

Indian Health Service

Ending the HIV Epidemic in Indian Country

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Introduction

Objectives of this presentation:

1. State the main goal of “Ending the HIV Epidemic in America” (The Plan);
2. List the four key strategies of The Plan; and
3. Describe “Treatment as Prevention” (TasP)





HIV in Indian Country

Current Statistics:

- CDC reports a 63% increase in HIV rates among gay and bisexual AI/AN men;
- The undiagnosed rate for AI/AN living with HIV ~ 18%;
- Roughly 53% of all AI/AN diagnosed with HIV were receiving continuous HIV care





HIV in Indian Country (2)

Current Statistics:

- AI/AN men who have sex with men accounted for 78% of all HIV cases among AI/AN in 2013
- AI/AN women show a rate of HIV diagnosis that is three times the rate of White women





Ending the HIV Epidemic

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We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Now is the time.

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In the State of the Union Address on February 5, 2019, the President announced his Administration's goal to end the HIV epidemic in the United States within 10 years.



HIV in America

- 700,000 American lives have been lost to HIV since 1981
- 1 million currently living with HIV
- 40,000 newly diagnosed each year
- The U.S. government spends \$20 billion annually for HIV prevention and care
- Risk of an HIV resurgence





Goals of The Plan

GOAL:

75%
reduction in new
HIV infections
in 5 years
and at least
90%
reduction
in 10 years.

SERVICE
2015



Right Data & Right Tools

Today we have the tools available to end the HIV epidemic.

Landmark biomedical and scientific research advances have led to the development of many successful HIV treatment regimens, prevention strategies, and improved care for person living with HIV.





Right Leadership

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Health Resources and Services Administration

Indian Health Service

National Institutes of Health

Office of the HHS Assistant Secretary for Health

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration





Geographic Focus





Key Strategies of the Plan



Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible.

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



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

Respond quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.





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FOCUSED EFFORT

- 48 Counties, DC, and San Juan account for 50% of new infections
- 7 States with substantial rural HIV burden





Cherokee Nation HIV Pilot

Objectives:

1. Implement a public education campaign centering on HIV care and HIV prevention;
2. Educate providers on the need to have discussions about the sexual health of the patients;
3. Identify and link to care persons who currently access Cherokee Nation Health Services (CNHS) and are at high risk for contracting HIV and
4. Establish a robust PrEP program within the CNHS.





Tribal Epi Center NOFO

- Only current TEC grantees are eligible to apply for the competing supplemental funding under this announcement
- Two levels of funding
 - Group A: TEC Projects not in Phase One Jurisdictions
 - Group B: TEC Projects in Phase One Jurisdictions
- Total funding is approximately \$2.4 million
- Published in the Federal Register on August 26, 2019
 - FR Document 2019-16760
 - FR Document 2019-16761





Listening to our Communities

IHS leadership will be conducting listening sessions throughout Indian Country.

The IHS National HIV Program is funding the National Indian Health Board and the National Council of Urban Indian Health to conduct HIV and HCV listening sessions.



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