CDC awarded $12.83M to health departments and community-based organizations in Louisiana for HIV prevention and care activities, including $3.76M in Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding.

CDC collects and disseminates data on 6 key EHE indicators. Current data are available online at AtlasPlus and on HHS AHEAD for each jurisdiction.

LOUISIANA

Louisianians with HIV will face an average lifetime cost of $510,000 to treat their infection (2020 dollars).

DIAGNOSE: Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible

17% of Louisianians with HIV are unaware of their status, which means they aren’t getting the HIV care they need.

870 new HIV infections occurred in Louisiana.

117,600 HIV tests were provided in Louisianians with CDC funding. HIV testing enables people to know their HIV status.

How CDC Dollars Can Improve DIAGNOSES:

- Expand routine screening of people in health care settings
- Increase testing in non-traditional settings (e.g., jails, emergency departments, street-based services)
- Increase access to and use of HIV self-tests
- Integrate STI and viral hepatitis screening into HIV testing services
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Expand access to SSPs and their capacity to provide integrated prevention services including PrEP.

Implement a status neutral approach to HIV prevention.

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

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PrEP is medicine people at risk for HIV take to prevent getting HIV from sex or injection drug use.

15,920 Illinoisans at high risk for HIV could potentially benefit from PrEP but only 3,881 were prescribed PrEP.

RESPOND:
Respond early to potential HIV clusters or outbreaks to get prevention and treatment services to people who need them.

86 Rapidly growing clusters nationally

How CDC Dollars Can Improve RESPONSE:
- Direct prevention and treatment resources to priority populations.
- Promote equity in health services.
- Build a competent workforce to address response activities.

Cutting-edge public health approaches turn HIV data into action by identifying areas with rapid transmission and expanding resources to maximize prevention and treatment efforts.

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

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When a person with HIV takes their medicine regularly, they become virally suppressed, allowing them to live a long and healthy life and have effectively no risk of sexually transmitting HIV.

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How CDC Dollars Can Build Workforce Capacity:

CDC is providing funds to build a competent HIV prevention workforce that is representative of the communities they serve.

CDC offers technical assistance and HIV prevention trainings to build workforce capacity.

Nationally, learners from 216 unique organizations completed 565 HIV prevention courses with the most requested content area being increasing awareness of, access to, and adherence to PrEP.