



Welcome to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

As a member of the HIV Workforce, you join a dedicated team of professionals who are providing critical services and fulfilling an important and growing need.

Thank you for answering the call.





What is the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program?

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) is named after Ryan White, who was 13 when he was diagnosed with AIDS after a blood transfusion in December 1984. Living in Kokomo, Indiana, doctors gave him six months to live. When Ryan tried to return to school, he faced AIDS-related discrimination in his Indiana community. Along with his mother Jeanne White Ginder, he rallied for his right to attend school. He

gained national attention and became the face of public education about the disease. Surprising his doctors, Ryan lived five years longer than expected. He died in April 1990, one month before his high school graduation. Congress passed the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act in August 1990, now called the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.



WHAT IS THE AETC PROGRAM?

The [**AIDS Education and Training Center \(AETC\) Program**](#) is a national network of leading HIV experts who provide locally based, tailored education, clinical consultation, and technical assistance to healthcare professionals and organizations. The AETC Program's mission is to improve the quality of life for people with HIV (PWH) or vulnerable to HIV acquisition throughout the United States (U.S.), the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands.

The AETC Program supports the goals of the [**National HIV/AIDS Strategy**](#) and the [**End the HIV Epidemic in the United States**](#) initiative by increasing the number of healthcare teams educated and motivated to care for PWH, and increasing access to care, thereby reducing HIV-related health disparities.

The AETC Program is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under Part F of the RWHAP.



CONFERENCES



[**RWHAP Clinical Conference**](#)

This annual conference provides updates on cutting-edge research, care, and treatment issues in the medical management of HIV infection for new and experienced HIV clinical decision makers in RWHAP-funded clinics.

The format is a mix of lectures, case-based interactive presentations, and small-group workshop breakout sessions.

[**National Ryan White Conference \(NRWC\) on HIV Care & Treatment**](#)

Held every two years, the NRWC is hosted by HRSA HAB to deliver program and policy updates, share innovative models of care, and provide training and technical assistance to RWHAP recipients; federal, national, state, and local stakeholders; health care and service delivery providers; and PWH. This biennial event provides a forum to share best practices and innovative strategies that will help participants to continue to facilitate a coordinated national response to reduce new HIV infections and HIV-related health disparities, as well as improve the health outcomes of PWH in the U.S.



WHAT DOES THE AETC PROGRAM DO?

As the clinical training arm of the RWHAP, the AETC Program collaboratively transforms HIV care by providing healthcare teams with continuing education, capacity-building support, technical assistance, and clinical consultations.

Healthcare professionals trained by the AETCs develop the confidence and competency to address HIV-related issues and are more willing than other primary care providers to treat PWH.



NATIONAL OFFICES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS OF THE AETC PROGRAM

National Coordinating Resource Center (NCRC)

The AETC NCRC offers a virtual library of online training resources (aidsetc.org) for adaptation by HIV care providers and other healthcare professionals to meet training needs, coordinates the annual RWHAP Clinical Conference, and provides technical assistance, marketing services, and capacity-building support for the AETC network and allied healthcare professionals.

Subscribe to the AETC NCRC events and resources (<https://aidsetc.org/about/subscribe>).

National Clinician Consultation Center (NCCC)

Provides clinician-to-clinician consultation services by phone or e-consult (see insert).

National HIV Curriculum

The National HIV Curriculum is a free educational website from the University of Washington offering course modules like Basic HIV Primary Care, Antiretroviral Therapy, HIV Prevention, Co-Occurring Conditions, and Key Populations. The 37 lessons and corresponding question bank topics offer free CME, CNE, pharmacology CE, and CE. The in-depth antiretroviral medications section, mini-lectures, and 18 clinical screening tools and calculators support clinical decision-making.

Integrating the National HIV Curriculum e-Learning Platform into Health Care Professions Programs

- [Targeted Access Knowledge and Education on HIV for Health Professions Programs \(TAKE on HIV\)](#)
- [Midwest Integration of the National HIV Curriculum](#) (MINHC)

The National HIV Residency Pathway Consortium (NHRPC)

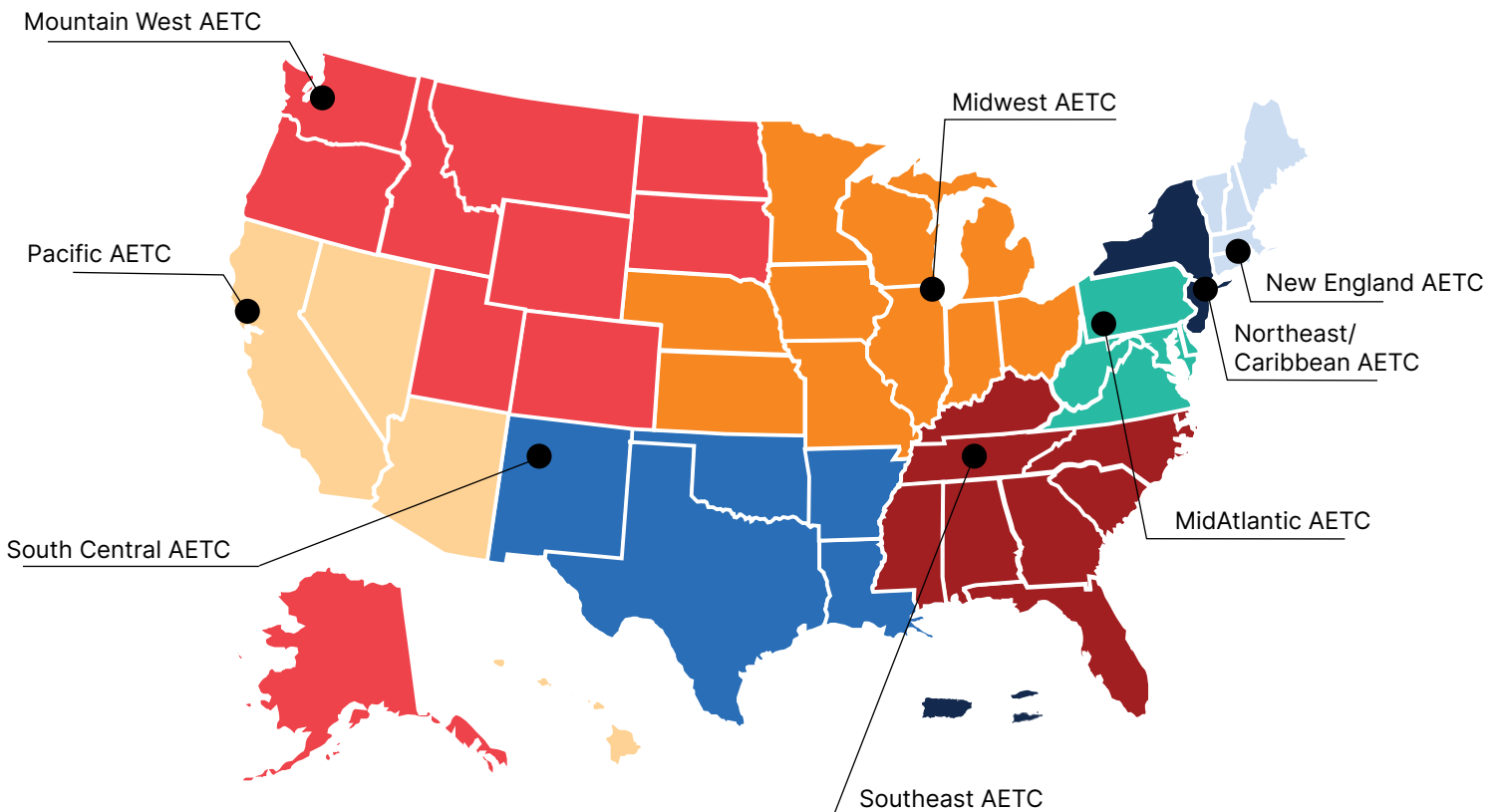
Provides HIV training pathways in Family and Internal Medicine residency programs, increasing the number and diversity of providers serving PWH, particularly in areas with the largest unmet need for HIV care and prevention.



REGIONAL AETC OFFICES



The 8 Regional AETCs offer free, targeted training to new and experienced HIV care clinical team members in every state and jurisdiction of the U.S. Find your regional center along with their local partners (<https://aidsetc.org/directory>).





[HIV Care Tools App](#)

The popular AETC Program app supports healthcare providers with point-of-care tools for HIV screening, prevention, and care.



[Federally Approved Clinical Practice Guidelines for HIV/AIDS](#)

The federally approved clinical practice guidelines for HIV/AIDS are developed by panels of experts in HIV care. The guidelines are available in multiple formats. The brief versions of the guidelines are compilations of the panels' treatment recommendations and tables.

<https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines>

[STI Treatment \(Tx\) Guide Mobile App](#)

The new app offers quick and easy access to streamlined STI prevention, diagnostic, and treatment recommendations. The user-friendly interface includes more clinical care guidance, sexual history resources, patient materials, and other features to assist with patient management.

Download the free app for Apple and Android mobile devices.



[ACE TA Center](#)

The Access, Care, and Engagement Technical Assistance (ACE TA) Center builds the capacity of the RWHAP community to navigate the changing healthcare landscape and help PWH to access and use their health coverage. Many RWHAP clients are eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, and Marketplace plans, and the ACE TA Center offers practical tools and resources to support engagement, education, enrollment, and renewal activities.

Visit [TargetHIV.org/ace](https://www.targethiv.org/ace).

Must-See Videos:

■ **AETCs through the years: 35th Anniversary Video Commemoration**

Learn about the AETC network's 35 years of supporting the HIV care community.



<https://youtu.be/nKgAE0qMouY>

■ **Addressing STIs: Ask. Test. Treat. Repeat.**

Learn about four evidence-based interventions to improve routine screening, testing, and treatment of common bacterial STIs among PWH or people vulnerable to HIV acquisition.



<https://youtu.be/RnQGjCq1910>





RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM PARTS

The **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program** comprises five parts (A,B,C,D and F). Each part has a different funding purpose. Together, they help provide a critical safety net for people with HIV (PWH) in the United States (U.S.) and its territories.

Find a RWHAP Provider at findhivcare.hrsa.gov.

PROGRAM	RECIPIENTS	FUNDING PURPOSE
<u>PART A</u>	Cities and counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide medical and support services to cities and counties most severely affected by HIV
<u>PART B</u>	States and territories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the quality of and access to HIV health care and support in the U.S. Provide medications to low-income people with HIV through AIDS Drug Assistance Program
<u>PART C</u>	Local community-based groups organizations that provide early intervention services and capacity development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide outpatient ambulatory health services and support for people with HIV Help for community-based groups to strengthen their capacity to deliver high-quality HIV care
<u>PART D</u>	Local community-based organizations that work with women, infants, children and youth with HIV who are experiencing low-income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide medical care for low-income women, infants, children and youth with HIV Offer support services for people with HIV and their family members
<u>PART F</u>	<p>Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)</p> <p>AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program</p> <p>Dental Programs</p> <p>Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program</u> – Provide training, technical assistance, and clinical consultations to healthcare providers treating patients with or at risk for HIV <u>Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)</u> – Develop innovative models of HIV care and treatment to respond to RWHAP client needs <u>Dental Programs</u> – Provide oral healthcare for PWH and education about HIV for dental care providers <u>Minority AIDS Initiative</u> – Help RWHAP recipients improve access to HIV care and health outcomes for racial/ethnic minorities



CLINICIAN-TO-CLINICIAN CONSULTATION

National Clinician Consultation Center (NCCC)

The NCCC is a unique resource that offers any U.S. healthcare provider timely and evidence-informed responses to clinical questions related to HIV, viral hepatitis, and substance use. Inquiries may be specific to individual cases or general clinical questions.



■ **Call the HIV Management Service (Warmline):**

800-933-3413

for questions about HIV screening/testing, antiretroviral therapy initiation and management, complications, and comorbidities

■ **Call the Perinatal HIV Consultation and Referral Services (Perinatal HIV Hotline):**

888-HIV-8765 (888-448-8765)

for questions about pregnancy, infant feeding, and HIV. Available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

■ **Call the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Service (PrEPline):**

855-HIV-PrEP (855-448-7737)

for questions about initiation and management of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis

■ **Substance Use Management (Substance Use Warmline):**

855-300-3595

for questions about substance use evaluation and management, especially medication options for substance use disorder treatment

■ **Hepatitis C Management:**

844-437-4636 or (844-HEP-INFO)

for questions about screening/testing, evaluation, and treatment of hepatitis C

■ **Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Hotline (PEPline):**

888-HIV-4911 (888-448-4911)

for questions about initiation and management of occupational or non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV and viral hepatitis



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Scan the QR code to access this information online or to download the PDF.

- Subscribe to the [AETC NCRC mailing list](#) to receive updates and announcements about new resources, training events, and federal initiatives.
- Join the [RWHAP Providers LinkedIn group](#). The goal of this group is to provide a forum for exchanging information, and ideas, and sharing educational resources related to providing care to RWHAP clients.



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