



# Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan for 2012-2014

## Executive Map

### Vision

The greater Houston Area will become a community with a coordinated system of HIV prevention and care, where new HIV infections are rare, and, when they do occur, where every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high-quality, life-preserving care, free of stigma and discrimination

### Mission

The mission of the Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan is to work in partnership with the community to provide an effective system of HIV prevention and care services that best meets the needs of populations infected with, affected by, or at risk for HIV

### Goals

1. Mobilize the Greater Houston Area Community Around HIV
2. Prevent New HIV Infections Through Both Prevention and Treatment Strategies
3. Ensure that All People Living With or At Risk for HIV Have Access to Early and Continuous HIV Prevention and Care Services
4. Reduce the Effect of Co-Occurring Conditions that Hinder HIV Prevention Behaviors and Adherence to Care
5. Reduce Disparities in the Houston Area HIV Epidemic and Address the Needs of Vulnerable Populations
6. Achieve a More Coordinated and Expansive HIV System that is Prepared for Health Care System Changes

### Priority Populations

African Americans  
HIV+ Individuals  
Hispanics  
Homeless  
Incarcerated or Recently Released from Jail or Prison  
Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)  
Needle-sharing, incl. Injection Drug Users (IDU)  
Rural  
Transgender  
Women, incl. pregnant women and women of childbearing age  
Youth (age 13 – 24), incl. Adolescents (age 13 -17)

### Objectives

1. Reduce the number of new HIV infections diagnosed in the Houston Area by 25 percent (from 1,029 to 771)
2. Maintain and, if possible, increase the percentage of individuals with a positive HIV test result identified through *targeted* HIV testing who are informed of their HIV+ status (beginning at 92.9 percent with the goal of 100 percent)
3. Increase the proportion of newly-diagnosed individuals linked to clinical HIV care within three months of their HIV diagnosis to 85 percent (from 65.1 percent)
4. Reduce the percentage of new HIV diagnoses with an AIDS diagnosis within one year by 25 percent (from 36.0 percent to 27.0 percent)
5. Increase the percentage of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients who are in continuous HIV care (at least two visits for HIV medical care in 12 months at least three months apart) to 80 percent (from 78.0 percent)
6. Reduce the proportion of individuals who have tested positive for HIV but who are not in HIV care by 0.8 percent each year (beginning at 30.1 percent) as determined by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Unmet Need Framework
7. Increase the proportion of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients with undetectable viral load by 10 percent (from 57.0 percent to 62.7 percent)
8. Reduce the number of reports of barriers by People Living with HIV/AIDS to accessing Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program-funded Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Services by 27.3 percent and 43.7 percent, respectively (from 117 reports to 85 reports for Mental Health Services; and from 58 reports to 32 reports for Substance Abuse Services)

### Strategies

1. Strategy for Prevention and Early Identification
2. Strategy to Fill Gaps in Care and Reach the Out-Of-Care
3. Strategy to Address the Needs of Special Populations
4. Strategy to Improve Coordination of Effort and Prepare for Health Care System Changes