



## HIV and Ryan White in Texas February 2017

Over 39,000 people in Texas depend on Ryan White to provide life-sustaining HIV treatment and prevention services that they could not otherwise access.

### HIV in Texas, by the numbers.1

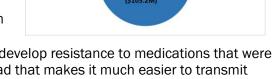
- 77,896: the number of Texans living with diagnosed HIV/AIDS in 2014.
- 3rd: in the nation for the number of HIV diagnoses in 2015. In 2015 alone, 4,476 were newly diagnosed.
- 4th: in the nation for the number of deaths among persons living with HIV in 2014.

### Texans depend on Ryan White.

- An estimated 39,282 Texans received services through Ryan White in 2014.<sup>2</sup>
  - o 84.0% 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, Texas received \$169.9 million in federal Ryan White funds in 2015.3 4
  - \$79.8 million went to ADAP.
  - \$52.3 million went to urban areas eligible for Part A funding: Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio.

# 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.<sup>5</sup>
- Ryan White addresses this by providing services across the HIV Care Continuum.



Federal Ryan White Funding in TX

(\$0.1M)

Part A (\$52.3M)

Part C (\$4.9M)

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,<sup>6</sup> 81.4% of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression.<sup>7</sup>

After health reform, Texas will need to rely on Ryan White more than other states.

- Ryan White wraps around other resources and provides care that works for people with HIV.
- With Texas not expanding Medicaid, an estimated 11,200 of the lowest-income people with HIV will be left out of coverage available in other states.<sup>8</sup> They will continue to rely solely on Ryan White.

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 Texas.

For more information, visit our website at <a href="http://southernaidsstrategy.org">http://southernaidsstrategy.org</a>.

 $<sup>^{1} \ \</sup>mathsf{CDC} \ \mathsf{Atlas} \ \mathsf{Data}, \ \mathsf{http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas}.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> HRSA, 2014 State Profiles, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Client Characteristics, http://hab.hrsa.gov/stateprofiles/Client-Characteristics.aspx. 2014 figures are the most recent available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> HRSA, *HHS Awards* \$2.2 *Billion in Grants for HIV/AIDS Care and Medications*. http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2015/10/21/hhs-awards-22-billion-grants-hivaids-care-and-medications.html. Part-by-part breakdowns are linked to the source. Total excludes AIDS Education and Training Centers Program Grants under Part F, which are broken down by region, not by state.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> HRSA, Program Fact Sheets: October 2014, Ryan White Part B, http://hab.hrsa.gov/abouthab/files/partbfacts2014.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> CDC, National HIV Prevention Progress Report, 2013, http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies\_NationalProgressReport.pdf.

<sup>6</sup> CDC, Vital Signs: HIV Care Saves Lives, Nov. 2014, https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/2014-11-25-vitalsigns.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program by the Numbers, HRSA, 2014 Ryan White Services Report,

https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Publications/infographics/generalaudiencegraphic.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Snider et al., Nearly 60,000 Uninsured and Low-Income People With HIV/AIDS Live In States That Are Not Expanding Medicaid, Health Affairs, Mar. 2014, http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/33/3/386.abstract.