



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

*Virtual Urban Confer Session
on Implementation Priorities*

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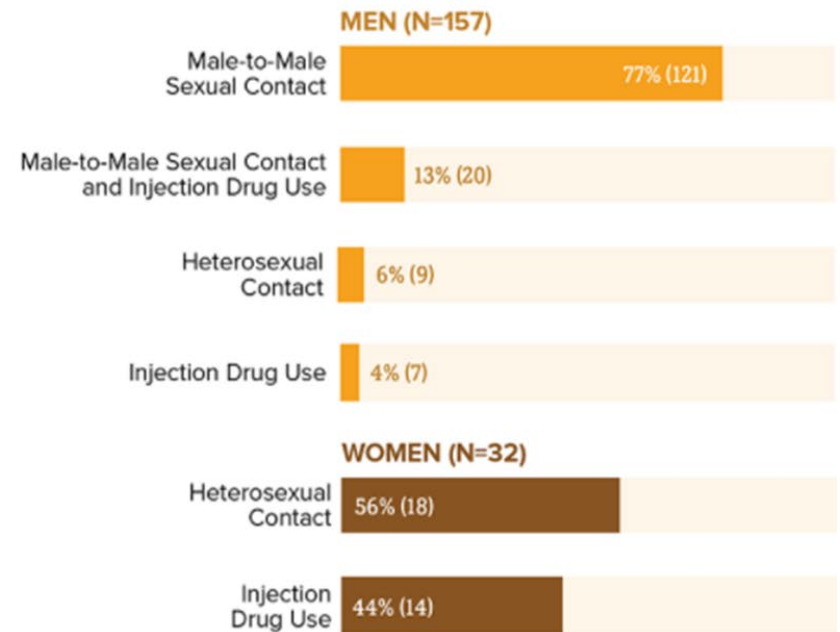
Program Overview

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^d

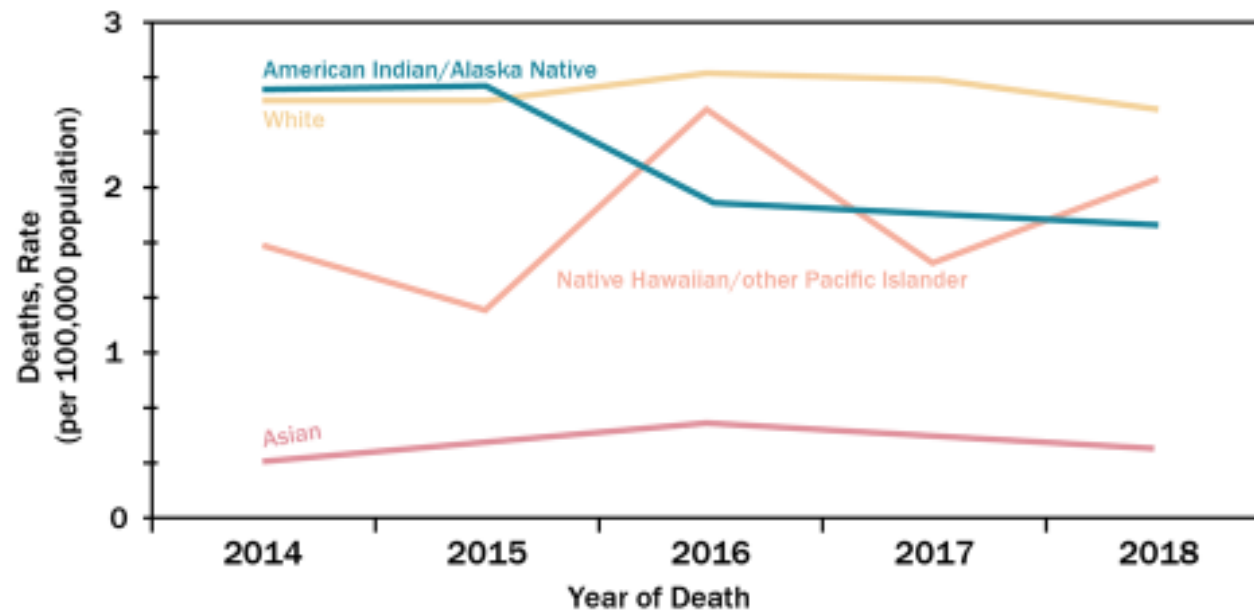
Most new HIV diagnoses were among AI/AN gay and bisexual men.



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

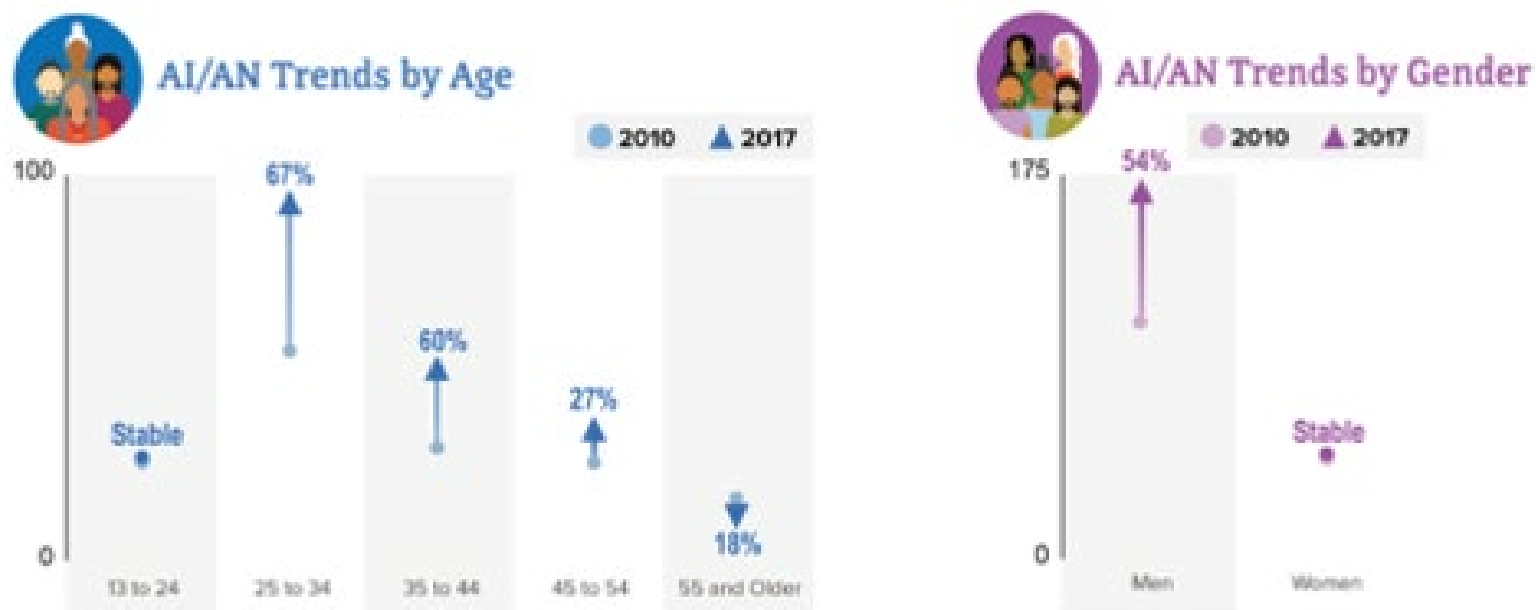
U.S. RATES OF DEATH (AI/AN)

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)

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

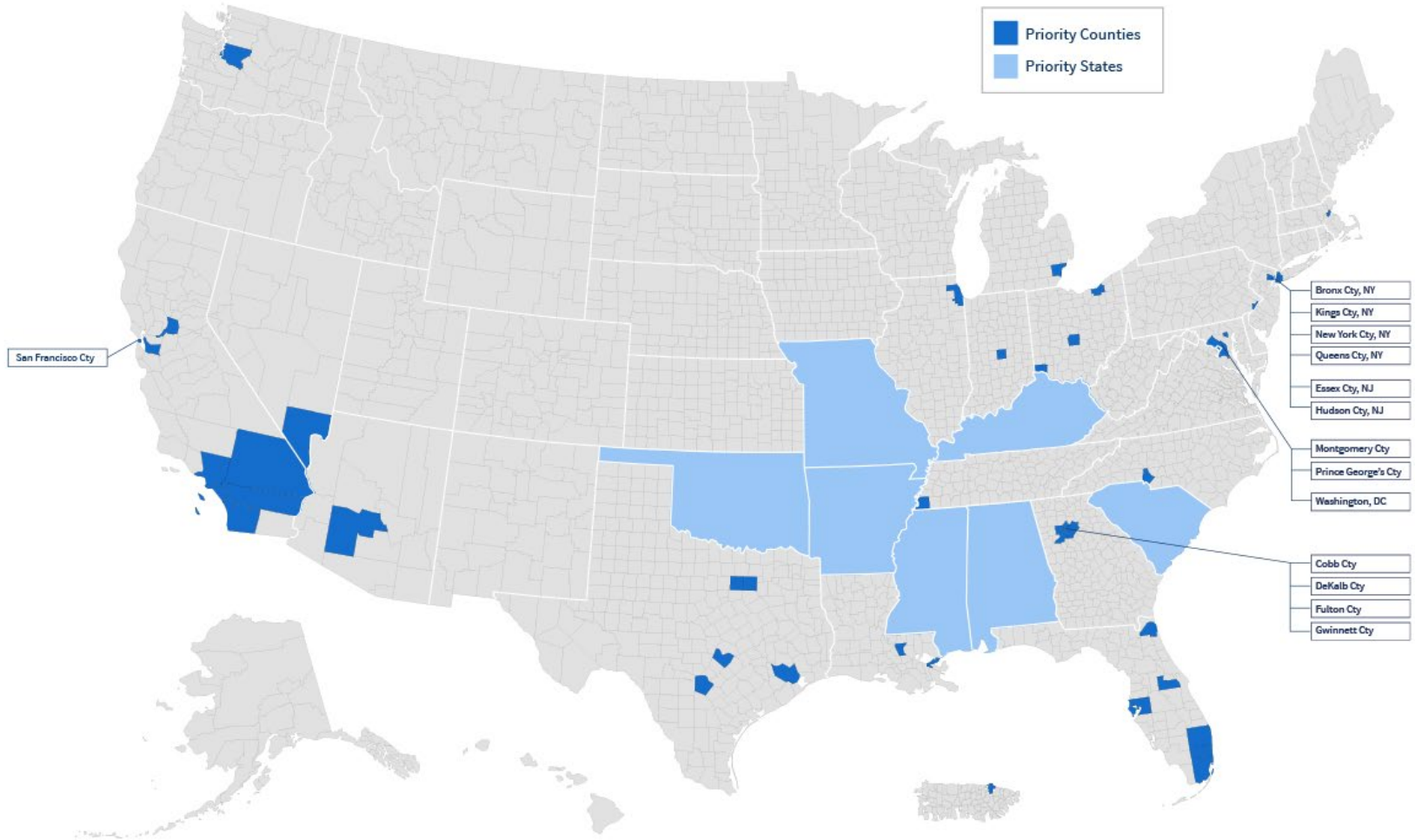
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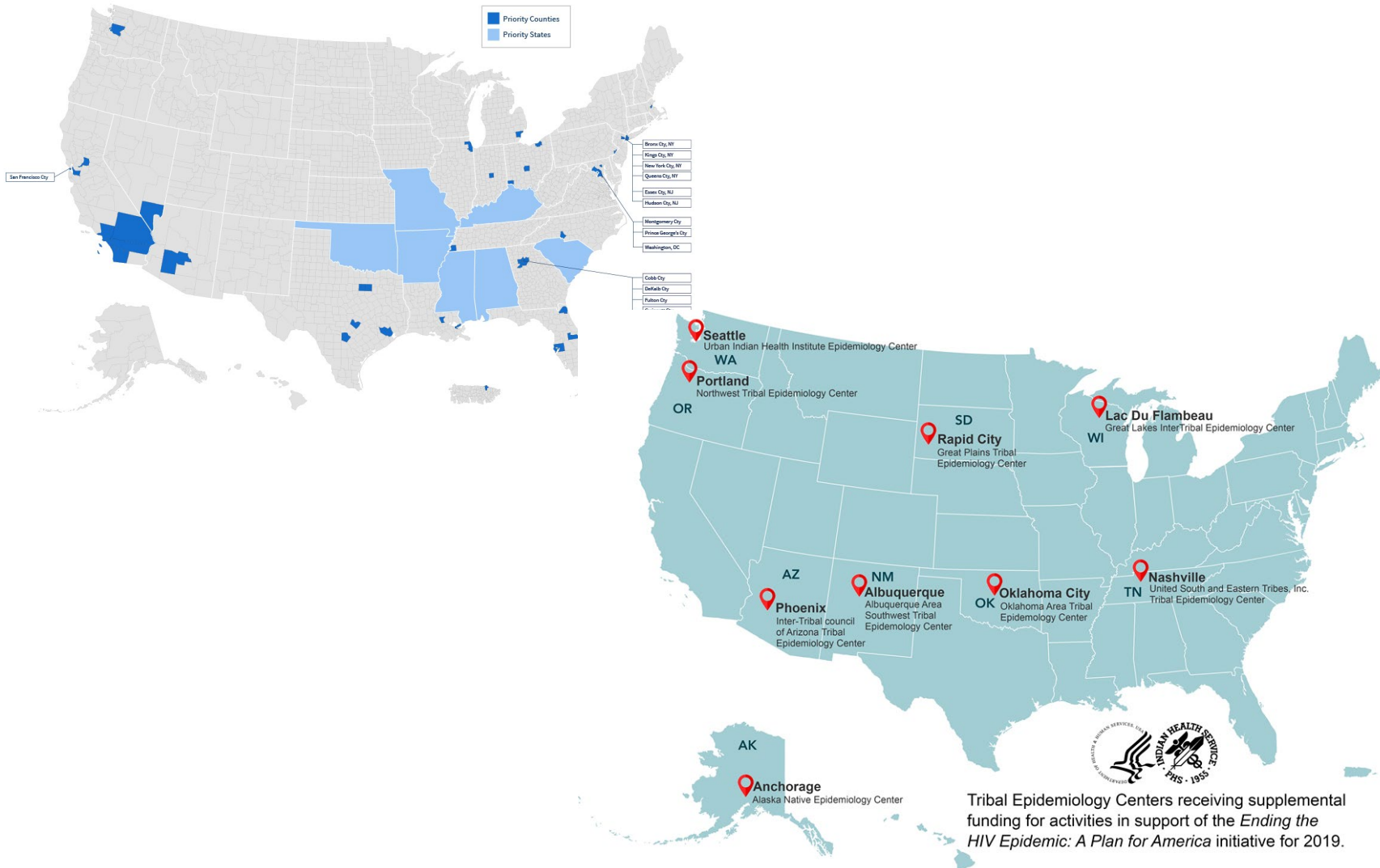
GOAL:

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

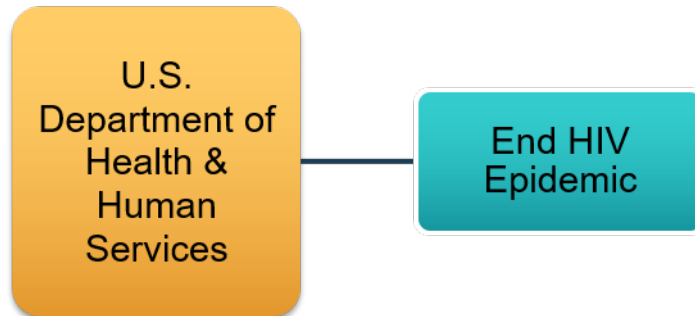
Progress has plateaued

Powerful HIV prevention and treatment tools are now available

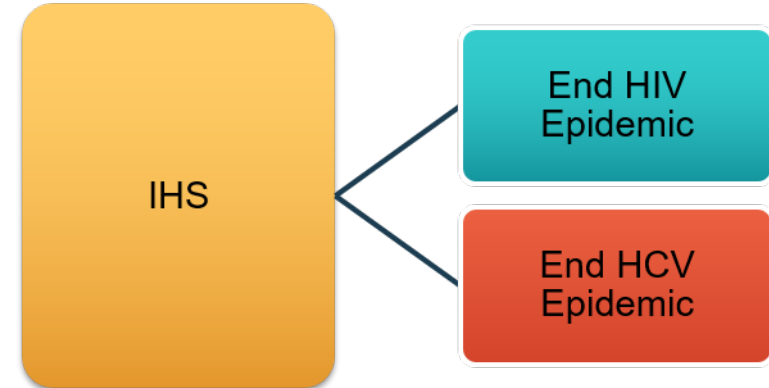
We can end HIV

National EHE & Indian Country EHE

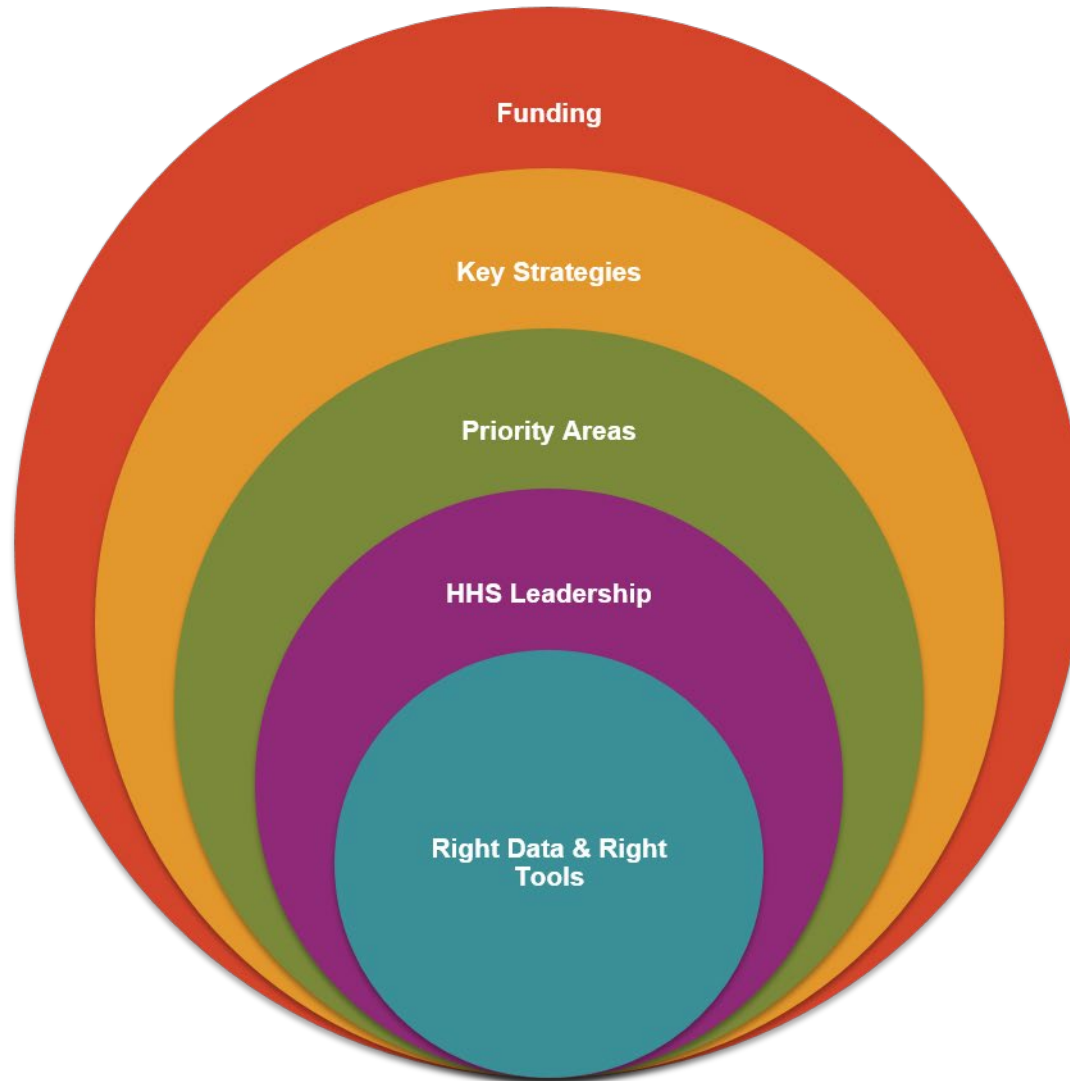
National EHE



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.

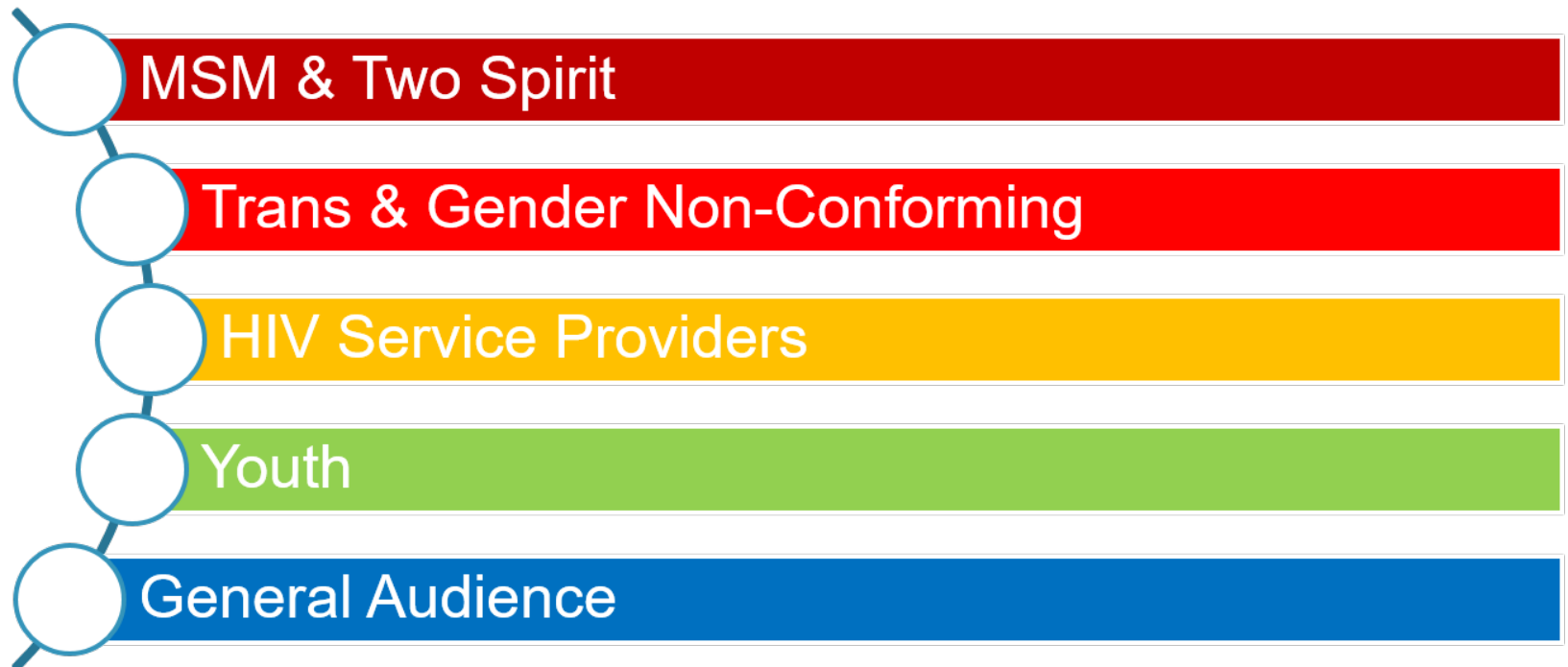




Tribal Listening Sessions & Engagement

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?



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

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General Program Questions

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