Affordable Care Act and the AIDS Education and Training Center Program (AETC) Support for Comprehensive HIV Care

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Attributes
- Integration of HIV care into primary care
- Promotion of Patient-Centered Medical/Health Homes
- Accountable Care Organization promotion of quality care
- Increased insured rate among persons living with HIV (PLWH)
- Decrease in new HIV infections as more PLWH are engaged in care ("prevention with positives")

Vulnerable Populations
- Individuals/Families Living in Poverty
- Gay, Bisexual, & Other Men-Who-Have-Sex-With-Men
- Transgender
- Women
- Immigrants
- Medically Underserved
- Homeless/Unstably Housed
- Mentally ill/Substance using
- Adolescents/Young Adults
- Low Health/Numerical/Reading Literacy

AIDS Education and Training Center Program (AETC) Attributes
- The AETCs provide clinical education to the HIV workforce and capacity-building support to care systems.
- 11 Regional and 3 National AETCs, 9 Telehealth Centers, and 8 Graduate School Programs (MD, NP, PA)
- The AETCs employ a comprehensive approach to education and support:
  - didactic
  - skill building
  - mentoring
  - consultation
  - technical assistance
  - capacity building

- Increase the number of healthcare teams educated and motivated to care for PLWH
- Help healthcare teams learn how to communicate with persons and communities at the point-of-care in a culturally sensitive manner
- Translate national best practices to the local level
- Connect local healthcare providers and academic research centers
- Deliver Fast & Free Clinical Consultations for Healthcare Providers
- Facilitate expansion of HIV Counseling & Testing
- Provide Case Finding Methodology Education & Support
- Support & Facilitate Care Systems in Linking & Engaging PLWH in Care
- Promote Best Practices in Prevention, Treatment, & Treatment Adherence
- Guide Implementation of Quality Care Assessment, Evaluation, & Implementation
- Provide Support Services
- Prepare HIV Care Providers & Systems for Healthcare Reform

Workforce Concerns
- National Healthcare provider shortage
- Aging HIV expert provider workforce
- PLWH are living longer, but the chronic healthcare needs of PLWH have expanded
- Increased need for more HIV counseling and testing, and care services for identified PLWH and those at high-risk of new infection
- Healthcare Inequities & Disparities

The National Alliance for HIV Education and Workforce Development (NAHEWD) represents the national network of AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs). The AETCs national, regional, and local centers are a part of the HRSA-Funded Ryan White Program. NAHEWD and its members support the work of the AETCs to build and maintain a well-educated and culturally-sensitive health professions workforce to ensure comprehensive care and treatment to people at-risk for and living with HIV across all phases of the HIV Treatment Cascade.