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Partnering Together to Reduce HIV, STIs, and Hepatitis

In the Kansas City HIV Prevention and Care
Region

Bureau of HIV, STI, and Hepatitis
July 11, 2024

Objectives

- Provide our partners with information to better help engage and serve their local communities.
- Ensure our partners know what the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of HIV, STI, and Hepatitis are doing in their communities and how to work together to reduce STIs and HIV.



Program Priorities

- Prevention and awareness surrounding STIs, HIV and PrEP
- Clients with symptoms of primary or secondary syphilis
- Women who are pregnant or whose pregnancy status is unknown
- Congenital syphilis
- Newly diagnosed HIV clients
- Re-engagement in HIV care and viral suppression
- Reducing health disparities
- Getting people with HCV into treatment





HIV Prevention and Testing Program

HIV Testing and Prevention

- Regional Partners
 - Prioritized HIV Outreach Testing and Counseling
 - Risk Reduction Education
 - STD Testing
 - HCV Testing
- Health care Opt-Out Testing
- Self-Test Kits
- Condom Distribution
- Ending the HIV Epidemic

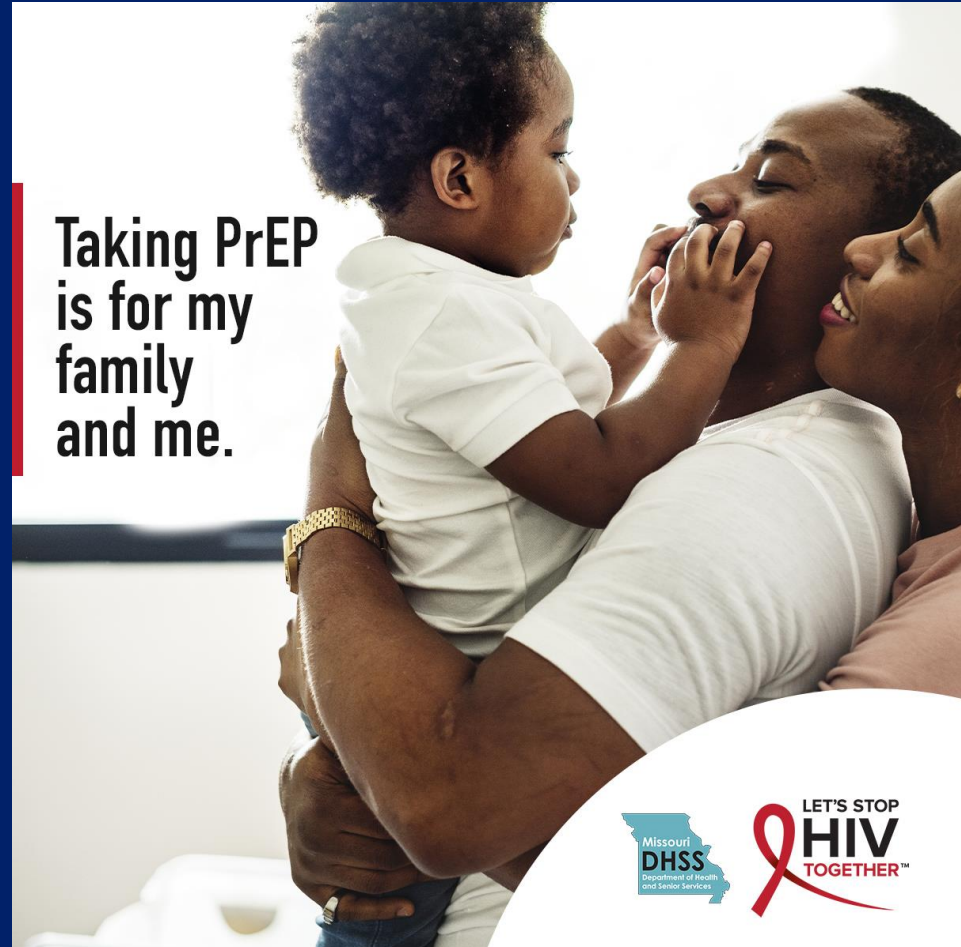




Pre- Exposure Prophylaxis

PrEP

- PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) is a medication that prevents HIV.
- PrEP is now available in an oral and injectable form.
- Almost anyone can use PrEP.



PrEP

- The goal of PrEP is to prevent an HIV-negative person from acquiring HIV from an HIV-positive partner.



PrEP

- PrEP is about 99 percent effective at preventing HIV through sex when taken as prescribed.
- PrEP only prevents against HIV. Condoms are still important to prevent other STIs.



Expanding PrEP

- Statewide PrEP Coordinator
- PrEPlocator.org
- Regional PrEP Navigators
- Regional PrEP Providers
- Provider Technical Assistance



PreExposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

DHSS Home > Healthy Living > Health Conditions & Diseases > Communicable Diseases > HIV/AIDS > PrEP



Search for a
Doctor/Provider

About PrEP

Información básica sobre
la profilaxis de preexposición
(PrEP) en español

Resources for
Providers

Do You Have The Facts On PrEP? What is it?

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (or PrEP) is medicine taken to prevent getting HIV. PrEP is highly effective for preventing HIV when taken as prescribed.

- PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99%.
- PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from injection drug use by at least 74%.

PrEP is less effective when not taken as prescribed. Since PrEP only protects against HIV, condom use is still important for the protection against other STDs. Condom use is also important to help prevent HIV if PrEP is not taken as prescribed.



Healthy Living

Find Case Management

Ending the HIV Epidemic

HIV Risk Reduction Tool

Learn About PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis)

STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Health



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Disease Intervention Specialists Overview

What are Disease Intervention Specialists?

Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) are critical public health professionals who work to stop the spread of infections that threaten communities throughout Missouri.



DIS Training



DIS are trained professionals, informed about the causes and spread of STIs, skilled in taking sexual histories, identifying and locating people who may have been exposed to or tested positive for an STI, and know where to refer people for testing and treatment.

Disease Intervention Specialists

DIS provide counseling about behaviors that put a person at risk for STIs, including HIV infection. DIS also offers STI education outreach to health care providers, community-based organizations, and the public.



DIS Focus On:

- Providing the patient with information about their disease and ways to prevent infection in the future.
- Notifying and locating unaware partners so they can receive confidential and prompt diagnosis and treatment.

DIS and Partner Notification



- Arrive at a plan for partner notification with the patient
- Coach the patient if the patient wants to inform their partner on how to inform their partner
- In some cases, patients prefer DIS to inform their partner.

DIS and Partner Notification

- When a DIS notifies exposed partners, identifying information about the original patient is never disclosed.
- DIS conduct their work in a confidential manner and are trained to work with diverse populations while maintaining a sense of urgency.



Tell Your Partner

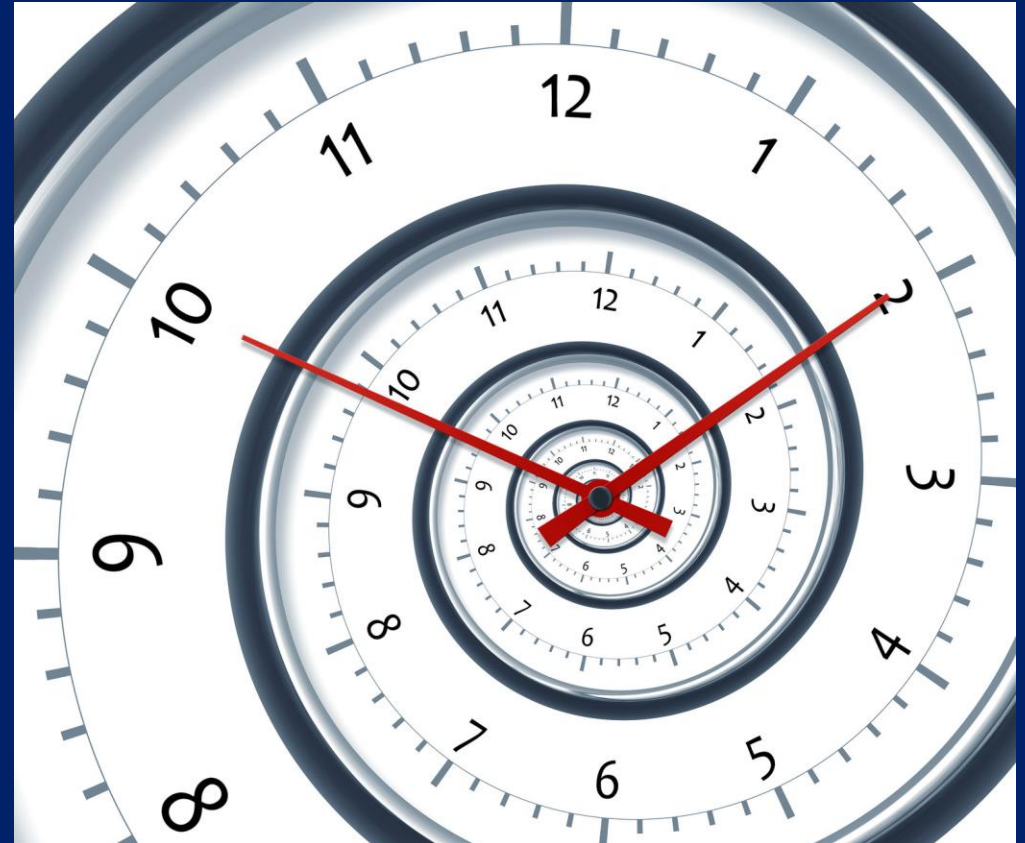
Tell Your Partner is a free service that allows a text to be sent to a sexual partner who might be at risk of an STI. If you text a partner using this service, it will ***always*** be anonymous.



Tell Your Partner

This anonymous notification option assists with improving the rate of partner notification. The goal is to get partners tested, diagnosed and treated, if needed. This service takes less than two (2) minutes to complete.

To learn more, go to <https://tellyourpartner.org/>.



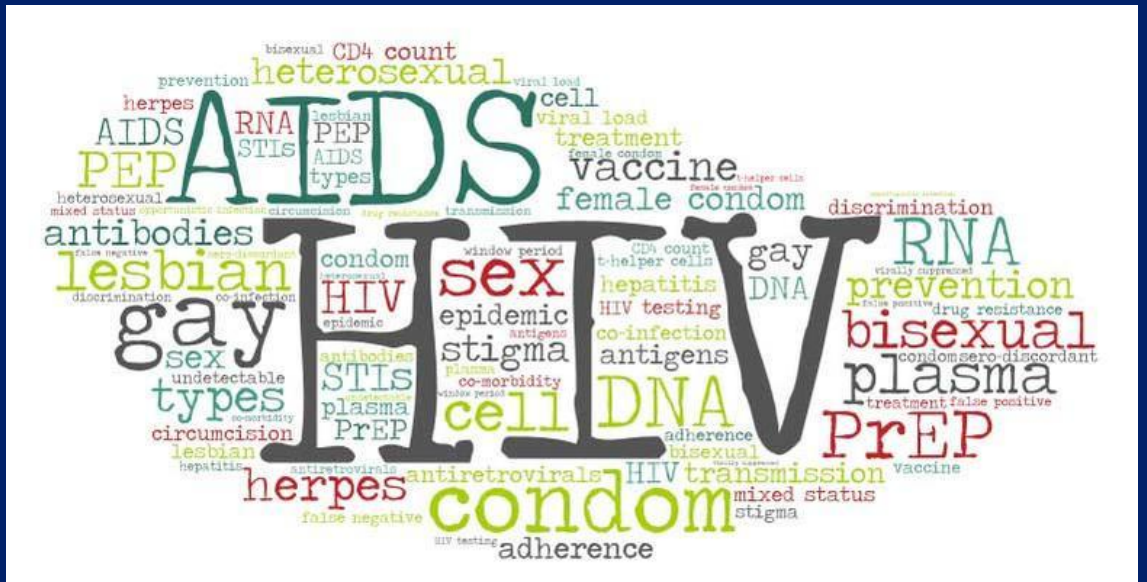


Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

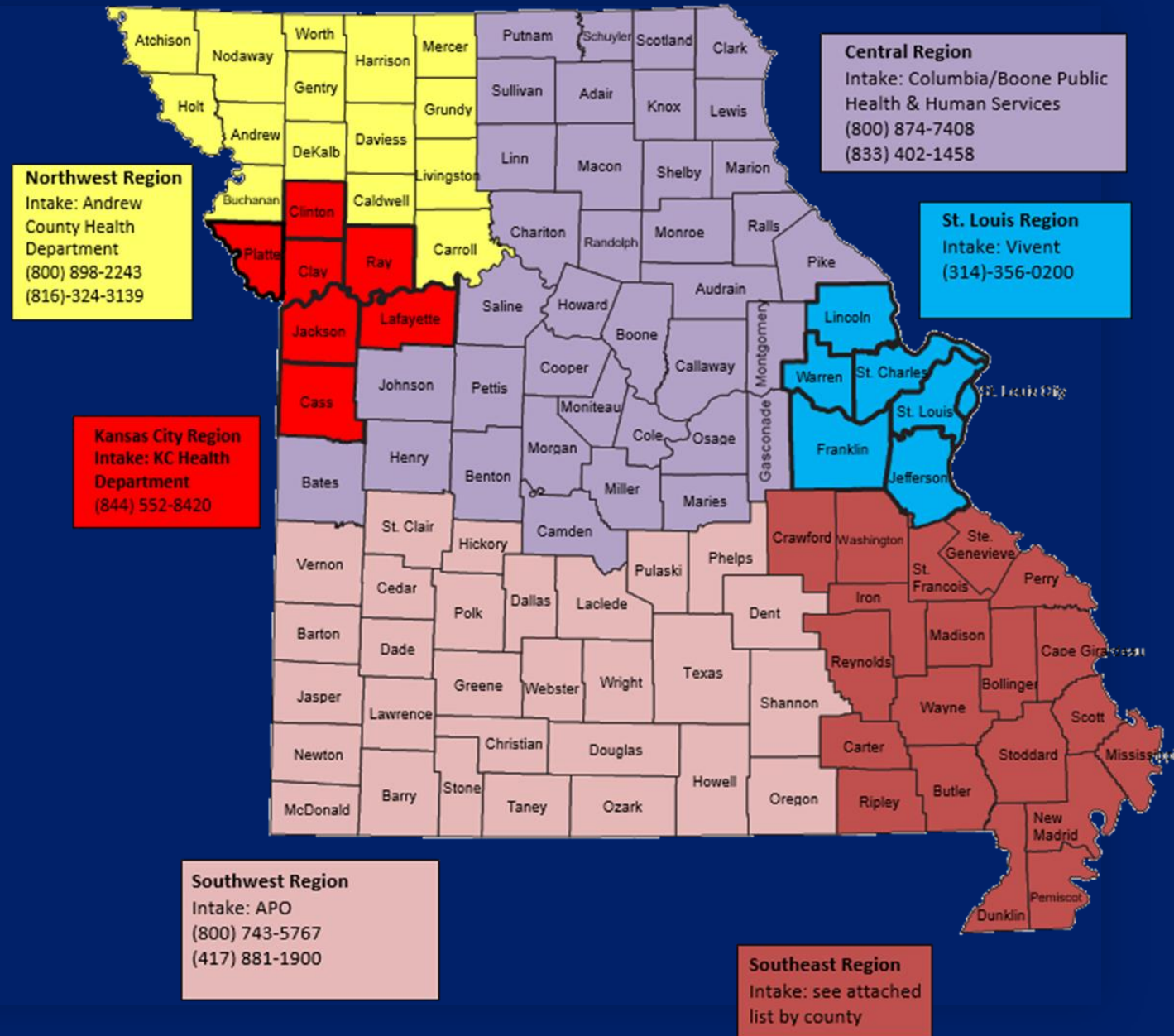
Ryan White Case Management

Types of Case Management:

- Medical/ Non-medical
- Linkage to Care
- Lost Retention Peer Navigation
- Transitional Case Management
- State Plan Personal Care (SPPC)
- AIDS Waiver
- Direct Enrollment Services



Ryan White Case Management Regional Map



State Plan Personal Care/AIDS Waiver

- DHSS and Department of Social Services Collaboration
- Purpose
- Qualifications:
 - Case Manager
 - Client
- Types of Services



Additional Part B Services:

- Primary Care
- ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program)
- Health Insurance Premium Assistance
- Medical Copays
- Dental
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Misuse Services
- Housing and Utility Assistance
- Medical Transportation
- Treatment Adherence



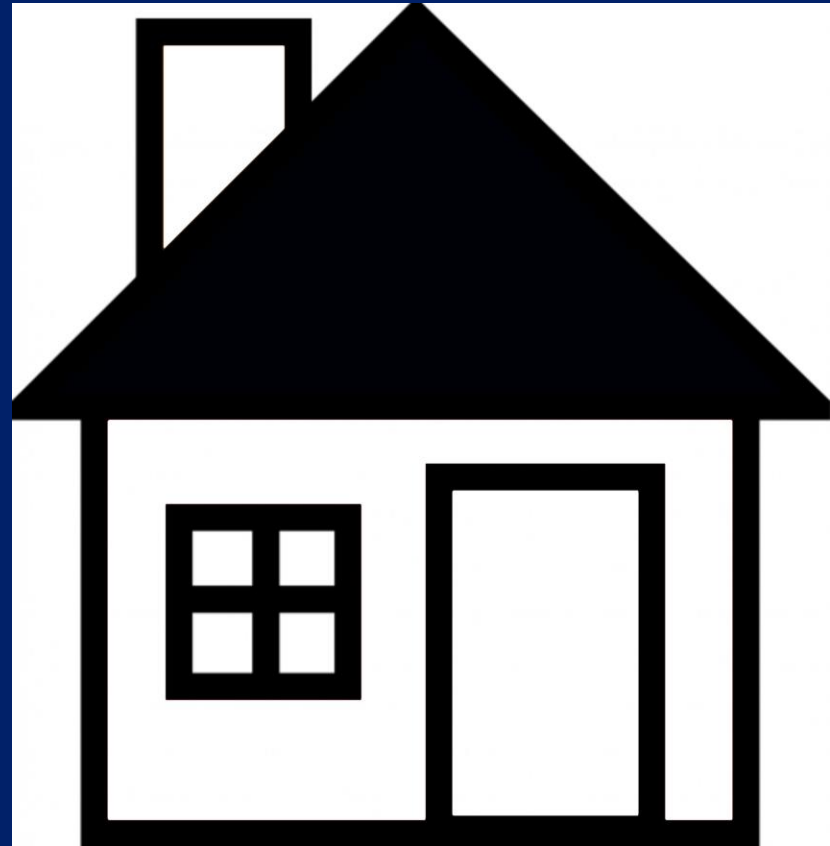
AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- Statewide Services
 - ADAP Uninsured Program
 - Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP)



Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

- Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Individuals access the HOPWA through Ryan White
- The DHSS HOPWA program serves individuals in outstate rural areas.
- The St. Louis and Kansas City regions have their own HOPWA funding



HIV Care Program Projects and Initiatives

- Community Engagement
- HIV Outbreak Response Plan
- Digital and social media marketing
- Financial Forecasting Technical Assistance
- Clinical Expansion – Oral Health
- Statewide Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan





Ending the HIV Epidemic

Missouri Ending the HIV Epidemic Overview

Ending the HIV Epidemic In Missouri

Missouri's Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan

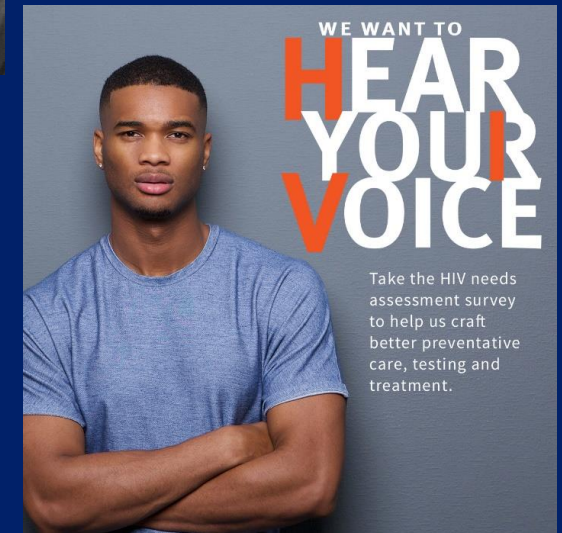
We offer several options for engagement and want to hear from you! Use the comment option if you wish to provide a broad comment on the plan. The feedback option can be used to provide more structured feedback and the email address can be used for questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

- [Quick Overview of Missouri's EHE Plan](#) 
- [Provide a Comment](#) 
- [Send Us Your Feedback](#) 
- [Missouri's Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan](#) 

Health.mo.gov/ehe

Ending the HIV Epidemic: Activity Highlights

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Project
- Ending the HIV Epidemic Specific Positions
 - Re-engagement
 - Financial assistance for people not eligible for the Ryan White program
- HIV media campaigns



Community Engagement

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services invites you to attend the June Community Engagement Forum focused on Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) in Missouri. DHSS and the EHE partners want to hear the barriers encountered to prevent, diagnose and treat HIV and understand how to improve services.



SAVE ^{THE} **DATE**

Virtual EHE Community Forum of 2024:
Disproportionate Impact of HIV

JUNE 11, 2024
Click below to register
Webinar: Noon

Scan to register
or visit us at
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Media Campaigns

- Social and Digital Media Efforts
 - YouTube
 - Snapchat
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Scruff
 - Jack'd
 - GRINDR
 - Pandora
 - Spotify
- Print media
- Focus groups
- Use of Billboards
- Bus tags
- Partnering with the CDC

LET'S STOP HIV TOGETHER

“**Staying in HIV care is the most important part to becoming undetectable.**”

“In my journey as a transgender man, the first time I was able to become undetectable was the year after I transitioned. There were a few things that happened there. I felt comfortable with who I was. I had a great provider. I had stability.” — JAMEL FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA

BE YOUR OWN ROLE MODEL. START YOUR HIV TREATMENT JOURNEY.

cdc.gov/HIVTreatmentWorks

CDC

LET'S STOP HIV TOGETHER

Ending the HIV Epidemic

Source: CDC Let's Stop HIV Together materials

HIV Stigma Campaign



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People living with HIV deserve acceptance and respect.

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A DIAGNOSIS ISN'T A DEFINITION

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STI Prevention, Testing, and Treatment

STI Program

- Over 180 program partners
 - LPHAs
 - Community Organizations
 - Colleges and Universities
- Testing through the State Public Health Lab
- Free STI medications
 - Chlamydia
 - Gonorrhea
 - Syphilis
- Condom Distribution

Partners

- People living with HIV
- AIDS service organizations
- Local public health agencies (LPHAs)
- Substance use centers
- Organizations that serve minority populations
- Community-based organizations
- Public and private universities
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)





Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program

Viral Hepatitis

- Hepatitis C Elimination Plan
 - Increase access to hepatitis C prevention, testing, and treatment for all Missouri citizens.
- Prevention Education



Viral Hepatitis

- Rapid Testing Program
 - Tests for HCV Antibodies
 - Determines exposure to Hepatitis C virus (HCV)
 - Simple finger stick of blood
 - Results in 20 minutes



Viral Hepatitis

- HBV and HCV confirmatory testing
 - Free through the MO State Public Health Lab
- Patient Navigation
 - Telehealth Referrals to HCV treating providers
 - Lab draws local to the client
 - Ships medications right to the client's door





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