


**Title:** The Minority AIDS Initiative: Addressing the Disproportionate Impact of HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color

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### Clinical Training for Providers AIDS Education and Training Centers: AETCs

- AETC program is clinical training component of the Ryan White Program, providing ongoing education to clinicians in rural, suburban and urban areas across the US
- Goal: Increase number of educated and motivated providers to counsel, diagnose, & treat people living with HIV
- From July 2006 – June 2007, **AETCs delivered 46,896 hours of training to 128,528 healthcare providers**




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### AETC's: Target Population

- Healthcare providers:
  - 80 percent or more of funds are **targeted at training: Physicians, Nurses, Advanced Practice Nurses, Physician Assistants, Pharmacists, Oral Health Professionals**
  - Up to 20 percent of funds or programs can be targeted to allied health professionals involved in HIV care
- Providers caring for the medically underserved:
  - HRSA funded Providers: Ryan White programs, Community Health Centers, and Maternal and Child Health grantees
  - Correctional facilities
  - Others

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## AETCs: Regional Network of Centers

- 11 Regional Centers with more than 130 local sites serving healthcare providers nationwide funded for a 5-year grant cycle
- 4 National AETC Centers
  - National Minority AETC (NMAETC)
  - AETC National Resource Center (NEC)
  - National Clinicians' Consultation Center (NCCC)
  - AETC National Evaluation Center (NEC)




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## AETCs Train In Every State And Territory




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## AETCs Offer Longitudinal HIV Training Opportunities

- **Didactic Presentations** – Introduction to HIV care and updates - Classroom style workshops and seminars - Level I
- **Interactive Skills Building** – includes role playing - Level II
- **Intensive Hands on Clinical Training with patients** – preceptorships, mini-residencies, observation of clinical care - Level III
- **Educational Patient Specific Clinical Consultations** - Includes one-on-one mentoring - Level IV
- **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building** – system and organizational issues as well as clinical issues -Level V




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## AETCs: Training Topics

- Treatment strategies (Antiretroviral Therapy; Mother- to-Child HIV Transmission; Palliative Care)
- Diagnostic tests and disease progression (Laboratory Testing)
- **Minority Providers and Issues Concerning Minority Clients**
- Epidemiology & basic science (Post-exposure Prophylaxis)
- Adherence
- Clinical manifestations of HIV (Opportunistic Infections; Oral Health) and opportunistic infections
- Comorbidities (Hepatitis; TB/HIV Co-infection)
- Substance Abuse
- Risk assessment/risk reduction
- Capacity building

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## AETCs Required to Use Dollars to Optimize Effectiveness

- AETCs prioritize resources to **train & educate in remote underserved areas**
- AETCs conduct at least one comprehensive needs assessment during project
- AETCs collaborate with Regional Training Centers, Prevention Training Centers, & Addiction Technology Transfer Centers on – substance abuse and mental health needs, STD issues, family planning/reproductive health, HIV testing, etc.



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## AETCs Focus Efforts on Training Minority Providers and Minority Serving Providers

- **At least 20 % of AETC training activities must be targeted toward minority providers**
- **OMB Performance Goal for AETCs – Increase the proportion of racial/ethnic minority health care providers participating in AETC training programs**
- **Approximately 44% of AETC trainees in 2006-2007 were of racial or ethnic background**
- **If we include minority serving providers, 65% of all AETC training participants met this definition**

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## National Minority AETC (NMAETC)

[www.nmaetc.org](http://www.nmaetc.org)

- **Builds Capacity of Racial/Ethnic Minority Clinicians to Provide HIV Care**
  - NMAETC provides training, shares best practices, and disseminates tools to improve capacity building in clinics/organizations to improve clinical competence & cultural competence in delivery of HIV/AIDS care and treatment
  - Alliance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, & Tribal Colleges and Universities
- **Collaborates with Regional AETCs across US to reach and train minority providers/minority serving providers**

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## Special Minority AIDS Initiative AETC Projects

- Purpose: expand/support new HIV initiatives targeting African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders
- AETCs receive additional grant funds to focus on training providers to serve these populations:
  - **Along the US Mexico Border (3 AETCs)**
  - **American Indians and Alaskan Natives (8 AETCs)**
  - **AETC National Evaluation Center is evaluating AETC minority-focused initiatives**

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## MAI Project Supporting Networks of HIV Care by Enhancing Primary Medical Care (SNHC by EPMC)

- **Goal:** Develop, implement and expand care and treatment service delivery in racial/ethnic minority communities severely impacted by HIV/AIDS through the provision of training and technical assistance to non-Ryan White Program grantees
- **Three Activities**
  - Onsite Technical Assistance
  - Intensive Capacity Building
  - Regional Meetings

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**MAI Project  
Supporting Networks of HIV Care by  
Enhancing Primary Medical Care  
(SNHC by EPMC)**

- **Value of SNHC by EPMC**
  - Address provider shortage relative to the provision of HIV/AIDS care and treatment
  - Encourage Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program community to work more collaboratively with community health centers and other AIDS service organizations
  - Demonstrate importance of making HIV care a standard component of primary care

- **Collaborations**  
CAEAR Foundation (grantee) partnering with Academy for Educational Development (AED), National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and AIDS Education Training Centers

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**CDC/HRSA Initiative  
AETCs Support Training on CDC  
Recommendations for HIV Testing in Acute  
Care Settings**

- In September 2007 CDC provided \$1.7M through an IAA to HRSA to fund AETCs to train clinicians on implementing HIV Testing in Acute Care settings
  - in Emergency Departments, CHCs, STD clinics, Labor and Delivery Departments, and others.
  - AETC work is focused in 22 geographic areas identified by CDC as having high rates of HIV incidence in African American communities.
- Objective: make HIV Testing a part of routine medical care for persons ages 13 - 64 years old

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**AETCs:  
National Resource Center, NRC**

[www.aidsetc.org](http://www.aidsetc.org)

- To provide a central repository for AETC program contact information and training materials developed within the AETC Network
- To support the AETC mission by offering timely, high quality, state-of-the art information on HIV
- To coordinate the exchange of curriculum and training practices and models and to collaborate to share best practices, tools, and resources on a national level

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**NCCC: National Clinicians' Consultation Center**

[www.nccc.ucsf.edu](http://www.nccc.ucsf.edu)

Over 100,000 calls received since inception

Warmline calls - 85% from medically underserved areas

Warmline PEPIline Perinatal Hotline  
**FREE** confidential consultative services for clinicians

<b>Warmline</b> Consultation regarding HIV management questions for clinicians	1-800-933-3413 8AM-8PM EST M-F
<b>PEPIline Hotline</b> Post-exposure prophylaxis	1-888-448-4911 24/7
<b>Perinatal Hotline</b> HIV consultation and referral	1-888-448-8765 24/7

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**AETCs:  
National Evaluation Center, NEC**

<http://www.aetcnec.ucsf.edu>

- Helps AETCs develop, test and implement effective evaluation models and strategies which lead to
  - Measuring outcomes
  - Determining clinician behavior change
  - Improving patient care

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TARGET Center  
Central Source of Ryan White TA  
<http://careacttarget.org>



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