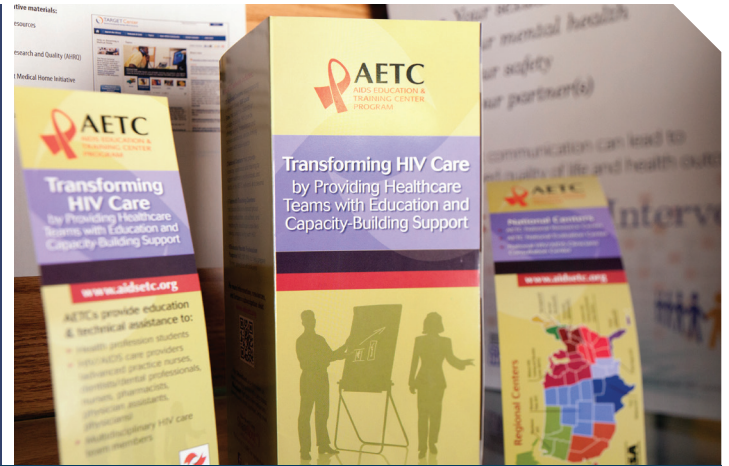




Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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PART F: AIDS EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTERS PROGRAM

The AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program supports a network of 8 regional centers (and more than 130 local affiliated sites) that conduct targeted, multi-disciplinary education and training programs for health care providers treating people with HIV/AIDS. AETCs serve all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the six U.S. Pacific jurisdictions. The AETC Program increases the number of health care providers who are educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage people with HIV disease and to help prevent high-risk behaviors that lead to HIV transmission.

PROVIDER TRAINING

AETC training is targeted to providers who serve marginalized and resource-poor populations of high HIV prevalence, including homeless, incarcerated, adolescent/young adult, transgender, gay/bisexual men, substance using, and immigrants/migrants residing in the United States. The AETCs focus on training diverse groups of clinicians, including physicians, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, nurses, oral health professionals, and pharmacists, as well as other multidisciplinary HIV care team members working in Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinics, hospitals, community-based organizations, health departments, mental health and addiction treatment facilities, and other health care facilities. Training activities are offered in-person, online, and via distance-based platforms and are based upon assessed local needs. An interactive training approach is emphasized to assist providers with complex issues related to the management of HIV care and treatment.

AETCs collaborate with other Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program-funded organizations, community-based HIV/AIDS organizations, other U.S. Department of Health and Human

THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WORKS WITH CITIES, STATES, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO AN ESTIMATED 512,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR WHO ARE UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED. THE MAJORITY OF RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM FUNDS SUPPORT PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE AND ESSENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES. A SMALLER BUT EQUALLY CRITICAL PORTION IS USED TO FUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CLINICAL TRAINING, AND RESEARCH ON INNOVATIVE MODELS OF CARE. THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM, FIRST AUTHORIZED IN 1990, WAS FUNDED AT \$2.32 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015.

Services-funded training centers, health departments, and medical and health professional organizations.

NATIONAL CENTERS

Several national, crosscutting components of the AETC Program support and complement the regional training centers:

- ▶ The AETC National Coordinating Resource Center (www.aidsetc.org) is a Web-based HIV/AIDS educational resource that supports the needs of regional AETCs through coordination and development of HIV/AIDS training materials and curricula, rapid dissemination

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of late-breaking advances in treatment and changes to treatment guidelines, and critical review of patient education materials. The National Coordinating Resource Center serves as the central repository for HIV/AIDS training and capacity resources within the AETC network.

- ▶ **The AETC National Evaluation Center (aetnec.ucsf.edu)** provides leadership in the development, design, testing, and dissemination of effective evaluation models for AETC training across the United States. The Center works with AETC clinical education and training programs to assess the impact of training activities on provider behavior and clinical practice, including changes in knowledge, skills, clinical practice behavior, and improved patient outcomes.
- ▶ **The AETC National HIV/AIDS Clinician Consultation Center (www.nccc.ucsf.edu)** gives health care providers the following resources for timely and accurate responses to questions about treatment:
 - ▼ National HIV Telephone Consultation Services (Warmline): 800-933-3413, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET, for questions about HIV/AIDS, including antiretroviral therapy, HIV clinical manifestations, comorbidities, and laboratory evaluation.

- ▼ National Clinicians' Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Hotline (PEPLINE): 888-HIV-4911 (888-448-4911), for questions about occupational exposures (e.g., needle sticks, splashes) to HIV and other blood-borne pathogens. The PEPLINE is available daily 9 a.m. – 2 a.m. ET.
- ▼ National Perinatal HIV Consultation and Referral Services (Perinatal Hotline): 888-HIV-8765 (888-448-8765), for questions about the care of HIV-infected pregnant women, as well as indications and interpretations of rapid and standard HIV tests. The Perinatal HIV Hotline is available daily 24/7.
- ▼ National Substance Use Warmline: 855-300-3595, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET, for expert clinical advice on substance use evaluation and management for primary care clinicians, with special expertise in pharmacotherapy options for optional use.
- ▶ **The AETC Education for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants grant program** establishes nurse practitioner and physician assistant HIV/AIDS primary care education programs within accredited schools/programs.

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