



HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F: AIDS Education and Training Center 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—nearly 568,000 people in 2019—receive services through the RWHAP each year. The RWHAP funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care, treatment, and support services for people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission. The RWHAP, first authorized in 1990, was funded at \$2.4 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2020.

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) includes the Part F AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program. The AETC Program is a national network of HIV experts who provide tailored education and training, clinical consultation, and technical assistance to health care providers—so they can care for and treat patients with HIV or at risk for HIV.

AETC Mission

The AETC Program's mission is to **strengthen the HIV workforce** by—

- Increasing the number of health care providers who are educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage people with HIV
- Helping to prevent HIV transmission among people at risk for HIV

National Network

The AETC Program supports a network of [eight regional centers](#) with more than 130 local affiliated sites, as well as [two national centers](#) that serve 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 also funds the [National HIV Curriculum](#). This is a free, online curriculum that provides up-to-date HIV training and continuing education credits for health professionals. The curriculum is appropriate for multidisciplinary novice-to-expert health professionals, students, and faculty. HRSA supports enhancement of the curriculum and its electronic platform with integration of the curriculum nationwide into multiple health professions' academic and training institutions.

Regional Centers

The eight regional AETCs focus on training a diverse group of new and experienced clinicians, including—

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

The AETCs also support other multidisciplinary HIV care team members working in RWHAP-funded centers, 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-learning platforms. An interactive training approach is emphasized to assist clinicians with topics ranging from the basics of testing to 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 (NCRC)** is a centralized, virtual HIV/AIDS educational resource that supports the needs of regional AETCs. The NCRC coordinates and develops HIV/AIDS training materials and curricula, rapidly disseminates late-breaking advances in treatment and changes to treatment guidelines, and provides critical review of patient education materials.
- **The AETC National Clinician Consultation Center** provides clinicians access to the following services for timely and accurate responses to questions about treatment:

- › **National HIV/AIDS 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, and weekends and holidays, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. ET

Rapid, expert guidance on managing health care 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 on HIV testing in pregnancy, and the care and treatment of pregnant women with HIV, as well as infants exposed to HIV

- › **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

Congress appropriated approximately \$33.6 million for the RWHAP Part F AETC Program in FY 2021.

Learn More

- **HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau:** <https://hab.hrsa.gov>
- **National Coordinating Resource Center:** <https://aidsetc.org>
- **National Clinical Consultation Center:** <https://nccc.ucsf.edu>
- **National HIV Curriculum:** <https://www.hiv.uw.edu>

