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HIV AND RYAN WHITE
LOUISIANA

HIV IN LOUISIANA, BY THE NUMBERS [1]

19,492: the number of Louisianans living with diagnosed HIV/AIDS in 2015.

3rd in the nation: for HIV diagnosis rates in 2016.

4th in the nation: for HIV related death rates in 2015.

59.1% of individuals diagnosed in 2016 were between age 13 and 34.

Louisiana DEPENDS ON RYAN WHITE: [2]

- An estimated **12,608 Louisianans** received services through Ryan White in 2015.
- **64.8%** 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 medical or support services.
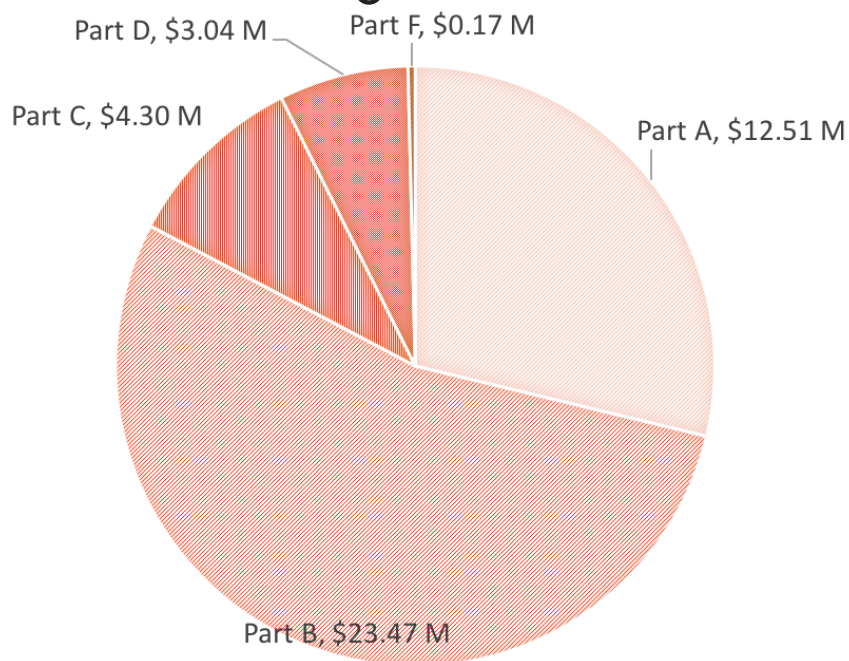
Federal Ryan White Funding in LA [3]

Part A: $12.51M
Part B: $23.47M
Part C: $4.30M
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Louisiana received **$43.5 million** in federal Ryan White funds in 2017: [4]

- **$16.8 million** went to ADAP.
- **$12.5 million** went to Baton Rouge and New Orleans, the state's only cities eligible for Part A funding for urban areas. As a result, Part B funding (for states) is particularly important in Louisiana.

RYAN WHITE IS CRUCIAL FOR LOUISIANA
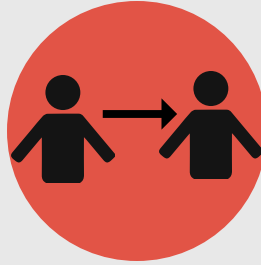
RYAN WHITE WORKS!

Ryan White services keep HIV-positive individuals in treatment and care

With treatment, people with HIV can live active, healthy lives.

People whose virus is suppressed for 6 months cannot transmit HIV through sex.

But, if disconnected from care, resistance to medications can develop making it easier to transmit HIV. Moreover, without treatment HIV is deadly. [5]

RYAN WHITE PROVIDES SERVICES ACROSS THE HIV CARE CONTINUUM
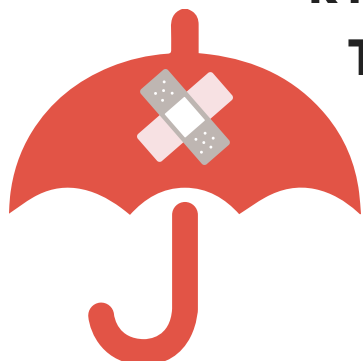
HIV CARE CONTINUUM:

THE SERIES OF STEPS A PERSON WITH HIV TAKES FROM INITIAL DIAGNOSIS THROUGH THEIR SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT WITH HIV MEDICATION

- DIAGNOSED WITH HIV
- LINKED TO CARE
- ENGAGED OR RETAINED IN CARE
- PRESCRIBED ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY
- ACHIEVED VIRAL SUPPRESSION

While only **58%** of people nationwide have a viral load that is effectively suppressed as of 2014, [6]

84.9% of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression. [7]

RYAN WHITE PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR THOSE WITHOUT OTHER OPTIONS IN LOUISIANA

3,009 Ryan White program clients living with HIV in Louisiana had no insurance coverage other than Ryan White in 2015. [8]

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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