

Ending the HIV Epidemic: Alameda

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Key Features of Alameda County's HIV Epidemic (2018)



~ 670 undiagnosed PLWH



200 new HIV diagnoses in 2018



Increasing new infections among B/AA and Latinx



Disparities in linkage and viral suppression rates among B/AA and Latinx



Increasing STIs

Alameda County
Situational
Analysis:

Selected Needs,
Gaps and
Strengths

Pillars: Test, Treat,
Prevent, Respond

Needs/Gaps

Regional differences in services distribution: 880 corridor

Systematic racism and medical mistrust

ROOT not universal

Gap in PrEP uptake

Increasing STIs

Linkages and viral suppression rates disparities for B/AA and Latinx

Gaps in housing and housing services for PLWH

Staff turnover at local CBOs/burnout

Re-establish service network disrupted by COVID

Strengths

Strong community-based testing but ROOT gaps in jails

Above state averages for PrEP uptake but lags for B/AA and Latinx, and youth

Pipeline programs exist to support medical and lay professional training but still a need for peer advocates/ PrEP navigators

Affected by HIV

Disproportionately affected by HIV

Voices not yet at the table



Critical voices; Critical focus for EtHE

- B/AA and Latinx MSM
- Young MSM of color (30 and younger)
- Transgender people
- PrEP eligible women

Interventions

- HIV testing, including routine opt-out testing (ROOT) in healthcare settings and focused testing for priority populations in AC
- Self-testing for HIV, STIs, and HCV via Take Me Home
- Expanded Data-to-Care/Data-to-PrEP
- Same-day PrEP for Alameda County priority populations
- Gay/MSM STD/PrEP linkage
- Technical Assistance: EBG TZ, AETC, Cardea

Take Me Home: Self-testing for HIV, STIs, and HCV

- Fills gap to reach people who do not seek sexual health services
- Addresses, at least partially, structural barriers
- Eligibility:
 - Alameda County resident
 - 17 and older
 - 3-mos or longer since last test
- Focus on MSM who seek sexual partners on social networks apps
- ACPHD staff assist with linkage to treatment, HIV care linkage, PrEP navigation
- Developing protocols to facilitate rapid PrEP initiation

THANK YOU!

