



Enhancing Linkage of STI and HIV Surveillance Data in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Overview



Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged



HRSA does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities



Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care

HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau Vision and Mission

Vision

Optimal HIV care and treatment for all to end the HIV epidemic in the U.S.

Mission

Provide leadership and resources to advance HIV care and treatment to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities for people with HIV and affected communities.



HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Overview

- Provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV.
- Funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to improve health outcome and reduce HIV transmission.
 - Recipients determine service delivery and funding priorities based on local needs and planning process.
- Provided services to nearly 562,000 people in 2020—more than half of all people with diagnosed HIV in the United States.
- 89.4% of RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care were virally suppressed in 2020, exceeding national average of 65.5%ⁱ.



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Project Overview

Purposes:

- To enhance the integration of HIV and STI surveillance data with RWHAP data in order to improve linkage, re-engagement in care, and health outcomes for people with HIV.
- To evaluate the overall effectiveness and impact of the project.

Organizations Funded:

- *Technical Assistance Provider (TAP):* **Georgetown University (GU)**
- *External Evaluator:* **Abt Associates**
- *Participating jurisdictions:*
 - Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
 - District of Columbia Department of Health (DC DOH)
 - Florida Department of Health (FL DOH)
 - Louisiana Department of Health (LA DOH)

Project Timeline: September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2022



Today's presentation

Purpose:

- To describe the technical assistance framework and activities, jurisdictions' experiences, and evaluation findings from the HRSA HAB *Enhancing Linkage of STI and HIV Surveillance Data in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program* SPNS initiative.

Agenda:

- Overview of the *Enhancing Linkage of STI and HIV Surveillance Data in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program* SPNS initiative (HRSA)
- Description of the Technical Assistance (Georgetown University)
- Jurisdiction experiences with the initiative (Alabama, DC, Florida, and Louisiana)
- Evaluation findings (Abt Associates)
- Questions, comments, and discussion
- Next steps



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