

# Part F: AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program

## HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program



The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part F AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program is a network of HIV experts who provide education, training, and technical assistance on HIV care and prevention to health care team members and health care organizations serving people with or at risk of HIV.

### AETC Mission

The AETC Program's mission is to increase—

- The number of providers educated and trained to diagnose, treat, and medically manage people with HIV
- The capability of health care organizations to treat people with HIV
- Providers' ability to prevent HIV transmission among people at risk for HIV
- The number of health profession students and trainees who are well educated in HIV care and treatment

The AETC Program serves all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S., Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the six U.S. Pacific territories.

### AETC Program Overview

The AETCs are a strategic and important resource in ending the HIV epidemic. This coalition of HIV experts is dedicated to training health care team members and building the capacity of organizations to provide HIV care and prevention across the United States. The AETCs offer a combination of educational and consultative services through bidirectional learning platforms, tailored training, shared best practices, and on-demand expert guidance. Their ability to quickly respond is leveraged by the extensive network of local, regional, and national partners across the country who stand ready to meet the unique training needs of the health care workforce.

- **Regional AETCs and Their Local Partner Sites:** Eight regional AETCs train health care organizations and team members to care for and treat people with or at risk of HIV through various educational techniques, including workshops, clinical consultation, preceptorships, and other forms of technical assistance.
- **National Coordinating Resource Center (NCRC):** The NCRC provides a virtual library of online AETC resources for providers and health care team members. The NCRC also leads discussion groups on the implementation of many aspects of HIV care and prevention.
- **National Clinician Consultation Center (NCCC):** The NCCC



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**The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) 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. Over half the people with diagnosed HIV in the United States—more than 576,000 people in 2021—receive services through RWHAP each year. First authorized in 1990, 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. In 2021, 89.7 percent of RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care were virally suppressed, which means they cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partners and can live longer and healthier lives. For more than three decades, RWHAP has worked to stop HIV stigma and reduce health disparities by caring for the whole person and addressing their social determinants of health.**

offers five warmlines and one hotline to provide one-on-one consultations with providers on questions related to prevention, screening, and management of HIV; perinatal HIV transmission; pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP); substance use disorder; and hepatitis C.

- **National HIV Curriculum (NHC):** The NHC is an on-demand, online learning platform that provides up-to-date information to support core competency knowledge of HIV prevention, screening, diagnosis, and ongoing treatment. A practice-question testing bank and free continuing education credits are available.

### Whom We Serve

Providers	Health Care Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Advanced Practice Nurses</li><li>■ Case Managers</li><li>■ Mental and Behavioral Health Specialists</li><li>■ Nurses</li><li>■ Oral Health Professionals</li><li>■ Pharmacists</li><li>■ Physicians</li><li>■ Physician Assistants/Associates</li><li>■ Other Health Care Team Members</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ RWHAP-Funded Programs</li><li>■ Community Health Centers</li><li>■ Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinics</li><li>■ Hospitals</li><li>■ Community-Based Organizations</li><li>■ Health Departments</li><li>■ Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities</li><li>■ Other Health Care Facilities</li></ul>

### Collaboration and Innovation

In support of the federal *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.* initiative, the AETC Program has partnered with HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care to implement its Primary Care HIV Prevention initiative, which focuses on educating health care team members to improve access to and use of PrEP and to decrease the risk of HIV transmission.

### Funding Considerations

Congress appropriated approximately \$34.9 million for the RWHAP Part F AETC Program in fiscal year 2023.

