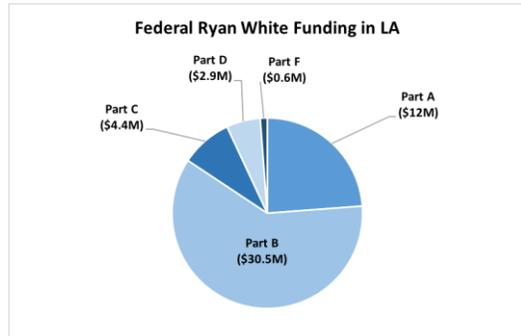# HIV and Ryan White in Louisiana
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Over 13,000 people in Louisiana depend on Ryan White to provide life-sustaining HIV treatment and prevention services that they could not otherwise access.

HIV in Louisiana, by the numbers.
- **18,950:** the number of Louisianans living with diagnosed HIV/AIDS in 2014.[1]
- **2nd:** in the nation for rate of HIV diagnoses in 2015. In 2015 alone, 1,129 were newly diagnosed.[2]
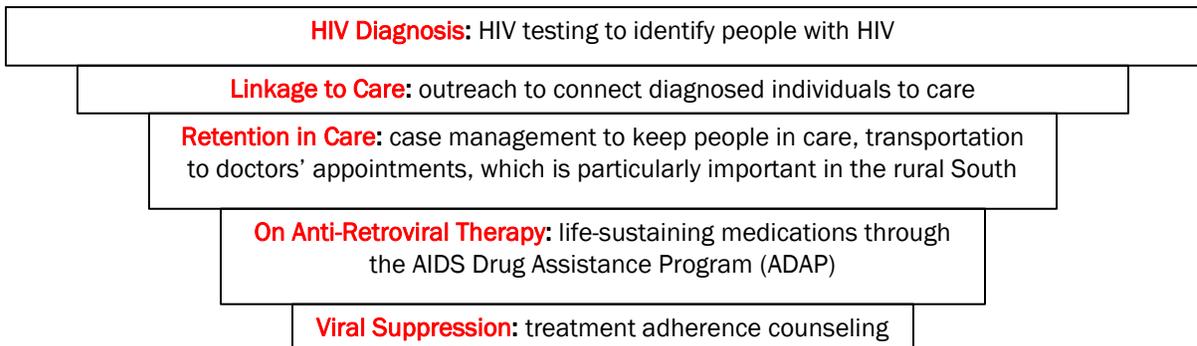- **3rd:** in the nation for HIV related death rates in 2015.[3]

Louisianians depend on Ryan White.
- An estimated **13,342 Louisianans** received services through Ryan White in 2014.[4]
  - **58.2%** were living at or below the poverty line.
  - Since Ryan White is legally required to be the "payer of last resort," these people did not have other access to these medical and support services.
- Overall, Louisiana received **$50.3 million in federal Ryan White funds** in 2015.[5]
  - $17.4 million went to ADAP.
  - $12 million went to Baton Rouge and New Orleans, the state's two cities eligible for Part A funding for urban areas.

Federal Ryan White Funding in LA

Part D ($2.9M)
Part F ($0.6M)
Part C ($4.4M)
Part A ($12M)
Part B ($30.5M)

Ryan White services keep HIV-positive individuals in treatment and care.
- When people with HIV receive treatment, they can live active, healthy lives.
- When they are disconnected from care, they can develop resistance to medications that were working for them and experience a rise in viral load that makes it much easier to transmit HIV. Moreover, HIV is still deadly without treatment.[6]
- Ryan White addresses this by providing services across the HIV Care Continuum.

HIV Diagnosis: HIV testing to identify people with HIV

Linkage to Care: outreach to connect diagnosed individuals to care

Retention in Care: case management to keep people in care, transportation to doctors' appointments, which is particularly important in the rural South

On Anti-Retroviral Therapy: life-sustaining medications through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

Viral Suppression: treatment adherence counseling

With its unique set of services, RYAN WHITE WORKS.

- While only 30% of people nationwide have a viral load that is effectively suppressed as of 2011,[7] **81.4%** of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression.[8]

Louisiana relies on Ryan White funding to help persons living with HIV stay in care

- Ryan White funding is used to help purchase health insurance for eligible clients.[9]
- Ryan White wraps around other resources and provides care that works for people with HIV.

No other program provides the same set of gap-filling services or care as Ryan White. Even after health reform, Ryan White remains crucial for Louisiana.

For more information, visit our website at http://southernaidsstrategy.org

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