

Part F: AIDS Education and Training Center 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 for HIV.

AETC Mission

The AETC Program's mission is to—

- Expand the number of health care team members providing HIV care and prevention services, including providers with different backgrounds or experiences.
- Expand the ability of health care team members to provide effective HIV care and prevention services.
- Improve health equity by integrating HIV care and prevention in primary care and other health care settings that provide services to populations who have not successfully been maintained in care.
- Enhance the capacity of the RWHAP AETC Program to train health care team members to serve people at risk for or with HIV.

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

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 respond quickly 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 for HIV through various educational techniques, including workshops, clinical consultations, preceptorships, and other forms of technical assistance.
- **National AETC Support Center (NASC):** The purpose of the NASC (formerly known as the National Coordinating Resource Center) is to support AETC Program recipients and their local partners to deliver highly effective HIV training and workforce



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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—nearly 567,000 people in 2022—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 2022, 89.6 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.

development programs and improve program coordination and outcomes. The NASC will also develop and implement activities that promote and support collaborative learning and incorporate evidence-based strategies and best practices into AETC Programs.

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

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 2024.

