

# Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

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DC Ends HIV

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**Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible.

**Treat** people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.



**Prevent** new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).

**Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.



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## *The Four Pillars +1*

- Diagnose: *HIV Testing*
- Treat: *Rapid ART, U=U*
- Prevent: *PrEP, PEP, Harm Reduction, U=U*
- Respond: Accelerated Response, Data to Action
- Engage: Commitment, Wellness, Stigma, Equity



[dcendshiv.org](http://dcendshiv.org)

# Vision/Mission



## Vision

The epidemic has ended for all communities, resources are equitably available, and optimal health outcomes are attainable for everyone in the District of Columbia.

## Mission

By providing prevention and treatment services that are safe to access, supported by the latest scientific evidence, and responsive to the wellness and needs of communities and individuals, we will end the HIV epidemic when:

- We have fewer than 130 new cases of HIV per year;
- People living with HIV can easily and safely maintain optimal integrated health and;
- We collectively acknowledge and aspire to address the impact of stigma and structural racism on sexual health and HIV outcomes.

# Core EHE Indicators and Progress

2030 Target:

95-95-95; 90% reduction in new infections; 50% PrEP coverage

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Knowledge of Status	93.7%	93.6%	94%	Not available
Linkage to care	79.6%	84%	82.4%	87.8%
PrEP Coverage	29.3%	38.4%	38.4%	42.1%
Viral Suppression	56%	55.9%	58.7%	Not available
New Diagnoses	313	281	255	205
Incidence	210	230	190	



Knowledge of Status



Diagnoses



Linkage to HIV Medical Care



Viral Suppression



PrEP Coverage

# EHE through Health Departments

## DC Health

- HRSA-20-078 – Treat/Respond Implementation
- CDC PS20-2010 – Diagnose/Treat/Prevent/Respond Implementation (including funding to the Health and Wellness Center)

## Regional

- Maryland and Virginia Health Departments
- Montgomery County – HRSA sub-award through DC Health
- Prince George’s County – HRSA sub-award through DC Health



# Partnerships and Communities

- Educational institutions
- EHE Advisory Board
- DC Appleseed and Civil Society
- Directly engaging with communities



# DC-based EHE Programs and Services



Diagnose



Treat



Prevent



Respond

# GetcheckedDC.org

**FREE, CONVENIENT, AND  
SAFE HIV AND STD TESTING  
FOR DC RESIDENTS**

**GET TESTED**



**GetCheckedDC** 



**At-Home Test Kits**



**Walk-In Testing**



# Clinical Care Coordination Services

# Purpose

Expand access to  
Ryan White  
HIV care and  
treatment

Increase awareness  
of HIV status

Reduce the  
number of new HIV  
transmissions

Improve viral  
suppression rates

# Areas of Focus



People over 500% of  
FPL-No  
income requirements



Status neutral



Private  
medical providers



Returning Citizens

# Program Design

Clinical Care Coordinators will be DC Health employees and deployed to community providers to increase their capacity to provide HIV care and social support services.

Provider sites will include private medical providers, hospitals and returning citizen/re-entry service providers.

The Clinical Care Coordinators will be monitored by HAHSTA, in conjunction with the on-site agency liaison.

# Rapid ART workgroup

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**Goal:** To reduce the time taken for an HIV positive person to start ART. Identify barriers among providers and consumers.

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**Intervention:** Feedback sessions were held with providers and community-members. This workgroup is continuing to develop materials to promote and facilitate Rapid ART amongst providers.

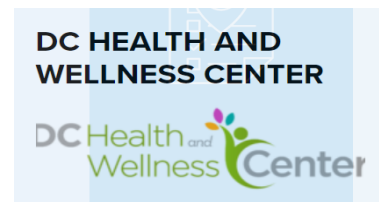
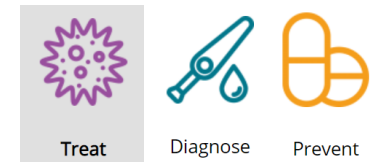
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# DC Health and Wellness Center

- Walk-in HIV testing
- PEP Hotline
- TelePrEP
- Rapid ART
- STI and TB Screening/testing etc
- Linkage to support services

<https://sexualbeing.org/dc-health-and-wellness-center/>





# Wellness Support Services

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**Goal:** Using a HIV status neutral approach, help people address physical, mental, and social well-being to improve health outcomes (PrEP and ART treatment initiation and adherence)

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**Intervention:** 3 funded providers providing Movement Practices, Breath Practices, Energy Acupuncture, Bodywork/relaxation, Wellness group sessions.

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Started in June 2021

Wellness Standard:

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/1555426>



# Syringe Service Programs (SSP) and Harm Reduction

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**Goal:** To increase access to HIV and STI testing, harm reduction materials, wellness products, and linkages to substance use treatment for individuals who may not otherwise engage in services.

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**Intervention:** Place three vending machines in conspicuous locations throughout the city, managed by funded providers

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Program is in early stages of development



Prevent

# PrEP for Housing

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**Goal:** Address housing-related barriers for DC residents who are Gay men of color ages 25-35 to access HIV related care

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**Intervention:** Community-based partner provides a renovated housing facility and the office space for a case manager.

PrEP education to program participants

DC Health and Wellness Center: medical and PrEP navigational support.

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Program will be launched this month.

New clients are now being identified who are appropriate for this program



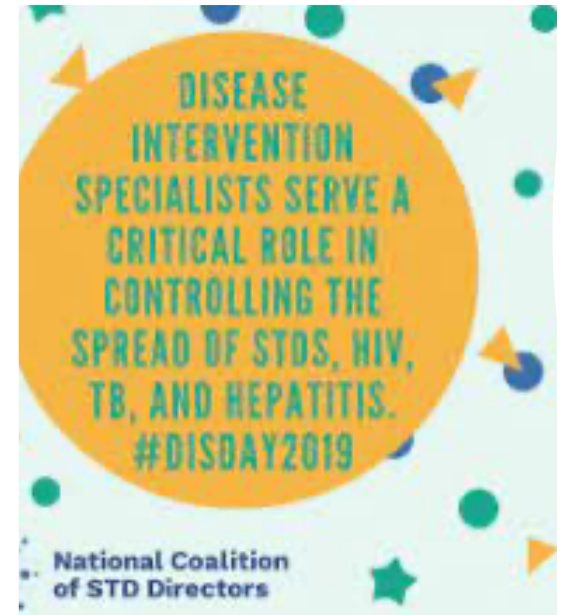
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# Community-based DIS

- Trusted community-member (non-DC Health staff) as DIS
- At high prevalence site in high burden area
- Started in October 2021

Short video about DIS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toGpW7mQ8C8>

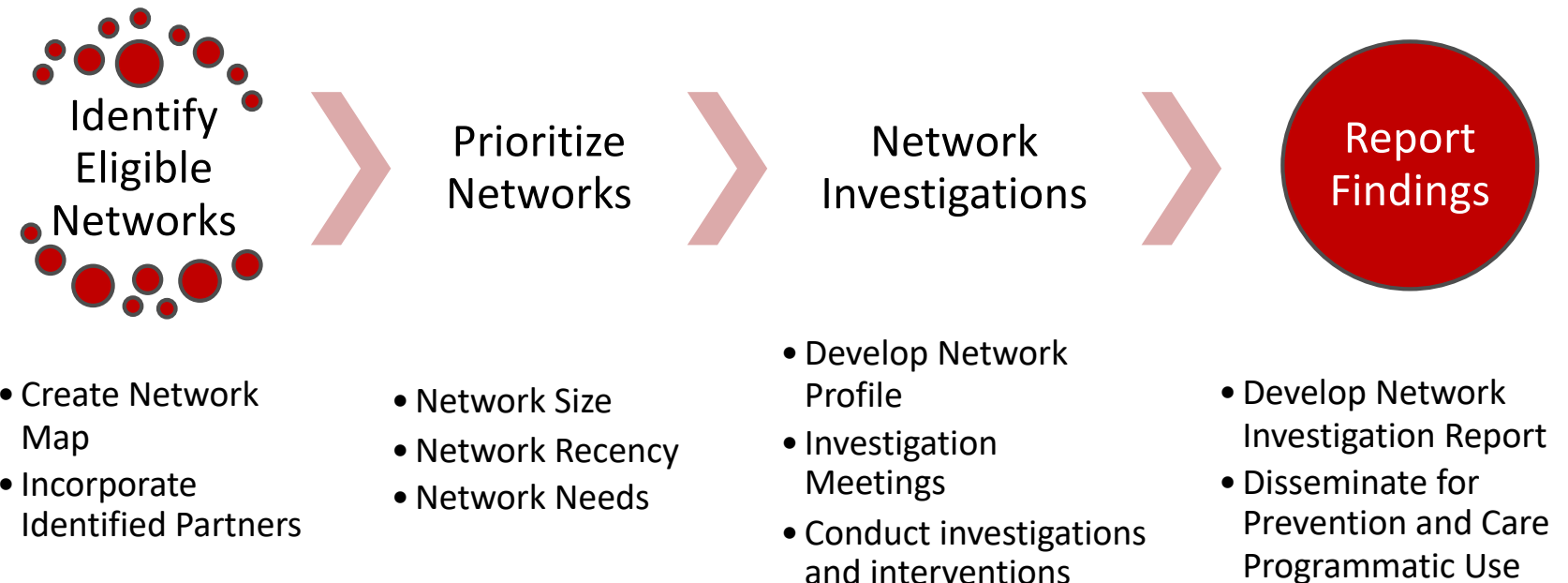




Respond

# Cluster Detection and Response

The collection, reporting, and analysis of HIV genetic sequences generated through HIV drug resistance testing for the purposes of interrupting disease transmission and improving health outcomes.



# Integrated Data Systems

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**Goal:** used to streamline re-engagement and outreach efforts with a goal of decreasing transmission of HIV and improving patient outcomes

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**Update:** Successful import of surveillance records into the DC EMA's CAREWare data system



Respond

# Questions?

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