



CDC Funding Gaps in the South Advocacy Toolkit: **Tennessee**

The Problem

The Deep South, including TN, has the **highest death rates** from HIV of any US region.¹

The Deep South, including TN, has the **lowest survival rates** after a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS than any other US region.²

The number of men in TN who acquired HIV through **male-to-male sexual contact** increased by 25% from 7,373 men in 2008 to **9,198 men in 2013**.³

The number of **African American men** in TN living with HIV increased by 22% from 5,052 men in 2008 to **6,181 men in 2013**.³

CDC Funding Inequities

- Community based organizations are especially qualified to provide HIV testing and other prevention services for hard-to-reach communities.
- Community-based organizations **outside** the Memphis and Nashville metropolitan areas were **completely left out** in recent HIV prevention funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).⁴ (Grant No. PS15-1502)
- Community based organizations in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Jackson were **not** eligible for funding under PS15 -1502.
- **27.5% of people living with HIV** in TN live **outside** cities eligible for funding.⁵
- **31% of all new HIV diagnoses** in TN were from areas **left out** of funding.⁵

¹ REIF, SAFLEY & McALLASTER, A CLOSER LOOK: DEEP SOUTH HAS THE HIGHEST HIV-RELATED DEATH RATES IN THE UNITED STATES (2015), <https://southernaids.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/a-closer-look-deep-south-has-the-highest-hiv-related-death-rates-in-the-united-states-final.pdf>.

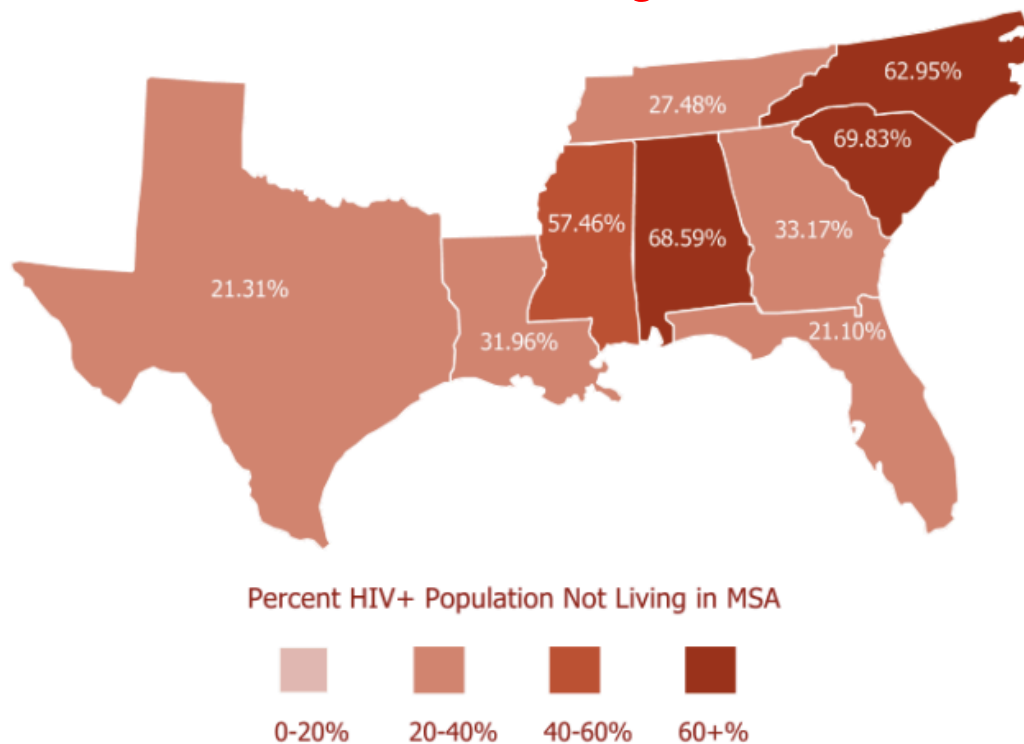
² Reif et al., *HIV Diagnosis, Prevalence and Outcomes in Nine Southern States*, 40 J. CMTY. HEALTH 642 (2015), <https://southernaids.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/hiv-diagnoses-prevalence-and-outcomes-in-nine-southern-states-final.pdf>

³ CDC Atlas Data, <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas>.

⁴ CDC FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT PS15-1502, at 37 (2014), http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/funding/announcements/ps15-1502/ps15-1502_foa_ammendment.pdf.

⁵ McALLASTER & FANG, SOUTHERN HIV/AIDS STRATEGY INITIATIVE, ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: WHAT DOES HIGH IMPACT PREVENTION FUNDING MEAN FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEEP SOUTH? (2015), <https://southernaids.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/one-size-does-not-fit-all-updated-11-11-15.pdf>.

Percent of People Living With HIV Living in Areas Ineligible for CDC Funding⁵



What do we want from the CDC?

1. HIV prevention grants for community-based organizations located in smaller cities and rural areas in TN.
2. Community-based organization prevention dollars that are distributed consistent with the geographic distribution of the HIV epidemic.
3. Grants should include the opportunity to get technical assistance for smaller community-based organizations.

Make Your Voice Heard

We are collecting letters to send to Dr. Eugene McCray, Director of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the CDC, from concerned individuals, including people living with HIV, friends and family, and advocates.

Send us your letter by April 1, 2016!

Send to: Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative, Duke Law School, Box 90360
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