



Keep the AIDS Education Training Center Program Whole

The National Alliance for HIV Education and Workforce Development (NAHEWD) is a membership organization of the 8 regional and 2 national AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) that supports the AETC Program as the principal national mechanism to ensure a viable HIV workforce.

The Health Resources and Services Administration's HIV/AIDS Bureau administers the AETC Program as the workforce development arm of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. **The AETC Program:**

- Is the **only U.S. network of HIV clinical experts and educators** providing tailored education programs, consultation, and technical assistance (TA) to all healthcare teams and systems.
- Has a **national reach and local presence** that uniquely positions the program to rapidly and efficiently address the needs of clinical care teams to provide optimal HIV care for rural, urban, and suburban communities. Having this reach proved **invaluable to the nation's public health response** to COVID-19 and Mpox.

What is the work of the AETC Program?

- Builds the capacity of clinics and care teams to provide biomedical prevention, testing, and treatment for HIV and related comorbidities.
- Increases the size and strengthens the skills of the current HIV clinical workforce.
- Develops the future workforce by working with health professions schools to integrate HIV and interprofessional education into their curricula.

The AETC Program:

Promotes early diagnosis, rapid access to care, effective treatment, prevention of new transmissions, and rapid response to HIV outbreaks.

- Annually (2016-2021), tailored HIV training events were provided to over 57,000 individual HIV care providers. Of those trained,
 - nearly three-quarters (72.5%) provided direct clinical services.
 - more than half (52.8%) provided HIV prevention counseling and testing services.
 - 20.2% prescribed PrEP.
 - nurses and nurse practitioners accounted for 21.5%, social workers 13.8%, physicians 13.2%, and more than 50% were allied health providers and community health workers.
- The National Clinical Consultation Center provided over 12,000 individualized clinical consultations annually to support providers' decision-making on HIV treatment, prevention, and its comorbidities.

Translates the latest scientific and evidence-based advances into practice.

- The most frequent topics covered in trainings: PrEP (27.7%); treatment adherence/viral suppression (25.4%); HIV testing & diagnosis; (24.5%); linkage to care (24.5%)

Trains low-volume providers, often new to HIV care, who need extra support.

- 40% of providers trained by AETCs saw fewer than 20 HIV patients per year.

Increases capacity to address the complex needs driven by the syndemics of substance use, STDs, hepatitis, and HIV.

- 31% of training events addressed the management of comorbid conditions.

Equips the healthcare system to adequately address the needs of people aging with HIV.

- Over the 4-year period July 2016–June 2021, 3,068 trainings on HIV and Aging were delivered.

The AETC program saves lives and money. A well-trained workforce can provide optimal and timely care that prevents HIV transmission and disease progression, early diagnosis that reduces the number of sicker patients who enter treatment late and require more costly care and produces better health outcomes for all.