcare providers who are educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage people with HIV and to help prevent behaviors that lead to HIV transmission.

CLINICAL TRAINING

The AETC Program focuses on training a diverse group of clinicians, including—

- ▶ Physicians
- ▶ Advanced practice nurses
- ▶ Physician assistants
- ▶ Nurses
- ▶ Oral health professionals
- ▶ Pharmacists

The AETC Program also works with other multidisciplinary HIV care team members working in RWHAP and sexually transmitted disease clinics, hospitals, community-based organizations, health departments, mental health and addiction treatment facilities, and other healthcare facilities.

Training activities are offered in person, online, and via distance-learning 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:

- ▶ **The AETC National Coordinating Resource Center** is a centralized, virtual HIV/AIDS educational resource that supports the needs of regional AETCs through coordination and the 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.

- ▶ **The AETC National Clinician Consultation Center** provides clinicians access to the following resources for timely and accurate responses to questions about treatment:
 - ▶ **National HIV Management Telephone Consultation Services (Warmline): 800-933-3413**
Available Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
Expert advice on preventing and treating HIV, from initiating treatment to managing advanced disease (i.e., antiretroviral therapy, HIV clinical manifestations, comorbidities, laboratory evaluations, etc.).
 - ▶ **National Clinicians' Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Hotline (PEPline): 888-448-4911**
Occupational PEP Consultation: Available seven days a week, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
Non-Occupational PEP Consultation: Available Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. ET; weekends and holidays, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
Rapid, expert guidance on managing healthcare worker exposures to HIV and hepatitis B and C, including recommendations on when and how to initiate PEP.
 - ▶ **National Hepatitis C Management Hotline: 844-HEP-INFO or 844-437-4636**
Available Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
Expert advice on screening, testing, and treating hepatitis C, including HIV/hepatitis C coinfection management strategies.
 - ▶ **National Perinatal HIV Consultation and Referral Services (Perinatal Hotline): 888-448-8765**
Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
Expert advice about the care of pregnant women with HIV, as well as indications and interpretations of rapid and standard HIV tests.
 - ▶ **National Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Consultation (PrEPline): 855-HIV-PrEP or 855-448-7737**
Available Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
Up-to-date clinical consultation for PrEP decision-making, from determining when PrEP is an appropriate part of a prevention program to understanding laboratory protocols and follow-up tests.
 - ▶ **Substance Use Management Warmline: 855-300-3595**
Available Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
Peer-to-peer consultation from physicians, clinical pharmacists, and nurses with special expertise in substance use evaluation and management.

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

Approximately \$33.6 million was appropriated to the RWHAP Part F AETC Program in FY 2019.