



# Ending the HIV and HCV Epidemic: *New Funding and New Opportunities*

*Virtual Tribal Consultation  
Session on  
Implementation Priorities*

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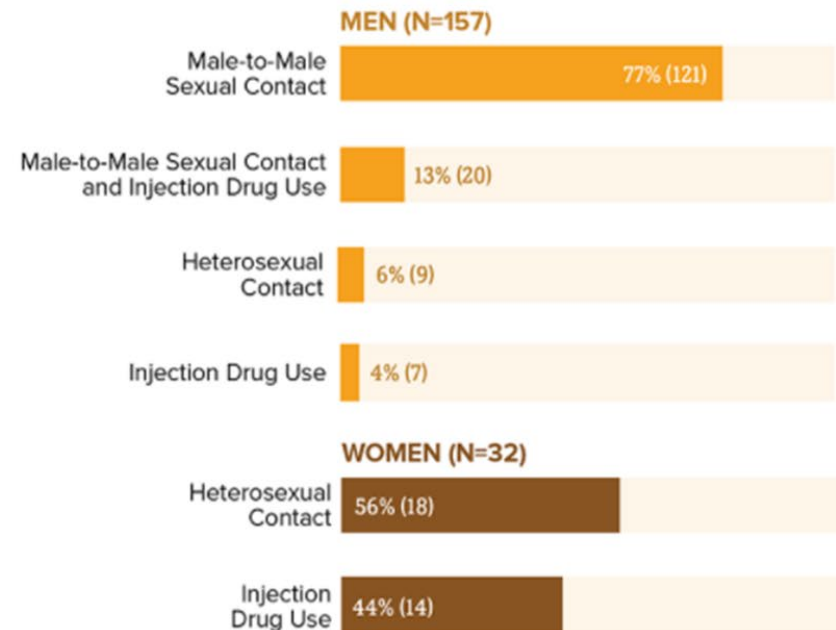
# Program Overview

*HIV and HCV in Indian Country*

# HIV in Indian Country

## New HIV Diagnoses Among AI/AN in the US and Dependent Areas by Transmission Category and Sex, 2018<sup>d</sup>

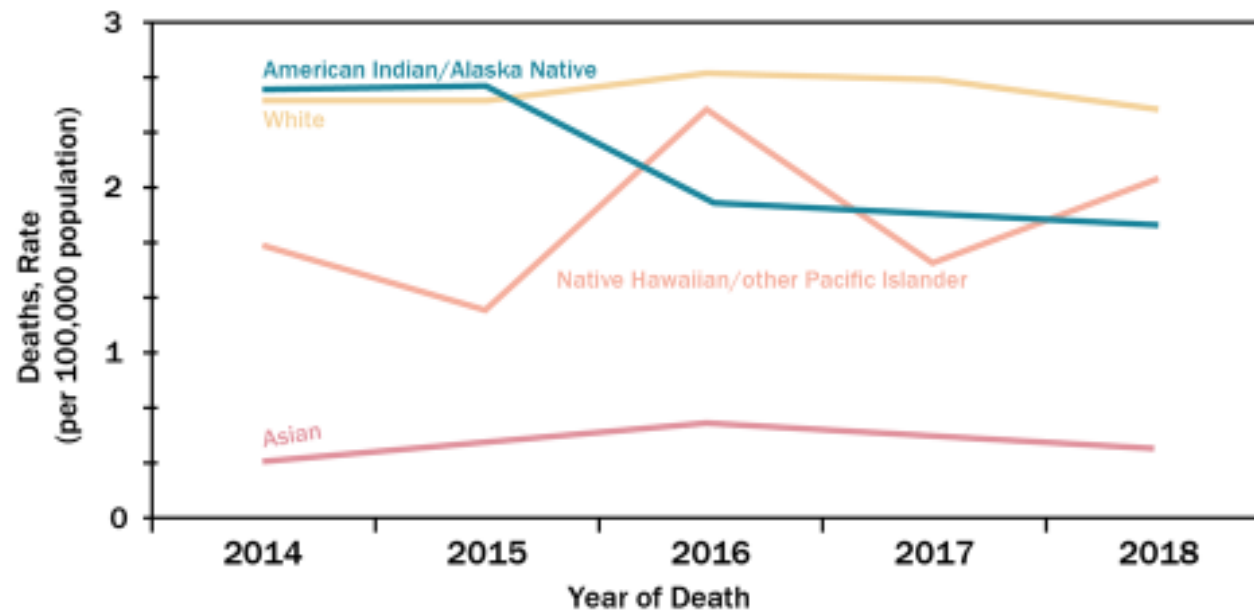
**Most new HIV diagnoses were among AI/AN gay and bisexual men.**



Source: CDC. [Diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States and dependent areas, 2018 \(Preliminary\)](#). [PDF - 10 MB]. *HIV Surveillance Report* 2019;30.

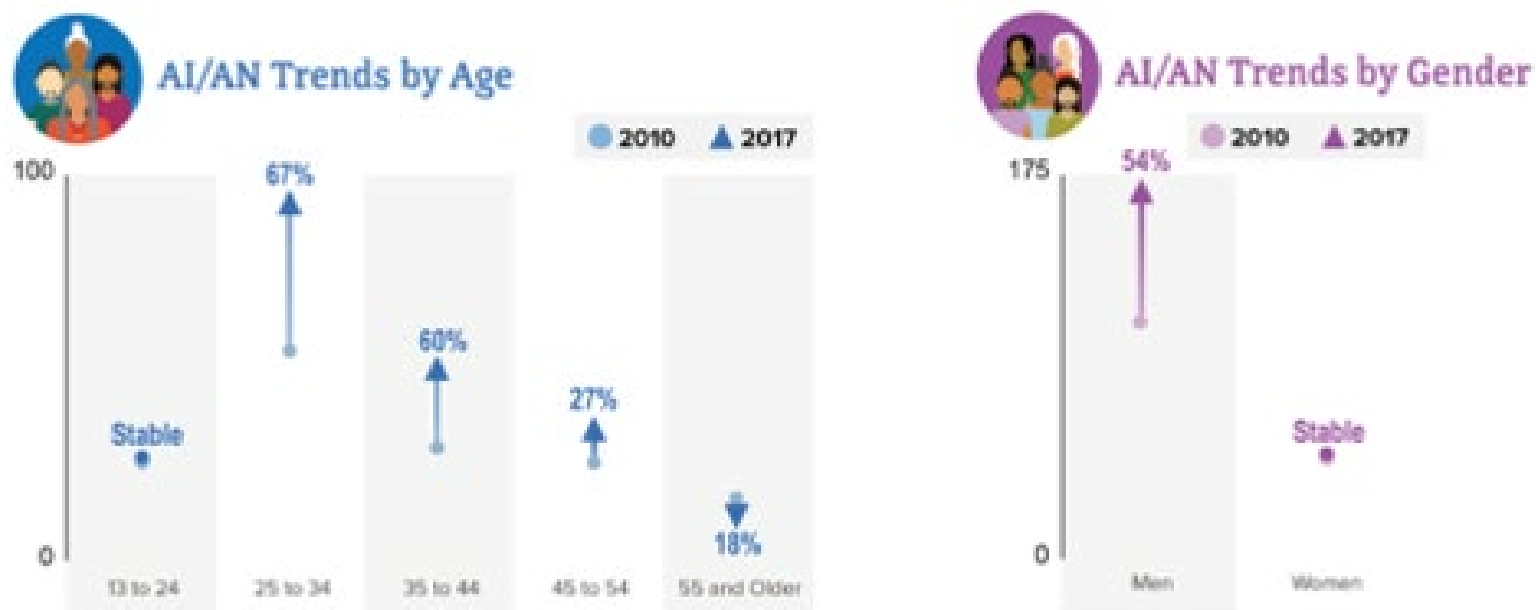
## U.S. RATES OF DEATH (AI/AN)

For Persons with Diagnosed HIV Infection, by Race/Ethnicity, 2014-2018



# HIV in Indian Country

HIV Diagnoses Among AI/AN in the 50 States and the District of Columbia, 2010-2017\*



\*Changes in populations with fewer HIV diagnoses can lead to a large percentage increase or decrease.

Source: CDC. [NCHHSTP AtlasPlus](#). Accessed April 27, 2020.

# Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

“

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Now is the time.

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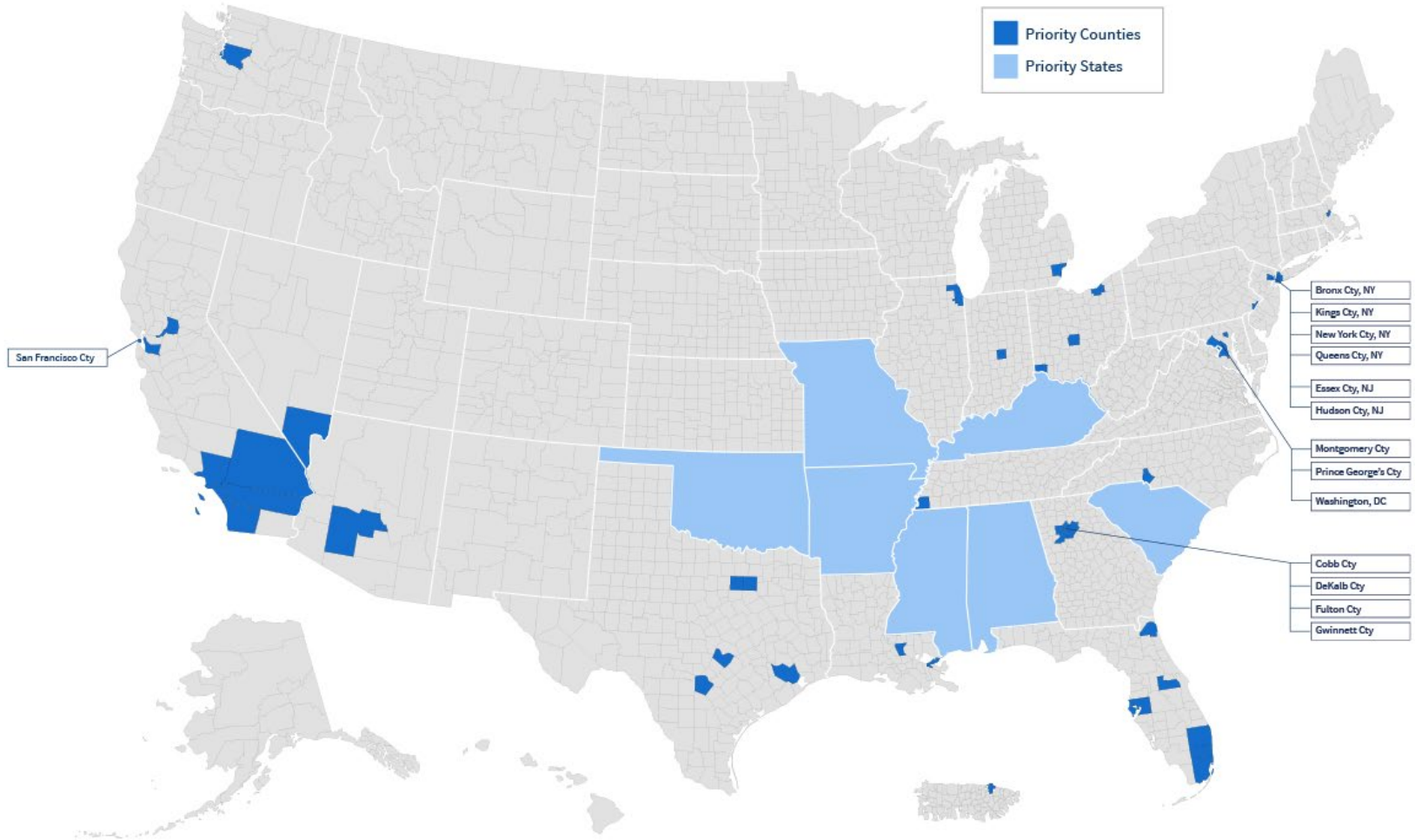


# Ending the HIV Epidemic

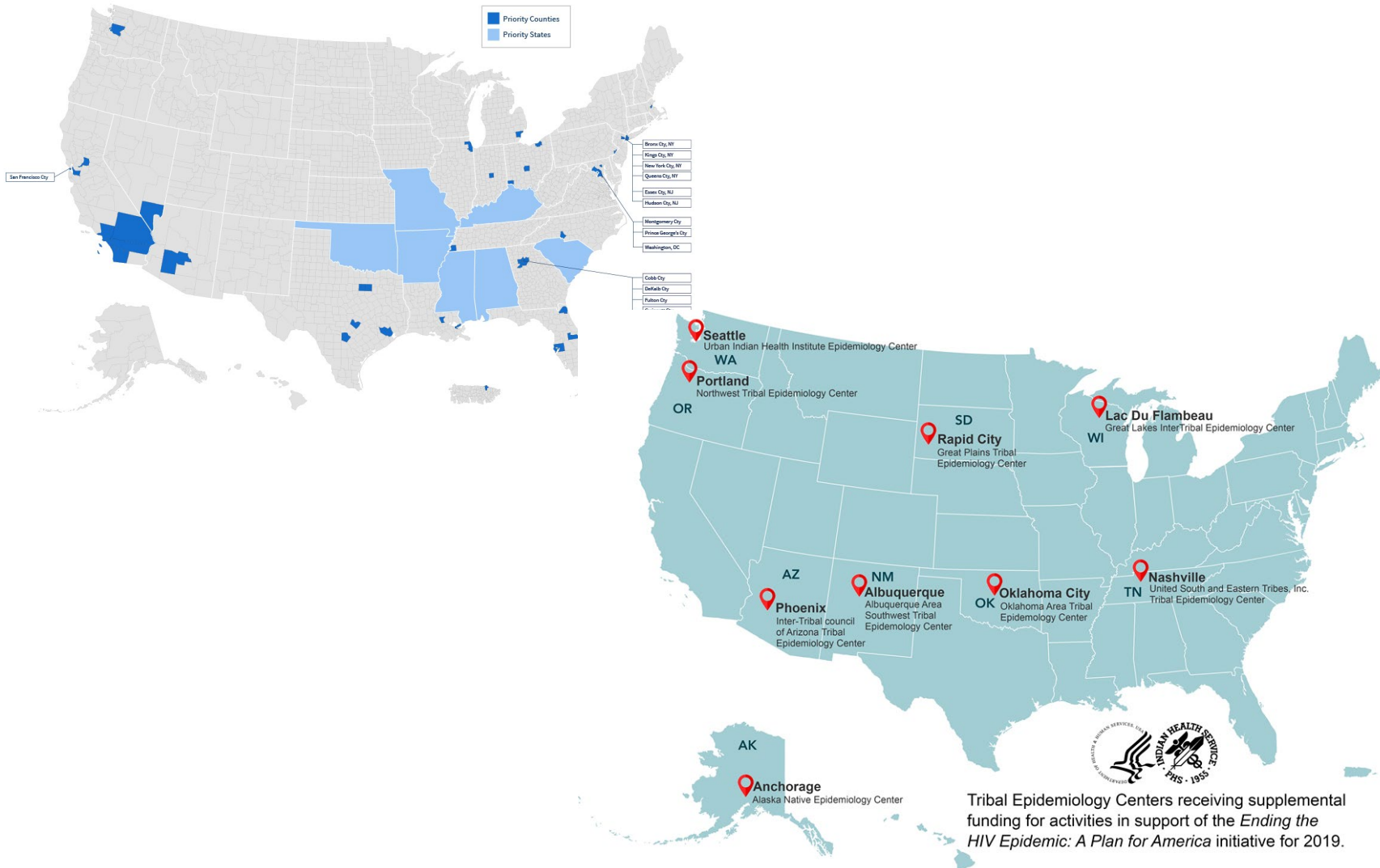
**GOAL:**

**75%**  
reduction in new  
HIV infections  
in 5 years  
and at least  
**90%**  
reduction  
in 10 years.

# Priority Geographical Areas: Phase I



# Priority Geographical Areas & Tribal Epi Centers



Tribal Epidemiology Centers receiving supplemental funding for activities in support of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* initiative for 2019.

# Challenges & Opportunities



Inequality

Impact of undiagnosed and untreated HIV

Stigma

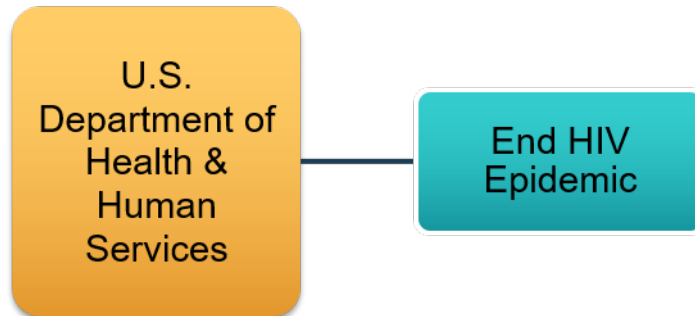
Progress has plateaued

Powerful HIV prevention and treatment tools are now available

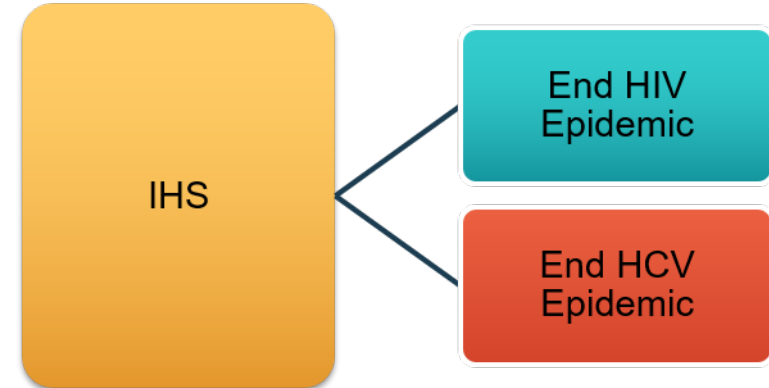
We can end HIV

# National EHE & Indian Country EHE

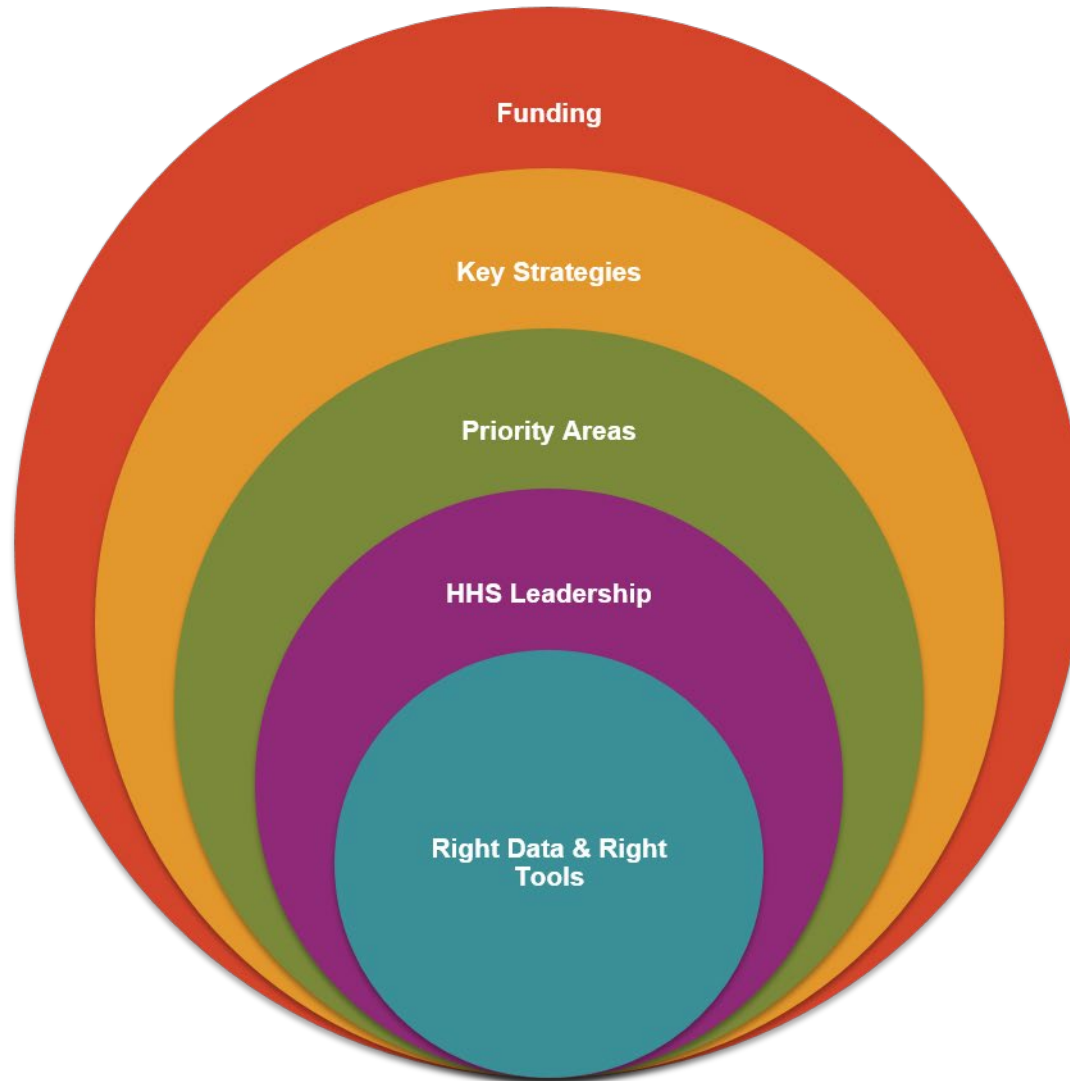
## National EHE



## Indian Country EHE



# EHE Structure



# EHE & Social Determinants of Health



# Key Strategies of the Plan



**Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible.

**Treat** people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.



**Prevent** new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).

**Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.



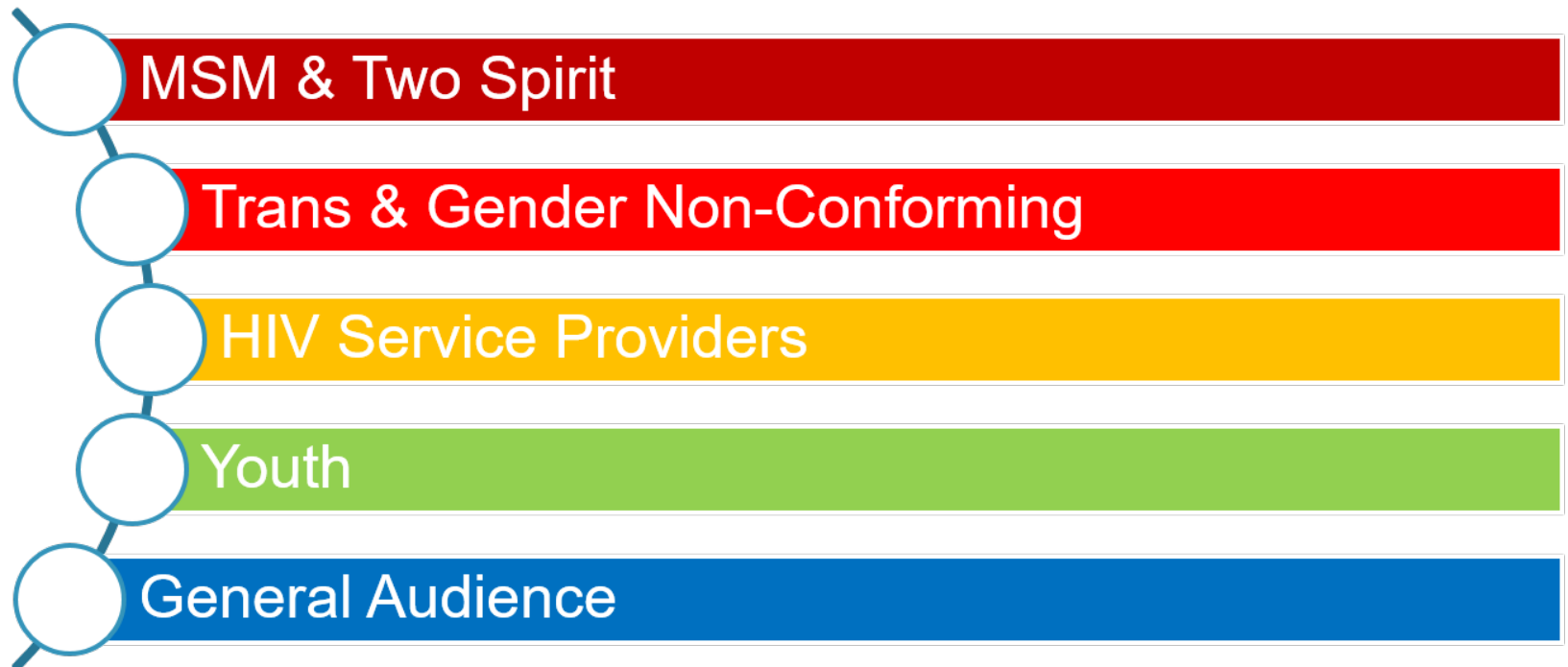




# Tribal Listening Sessions & Engagement

*Engaging Tribes HIV in Indian Country*

# EHE & Tribal Consultation: Winter/Spring 2020



# General Themes & Recommendations

## Stigma

Remains a driver of the epidemic in Indian Country

## Need for Competent Services

Must create a safe space for all

## Increased & Focused Training

Increase the knowledge & competence of personnel

## Standardize Efforts & Policies

Testing Sexual History, SOGI, PrEP, Risk



## Question & Answer

*Questions may be entered into the chat or via phone. Please state your name, IHS Area, and Tribe for the record.*

# Questions for Consideration

A few questions for consideration to begin our open discussion include:

- How the IHS might use available funding to support IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs to achieve the Ending the HIV Epidemic goal of a 75% reduction in new HIV infections by 2025 and at least a 90% reduction by 2030?
  
- How should IHS focus on the key strategies for implementing the Ending the HIV and HCV Epidemic? Specifically,
  1. Diagnosing all people with HIV and HCV as early as possible?
  2. Treating people with HIV or HCV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression?
  3. Preventing new HIV and HCV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis and syringe service programs?
  4. Responding quickly to HIV and HCV outbreaks to get prevention and treatment services to people who need them?

# SAVE THE DATE: Urban Confer

Date	Time	Length	Title	Link
Wednesday, April 21st	1 p.m. ET	90 minutes	Ending the HIV Epidemic Urban Confer Virtual Session	<a href="https://ihs.cosocloud.com/ihsdccs/">https://ihs.cosocloud.com/ ihsdccs/</a> Dial-in Number: (877) 801-1365 Participant Code: 6488559 Room Passcode: ihs123



## Tribal Consultation

IHS is accepting comment via email until June 1, 2021.  
To submit comment:

- Email [consultation@ihs.gov](mailto:consultation@ihs.gov)  
Subject Line: Ending HIV Epidemic Initiative Funding



## General Program Questions

### National HIV/HCV Program

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