

The AIDS Education & Training Center National Center for HIV Care in Minority Communities (AETC NCHCMC)

- The AETC NCHCMC develops and enhances the organizational capacity of non-Ryan White-funded community health centers to provide primary medical care to ethnic and racial minority individuals living with or affected by HIV.
- It is funded through the **Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) and the AETC program.**
- Its goal is to increase access to comprehensive HIV care for ethnic and racial minority communities severely impacted by HIV by developing the organizational capacity of health centers that are not directly funded through the Ryan White Program.
- The AETC NCHCMC builds organization-wide capacity, in addition to clinical capacity.
- The AETC NCHCMC bridges the HIV and primary care fields to ensure access to care and improved health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities living with or at risk for HIV infection. Together the organizations have created an innovative framework of capacity building rooted in practice transformation and redesign.

Activities & Outcomes

- Health centers, as part of a **HIV in Primary Care Learning Community**, will work toward expanding primary care services to include care for people living with HIV.
- They will engage in a robust, innovative curriculum designed to align existing work and responsibilities with changing and expanding demands.
- Curriculum uses practice transformation as a vehicle with components including:
 - HIV clinical care within primary care
 - Maximizing revenue for HIV services
 - Quality improvement
 - Population management
 - Enhanced access

The HIV in Primary Care Learning Community:

- Is the name of the group of organizations that will receive intensive education and training over a 12 month period
- Health centers will receive education and training grounded in the Patient Centered Medical Home that will support practice transformation to expand primary care to include HIV care
- Health centers are selected through a competitive process and reflect a focus on MAI target populations (AA, Latino, API, & NA), are diverse 330 grantees, and come from across the country and Puerto Rico.
- Organizations have at least implemented testing programs of some form and have identified a need to expand their services to address HIV.
- Organizational participants required to participate in learning community are:
 - CEOs from each of the organizations
 - A practice transformation leader to implement change at the organizational level
 - A clinical learning leader (MD, NP, or PA) – Providers who will lead all HIV clinical education and training efforts related to this project

Key Messages about the AETC NCHCMC, Learning Community, and the NHAS.

- Health centers are a key component to addressing the nation's health care reform goals
- They are committed to addressing the needs of vulnerable and disenfranchised populations
- Working with the AETC NCHCMC, they are a key part of meeting the goals of the NHAS in **reducing Infections, increasing access, & reducing HIV-related health disparities**
- The AETC NHCMC is working health centers to address HIV by supporting them through a Community System Approach