



Ending the HIV Epidemic: The Role of HRSA Programs and Funding

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



HRSA Health Center Program Mission



Improve the health of the nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services

Health Center Program Fundamentals

Serve High Need Areas

- Private non-profit or public agency that must serve a **high need community or population**, i.e., medically underserved areas (MUA) or medically underserved populations (MUP)

Patient Directed

- **Governed by a community board** of which a majority (at least 51%) are health center patients who represent the population served

Comprehensive

- Provide **comprehensive primary care** services as well as enabling/supportive services such as education, translation and transportation that promote access to health care

No One is Turned Away

- Services are **available to all** with fees adjusted based upon ability to pay

Collaborative

- Establish linkages and **collaborative arrangements** with other community providers to maximize resources and efficiencies in service delivery systems

Accountable

- Meet other **performance and accountability requirements** regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations



The Health Center Program is authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

Health Center Program Services

General primary care

Diagnostic laboratory
and radiology

Screening for cancer,
chronic diseases,
communicable diseases

Coverage for
emergencies during and
after hours

Well child
immunizations

Preventive dental

OB/GYN, voluntary
family planning

Enabling services

- Translation
- Transportation
- Outreach
- Case management
- Health education
- Eligibility assistance

Additional Services by Approval

Examples:

- Vision
- Mental health
- Dental
- Substance use disorder
- Podiatry



Impact: 2018 Uniform Data System Highlights

More than **28 million** people rely on a HRSA-funded health center for care, including:



1 in 12 PEOPLE



1 in 9 CHILDREN



1 in 5 RURAL RESIDENTS



1 in 3 LIVING IN POVERTY



more than **385K** VETERANS



more than **800K** SERVED AT SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS



nearly **1M** AGRICULTURAL WORKERS



about **4.5M** LIVING IN OR NEAR PUBLIC HOUSING



Source: Uniform Data System, 2018



Ending the HIV Epidemic: Focus for Health Centers

182 HRSA-funded health centers have service delivery sites in the 57 identified geographic locations identified by the initiative

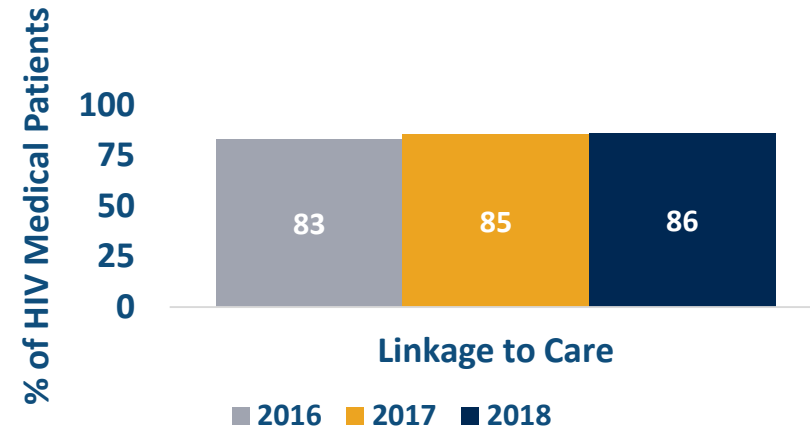
- **149** are funded by both RWHAP and Health Center Program (co-funded)
- **33** are not co-funded but are near RWHAP-funded organizations



Health Center Program: HIV and Primary Care

- **Over 2.4 million** HIV tests conducted annually
- **More than 190,000** patients with HIV receive medical care services at health centers, including many sites co-funded by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
- **More than 600** health centers purchase Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) through the 340B Program

HIV and Primary Care Integration



Related Initiatives

- Partnerships for Care (P4C) Demonstration Project, 2014-2017
- Southeast Practice Transformation Expansion Project, 2017-2018



Source: Uniform Data System, 2018. HRSA Electronic Handbooks.



Ending the HIV Epidemic: Health Centers

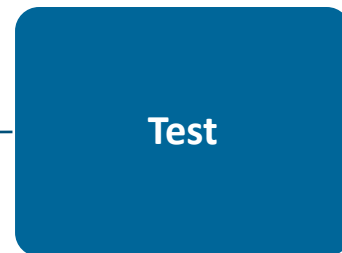
Respond rapidly to detect and respond to growing HIV clusters and prevent HIV infection (CDC)

Referrals of new patients at high risk (CDC, S/LHDs)



Health center **outreach** and **in reach** to identify patients at high risk

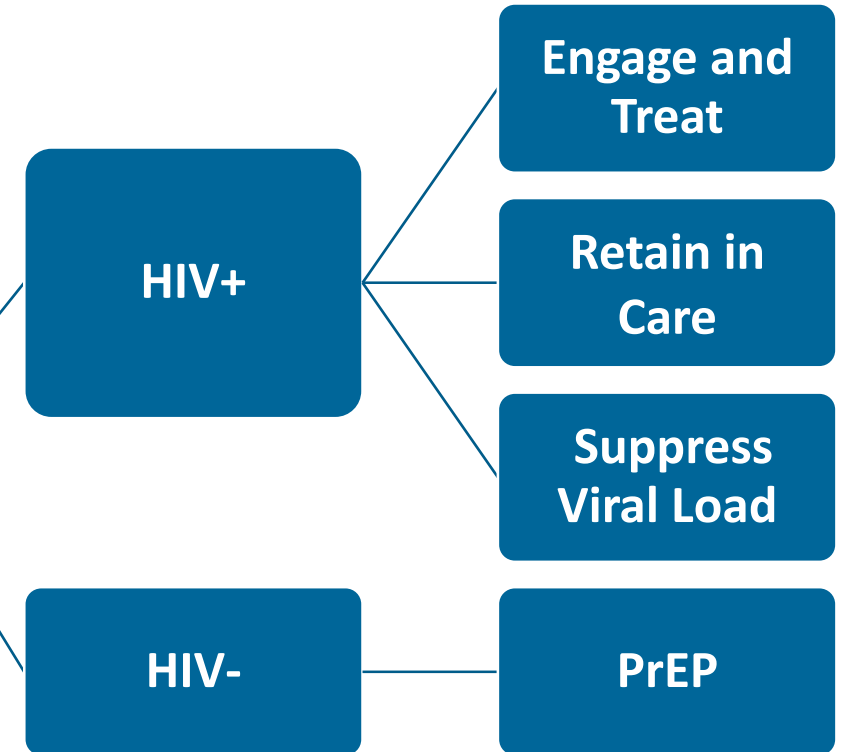
Diagnose all people as early as possible after infection



Link to Prevention and Care



Treat the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve viral suppression



Prevent people at risk using potent and proven prevention interventions, including medication that can prevent HIV



Objectives*

Engage new and existing patients to identify those at risk for HIV

Increase patients tested for HIV

Increase patients who receive prevention education and clinically-indicated PrEP

Increase linkage to HIV treatment

Enhance/Establish partnerships to support PCHP activities

Within 8 months of award add at least 0.5 full-time equivalent personnel to support access to and use of PrEP



*Pending

HIV Training and Technical Assistance

Fenway

Technical assistance on HIV prevention and PrEP through Project ECHO

Regional train-the-trainer course on PrEP/HIV prevention

PrEP/HIV prevention distance learning series

HITEQ Center

Training on integrating EHR and health information technology systems to inform HIV prevention and treatment in primary care

Technical assistance on EHR data integration, health IT optimization, and data collection

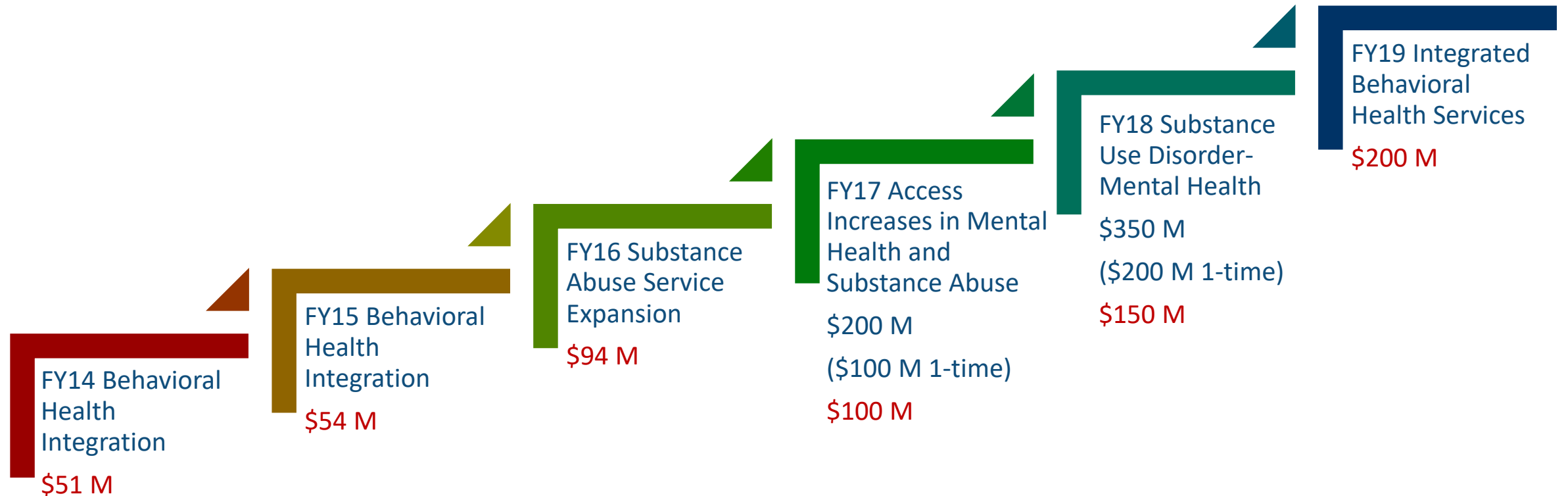
AIDS Education Training Centers

Capacity building on HIV testing, prevention, and linkage to and retention in care

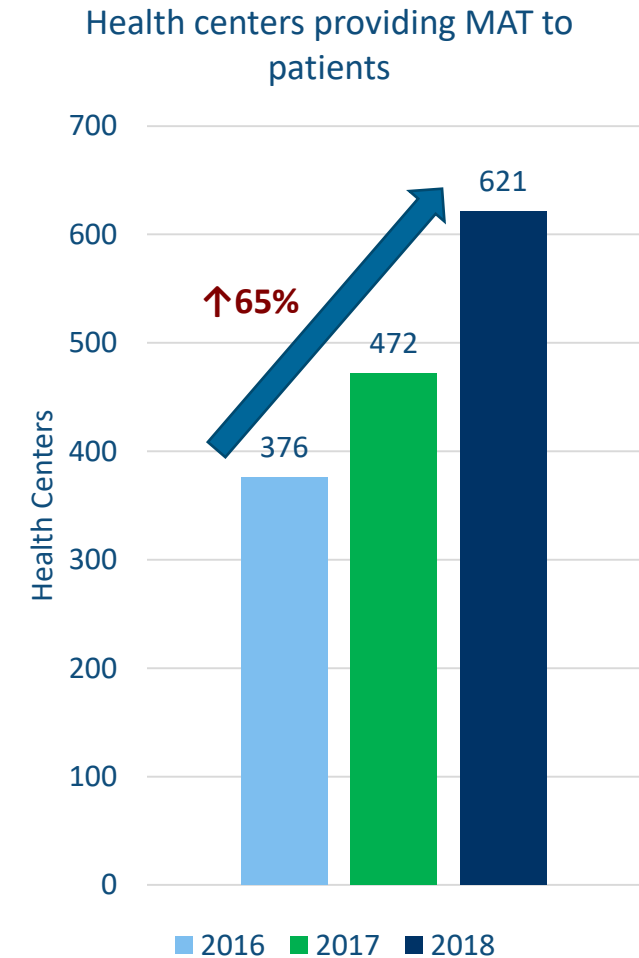
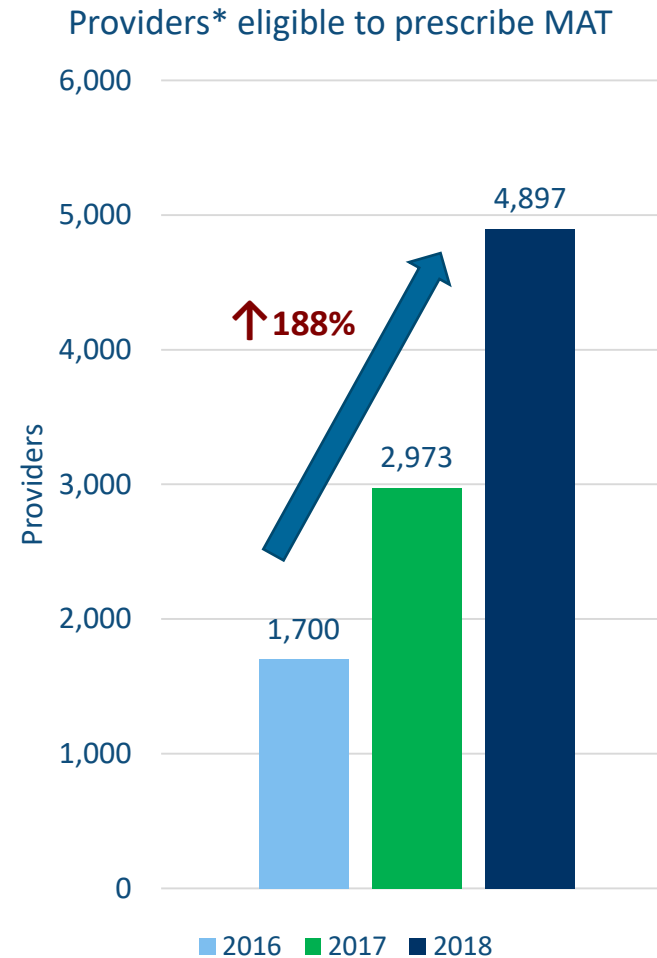
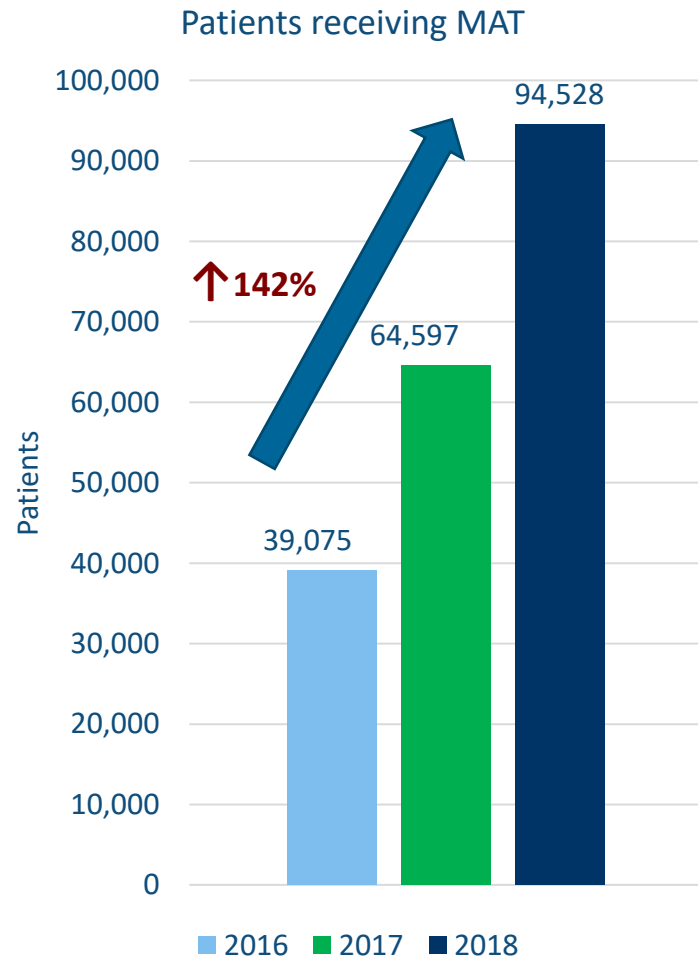
Practice transformation coaching to advance routine HIV testing, PrEP, and clinical treatment guidelines

Technical assistance to support expanding models of integrated team-based care

Behavioral Health Service Expansion: Lessons Learned



Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)



*Definition of MAT providers expanded to include physician assistants and certified nurse practitioners in 2017.
 Source: Uniform Data System - Table Other Data Elements 2017 and 2018, and HIT Information 2016



Thank You!

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