

Mississippi Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative (MSEHEI) Resource Guide

In the State of the Union Address on February 5, 2019, President Donald J. Trump announced his Administration's goal to end the HIV epidemic in the United States within 10 years. To achieve this goal and address the ongoing public health crisis of HIV, the proposed Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE): A Plan for America will leverage the powerful data and tools now available to reduce new HIV infections in the United States by 75 percent in five years and by 90 percent by 2030. While nationally HIV rates are on the decline, Mississippi is still considered to be an identified hot spot along with six other substantial rural states. To focus the effort on addressing ending the epidemic in Mississippi, the Community Health Center Association of Mississippi (CHCAMS), along with the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), Office of STD/HIV, and the Mississippi AIDS Education Training Center (AETC) is implementing the "Mississippi Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative." This initiative focuses on the four pillars designed by the national EHE strategy:

- **Pillar One: Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible after transmission;
- **Pillar Two: Treat** people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression;
- **Pillar Three: Prevent** new HIV transmission by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs); and
- **Pillar Four: Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.

To assist health centers in developing a comprehensive response to the HIV epidemic in their respective areas, the CHCAMS has created a quick reference guide of available resources for health centers to develop response plans.

Community Health Center Association of Mississippi

The CHCAMS has the following resources for health centers:

- Resources development for HIV prevention and PrEP programs;
- Technical assistance and training on developing a culturally competent HIV workforce;
- Budget training for maximizing current HIV resources within the program funding guidelines;
- Identification of collaborative partnerships and new/existing funding sources to support EHE work; and
- Access to free informational webinars and recordings.

For technical assistance contact, Christopher Roby, Director of Strategic Partnerships, via phone at 601-981-1817 or email croby@chcams.org. We also encourage you to visit our website at www.chacms.org to access documents, recordings, and a current list of available resources.

Mississippi State Department of Health

The STD/HIV Program strives to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV infection. The program also links people to services for disease prevention and control, including health care services for HIV.

The Mississippi State Department of Health provides the following supportive services for health centers:

- Supplemental Funding for Ryan White Part B services
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- ADAP Insurance Assistance Pilot Program
- Community STD-HIV Prevention Education

To get more information about becoming a sub-recipient of Ryan White Part B funds or additional information about what MSDH can offer, please contact Eva Thomas, via email at Eva.Thomas@msdh.ms.gov or phone at 601-576-7723.

Mississippi AIDS Education Training Center

The mission of the Mississippi AIDS Education and Training Center (MSAETC) is ~~strives~~ to improve the quality of life for persons living with HIV/AIDS through the provision of high-quality, professional education and provider training. MSAETC tailors educational services to the needs of all health care professionals, from novice to expert, and from low-volume to high-volume HIV care.

The MSAETC program provides in-person, online, and distance-based training to promote current treatment guidelines and to highlight key issues in current clinical practice. The MSAETC staff works with clinics to determine the best methods/mode of training for the facility. Continuing education credits may be available for some courses.

The AETC program offers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conferences• Consultations• Mentoring• Online education (webinars)• Preceptorships | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources and tools• Seminars• Skills-building workshops• Technical assistance• Telehealth education |
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Those interested are invited to participate in trainings or schedule a clinic-based training. For more information, visit the [Contact Us](#) page or contact Dr. Sherry Stephens-Gibson, via phone at 601-984-5552 or email at sstephensgibson@umc.edu.

HealthHIV

HealthHIV announced the launch of the HIV Prevention Certified Provider (HIV PCP)[™] program. The HIV PCP is an online, self-paced CME curriculum composed of five (5) free eLearning courses in HIV prevention. Clinicians who complete the curriculum receive the HIV Prevention Certified Provider national designation and certificate, recognizing competency in the clinical and cultural aspects of HIV prevention services, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The HIV Prevention Certified Provider Program is comprised of five modules that detail the pertinent clinical and practice information that clinicians need to effectively employ HIV prevention interventions with confidence. The curriculum is updated annually and as needed as new biomedical interventions are approved, and evidence-based practices are released.

The five modules are:

- **HIV Prevention: Epidemiology, Interventions and Strategies, presented by Jonathan Appelbaum, MD, FACP, AAHIVS**, reviews the epidemiology of HIV in the United States among key populations, high-impact public health strategies, and federal policy initiatives.
- **HIV Testing and Assessing Risk for Short Behavioral Intervention and Referral, presented by Jonathan Appelbaum, MD, FACP, AAHIVS**, discusses point-of-care and laboratory HIV testing, risk assessments, and referrals to behavioral services.
- **Maintaining Serostatus Negative and Viral Suppression: Preventing HIV Acquisition and Transmission, presented by W. David Hardy, MD**, details the administration of pre- and postexposure prophylaxis, sexually transmitted infections screening and treatment, and antiretroviral therapy to achieve viral suppression.
- **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Clinical, presented by Richard Elion, MD**, provides the clinical overview, research, and CDC guidance behind PrEP administration and describes emerging modalities for PrEP.
- **Enhancing Cultural Humility and Understanding Barriers to Care, presented by Christopher Hucks-Ortiz, MPH**, explains the impact of racism, stigma, and homo/transphobia on healthcare delivery, tools to build client trust, social determinants of health, and practices to address prevention disruptors.

To access this training you can visit their website at <https://healthhiv.org/programs/hpcp/>. For more information contact Anna Clayton, Capacity Building Manager via phone at 202-5047-4744 or email her at anna@healthhiv.org.