



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

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“Capturing the community’s vision for an ideal system of  
HIV prevention and care for the Houston Area”



# What is a Comprehensive HIV Plan?

“Each grant year, designated planning bodies establish service and resource-allocation priorities. Comprehensive HIV planning goes beyond this annual process...

It provides an opportunity for the planning bodies to step back from short-term tasks to examine the current system of care, envision an *ideal* system of care, and develop a three-year plan for achieving this vision.”

-- *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*



# What is the Houston Area Comprehensive HIV Plan?

A joint plan for HIV prevention and HIV care, *the first of its kind for the Houston Area*

A description of how HIV prevention and care services are currently provided

A roadmap for how to improve HIV prevention and care services over the next three years

Based on extensive consultation and collaboration with the community, with people at risk for infected with HIV, and with consumers of HIV services

# What Does the Plan Do?

Identifies overarching issues facing the Houston Area in regards to HIV prevention and care

Identifies community wide solutions for addressing these issues

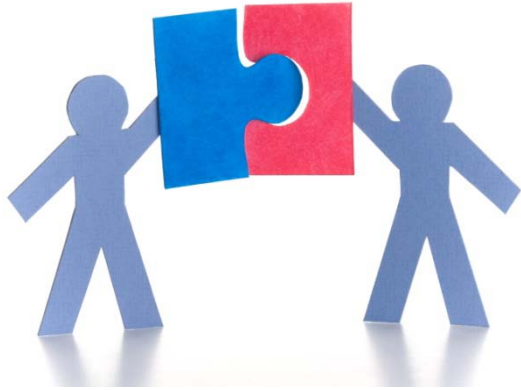
Addresses the needs of individuals who are:

- At risk of HIV infection
- HIV positive but unaware of their status
- Aware of their HIV status but not in care
- Members of special populations

Outlines ways to improve coordination of HIV services

Provides direction to local Planning Bodies, Administrative Agents, AIDS-service organizations, and other stakeholders on priorities for HIV prevention and care services





# How Was It Developed?

Workgroups were formed and met at least monthly from September 2011 – March 2012

Interviews, presentations, a survey, and client focus groups were used to gather additional input

Data on HIV/AIDS in the Houston Area and other national plans were used as references

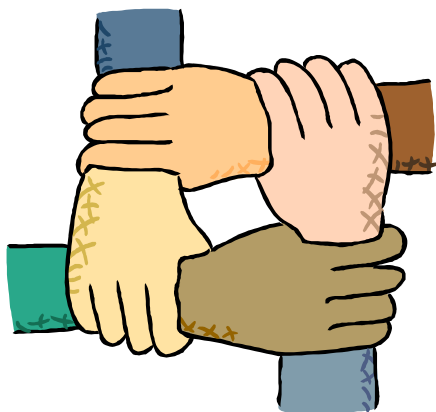
Both local Planning Bodies reviewed and approved the document

*In total, over 111 individuals and 61 agencies helped develop the plan; 27% were People Living with HIV/AIDS*



# Our 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.”



# Our Mission

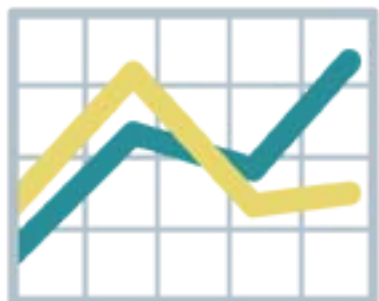
“To work in partnership with the community to provide an effective system of HIV prevention and care services that best meets the needs of populations infected with, affected by, or at risk for HIV.”



# Our Goals

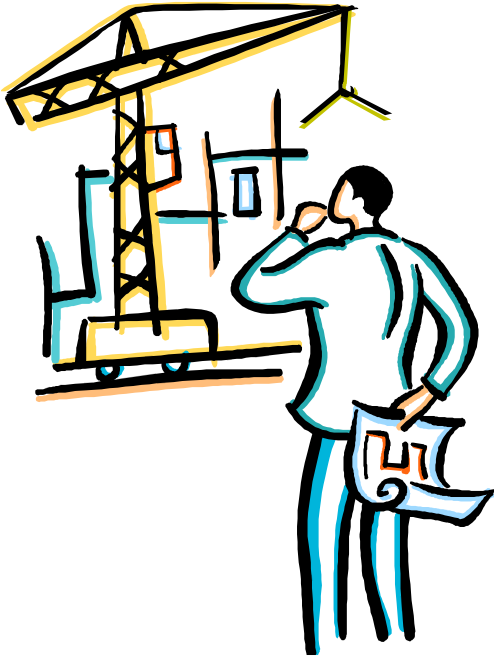
1. Mobilize the greater Houston Area community around HIV
2. Prevent new HIV infections through both prevention and treatment strategies
3. Ensure that all people living with or at risk for HIV have access to early and continuous HIV prevention and care services
4. Reduce the effect of co-occurring conditions that hinder prevention behaviors and adherence to care
5. Reduce disparities in the HIV epidemic and address the needs of vulnerable populations
6. Achieve a more coordinated and expansive HIV system prepared for health care system changes





# What We Hope To Achieve

1. Reduce the number of new HIV infections by 25%
2. Maintain and, if possible, increase the percentage of HIV+ individuals who are aware of their status to 100%
3. Increase the proportion of newly-diagnosed individuals linked to HIV care within three months of diagnosis
4. Reduce the percentage of new HIV diagnoses with an AIDS diagnosis within one year
5. Increase the percentage of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients who are in continuous HIV care
6. Reduce the proportion of individuals who are HIV+ but not in HIV care
7. Increase the proportion of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients with undetectable viral load
8. Reduce barriers to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program-funded Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Service



# What's Next?

Implementation of four strategies, each containing goals, solutions, activities, responsible parties, and timelines specific to their topic:

1. Strategy for Prevention and Early Identification of People Living with HIV/AIDS
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



# How You Can Be Involved

Download a copy of the plan at [www.rwpchouston.org](http://www.rwpchouston.org)

Use the plan as a reference for information about HIV prevention and care in the Houston Area

Review each strategy in the plan and consider how you can support implementation of specific activities

Review the plan for ways that you can become involved in local HIV decision-making, including attending Planning Body meetings where the plan will be discussed

Become a plan “champion” by promoting and sharing the plan with other individuals and groups

Participate in future comprehensive planning activities

# “Great inroads have been made

in addressing the HIV epidemic and ensuring that all people living with HIV/AIDS have the opportunity to enjoy long, healthy, and productive lives.

We can have an even greater impact if we work together and if we use the *Comprehensive HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan* as our guide. I look forward to continuing my partnership with the community as we work toward this important goal.”

Ed Emmett  
Harris County Judge