



NASTAD 2023 Annual Meeting

Federal Partner's Response to Working with Key Populations

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Promoting Health Equity/ Reducing Disparities



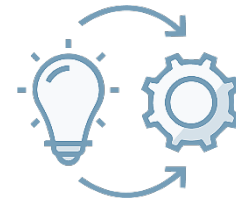
Engage the Community: We engage community directly, have developed a community engagement framework, and the RWHAP legislation has requirements for community engagement and partnership.



Utilize data: We use data to inform decision making to address health disparities, and the RWHAP legislation requires the same of our recipients.



Support Continuous Quality Improvement: We help our recipients set goals, monitor performance measures, and oversee quality improvement projects.



Employ Implementation Science: We use implementation science in practice, program, and policy. This includes:

- ✓ Collating and disseminating evidence-informed interventions
- ✓ Building capacity of community-based organizations



Service Delivery: The RWHAP addresses Social Determinants of Health such as housing, food, and transportation, as well as clinical services.

2021 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Annual Client-Level Data Report



2021 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Annual Client-Level Data Report

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Annual Client-Level Data Report

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Report

2021



RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM (RWHAP)

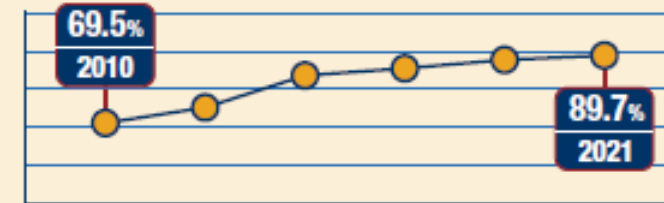
SERVED

576,076 clients in 2021

MORE THAN
50%

of people with diagnosed HIV in the United States

89.7% of RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care reached viral suppression* in 2021



6.6% TEMPORARY HOUSING



5.0% UNSTABLE HOUSING

48.3% of RWHAP clients are aged 50 and older

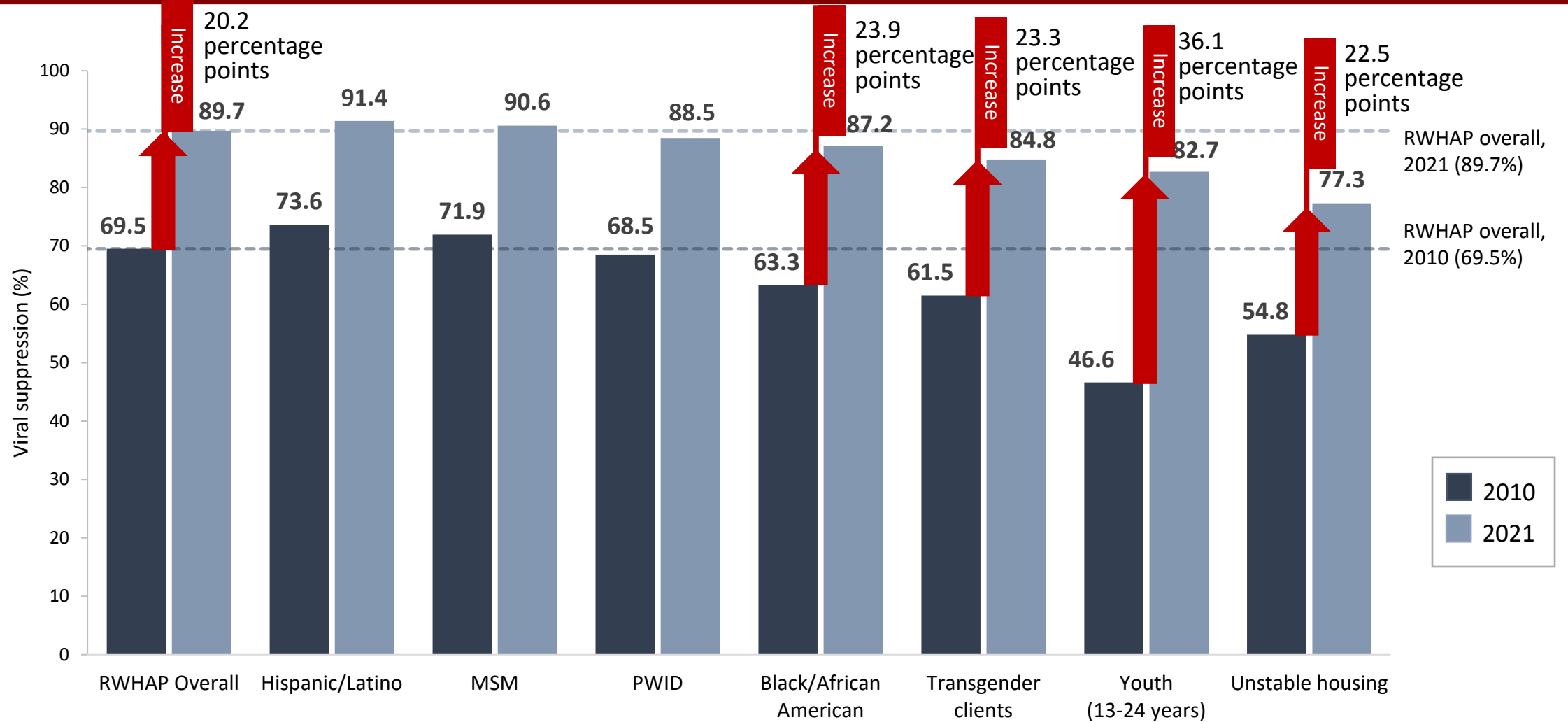


59.2% of clients are living at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level



73.3% of clients are from racial and ethnic minorities**

Significant progress has been made in viral suppression among priority populations, but inequities remain, particularly among Black/African American clients, transgender clients, youth aged 13–24 years, and clients with unstable housing.



Supporting Community Engagement in the RWHAP

- HRSA HAB released a program letter outlining mechanisms that RWHAP recipients and subrecipients can utilize to maximize community input:
 - RWHAP funds may be used to **provide incentives** for clients as per *PCN 16-02 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals & Allowable Uses of Funds*
 - Community engagement activities are allowable costs under the HRSA HAB **Outreach Services Support Category**
 - If one funding source does not provide enough funding/flexibility, RWHAP recipients and subrecipients can utilize different funding streams and “**braid them together**” to attain a sufficient funding level and achieve a common community engagement goal; being careful to ensure that all applicable laws and regulations follow each stream of funding



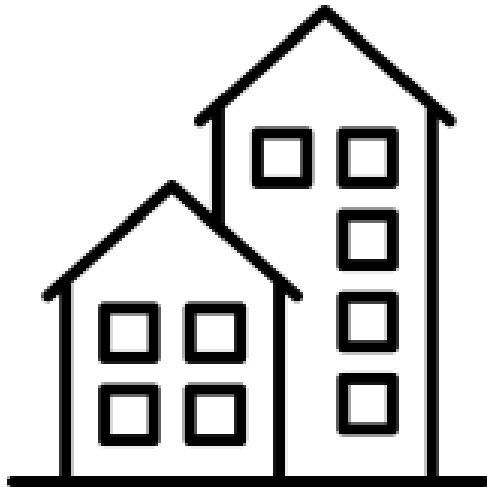
HRSA and CDC to Jointly Host Public Health Leader and Community Listening Sessions in 2023

- In summer 2023, HRSA HAB will collaborate with CDC to jointly host the next series of virtual Public Health Leader and Community Listening Sessions.
- Similar to 2021, virtual listening session will be hosted by region, and the full schedule of events will be unveiled in the coming weeks.
- Each region will have the opportunity to participate in both a public health leader and community member session.



HRSA SPNS Initiative: Supporting Replication of Housing Interventions in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (SURE)

SURE Housing uses an implementation science approach to identify, evaluate, and support replication of effective housing interventions in the RWHAP to decrease health and housing disparities and improve health outcomes along the HIV care continuum.



People with incarceration experience



People who identify as LGBTQ+



Youth and Young Adults (13-24)

HRSA SPNS Initiative: Using Evidence-Informed Interventions to Improve Health Outcomes Among People With HIV – E2i



**Black men
who have sex
with men**



**Identifying
and addressing
trauma**



**Transgender
women**

**Integrating
behavioral
health**



HRSA SPNS Initiative: Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV – 2iS



LGBTQ+
Youth

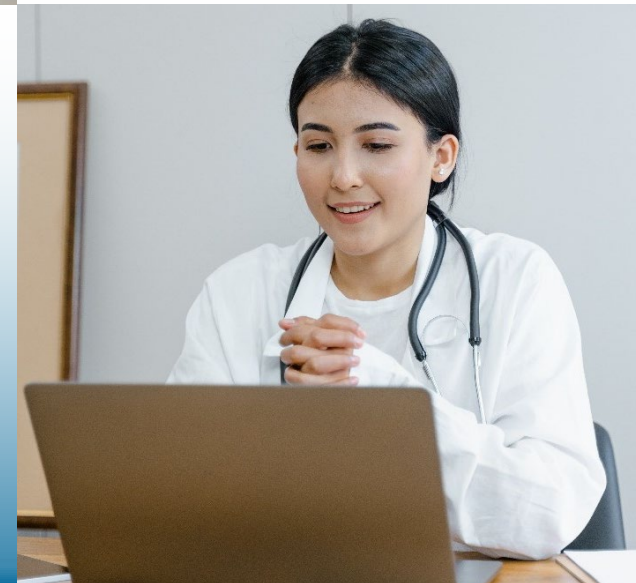


Telehealth

Incarceration
Experience



Substance
Use
Disorder



HRSA SPNS Initiative: Emerging Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes for People Aging with HIV



Project Period: August 2022 – July 2025

Implement emerging strategies to comprehensively screen and manage comorbidities | geriatric conditions | behavioral health | psychosocial needs of people 50 years and older.

Demonstration Sites

Beth Israel Medical Center | Boston Medical Center | Centro Ararat | Colorado Health Network | Empower U | Family Health Centers of San Diego | University Of Chicago | UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside | Wake Forest University | Yale University

HRSA SPNS Initiative: Improving Care and Treatment Coordination Focusing on Black Women with HIV

Black Women First Initiative supports the design, implementation, and evaluation of the use of bundled interventions to improve HIV care and treatment coordination for cisgender and transgender Black women.

Benefits of bundled interventions include:

- Addressing socio-cultural health determinants
- Expanding delivery and utilization of comprehensive HIV care and treatment services
- Supporting continuous engagement in care
- Improving health outcomes for Black women with HIV in a culturally sensitive and responsive manner



HAB EHE Qualitative Summary of Progress: March 2020-February 2021 Highlights



EHE recipients delivered expanded RWHAP services and innovative programs, especially to people newly diagnosed and those re-engaged in care.



EHE recipients expanded access to services through technology and structural changes.



Due to COVID-19, EHE recipients faced unexpected barriers and challenges to implementing their EHE workplans.



EHE recipients demonstrated flexibility and resilience in meeting the needs of their clients during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The publication is available at: <https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/data/reports>



New and Expanded Partnerships through EHE



Clinical Organizations

- HRSA-funded health centers
- Pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies
- Health departments
- Hospitals and emergency departments
- Clinics that serve priority populations



Nonclinical Organizations

- Jails and correctional settings
- Syringe services programs
- Academic institutions
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program and housing organizations
- National health and medical organizations and consortia



Nontraditional Partners

- Barbershops and salons
- Restaurants
- Faith-based organizations
- Family services agencies

Key Resources

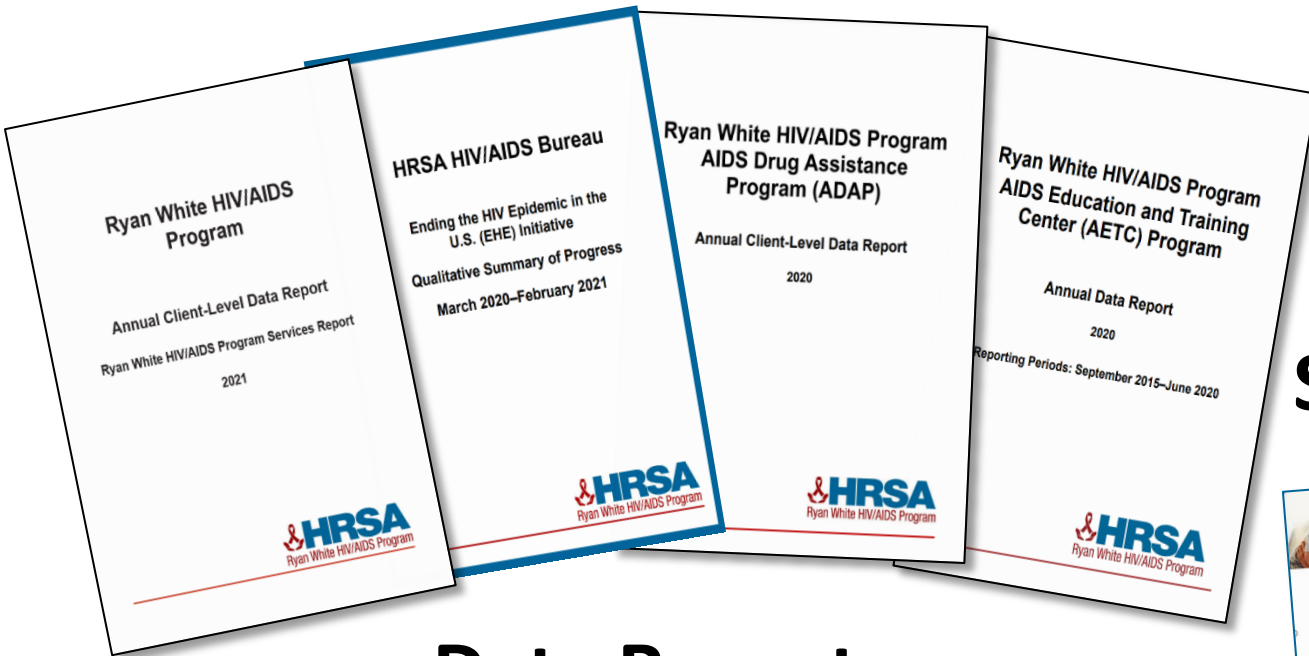


HRSA HAB Data Resources

Interactive data visualization dashboard

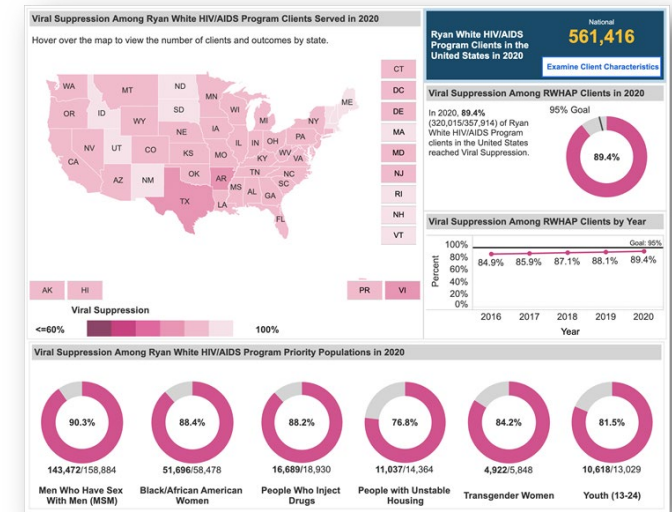
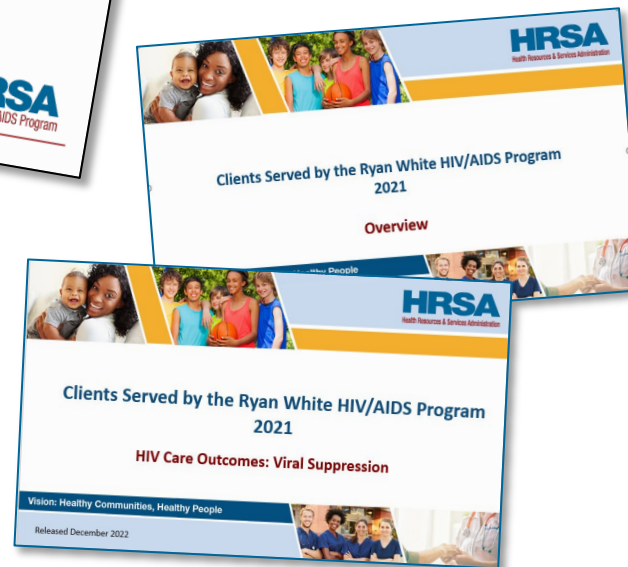


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Data Reports

Slide decks



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