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FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative

In 2019, the U.S. government announced the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative. The EHE Initiative aims to lower the number of new HIV diagnoses in the U.S. by 90% by 2030. There are four (4) key EHE strategies:



Diagnose HIV as early as possible



Treat HIV quickly and effectively



Prevent the spread of HIV



Respond quickly to HIV outbreaks

The EHE Initiative focuses on areas in the U.S. where the number of HIV cases is high, like in Orange County. The main goals of the EHE Initiative are to:

- Increase funding and fill gaps in services not offered through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (Ryan White)
- Create new programs to provide more services for HIV testing, prevention, treatment, and care
- Use data to find where HIV cases are increasing to plan for new activities

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In Orange County, EHE Initiative services are helping to:

- Increase the number of people who know their HIV status
- Increase access to HIV prevention services like pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Help more people living with HIV (PLWH) stay in HIV medical care
- Connect people newly diagnosed to care faster
- Improve the health of all PLWH, especially among priority populations that have more cases of HIV

In Orange County, priority populations are:

- Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) of color (African American/Black or Hispanic/Latinx);
- Individuals with history of incarceration;
- Individuals with history of substance use, including people who inject drugs;
- Other priority populations including young people (19-25), transgender individuals, and PrEP eligible individuals.

EHE SERVICES IN ORANGE COUNTY

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provide funding to Orange County for EHE services. The Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) worked with community members, PLWH, and HIV service providers to create an EHE Plan to meet the goals of the EHE Initiative.

EHE treatment and care services in Orange County are available to those who are HIV positive. A client may also need to meet other service qualifications depending on

the EHE service. Some of the main differences between the EHE Program and Ryan White in Orange County are:

- To be eligible for Ryan White you must be HIV positive, low-income, and live in Orange County
- Ryan White clients must be screened for eligibility every year. The EHE Program does not require re-screening.
- Only services allowed under the Ryan White program can be provided. The EHE Program does not limit services to only Ryan White services.

EHE SERVICES IN ORANGE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

EHE services in Orange County that are part of Orange County's EHE Plan include:

| EHE Service | Description | EHE Provider | How to Access Services |
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| HIV/STD Self-Testing Program | For people who have never been tested for HIV or who have not tested in the last six (6) months. An HIV and/or STD test kit can be ordered online at no cost to be mailed home or another preferred location. | Take Me Home Program | Request a test kit online at www.takemehome.org |
| HIV/STD Testing, Care and Referral Services | HIV/STD testing, care, and referral services including HIV Care Services with a focus on priority populations. | HIV/STD Testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAIT • AltaMed • Families Together of OC (FTOC) HIV Care Services: FTOC | HIV/STD Testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAIT at (714) 636-1349 • AltaMed at (714) 500-0491 • Families Together of OC (FTOC) at (714) 665-9890 HIV Care Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTOC at (714) 665-9890 |
| PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) Navigation | PrEP is medicine that reduces the chances of getting HIV from sex or injection drug use. PrEP Navigation services help clients to get and stay on PrEP. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alianza Translatinx • AltaMed • APAIT • OCHCA's 17th Street Testing, Treatment, and Care (TTC) Clinic • Radiant Health Centers (RHC) | For help with getting PrEP, contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alianza Translatinx at (714) 760-4465 • AltaMed at (714) 500-0491 • APAIT at (714) 636-1349 • RHC at (949) 809-5700 • TTC Clinic at (714) 834-7991 |
| Rapid Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) | Provides HIV medicine as soon as possible and usually on the same day to people newly diagnosed with HIV or who are not currently taking HIV medicine. | TTC Clinic | For information, call the TTC Clinic at (714) 834-7991. |
| HIV Care | For PLWH who are not virally suppressed, do not qualify for Ryan White medical care, and who have barriers to stay in HIV medical care. | TTC Clinic | For information, call the TTC Clinic at (714) 834-7991. |
| Psychiatry Services | For Ryan White clients who need psychiatry services. | TTC Clinic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychiatry services: Ask your Ryan White provider for more information. |
| Mental Health Services | Services for clients who do not qualify for Ryan White mental health services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanti OC • RHC | Mental Health Services call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanti OC at (949) 809-5709 • RHC at (949) 809-5700. |
| Community-Based Case Management Services | Case management services to help clients reach viral load suppression who are not part of Ryan White Case Management. This service is being offered in partnership with UCI Medical Center. | TTC Clinic | For more information, contact the TTC Clinic at (714) 834-5346. |

In addition to the services listed above, new EHE program and services continue to be made available in Orange County. Check Orange County's EHE website regularly for updates at www.ochealthinfo.com/EHE

RESOURCES

HIV.gov: Ending the HIV Epidemic Fact Sheet

<https://files.hiv.gov/s3fs-public/ending-the-hiv-epidemic-flyer.pdf>

Ending the HIV Epidemic - Orange County

<https://ochealthinfo.com/EHE>

Ending the HIV Epidemic Summary Plan - Orange County

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/EtHE_Summary_Orange_ADA.pdf

ORANGE COUNTY HIV QUALITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This is a project of the Orange County HIV Quality Management Committee and HIV Client Advocacy Committee. The HIV Quality Management Committee works to improve the quality of Ryan White services. If you have feedback or suggestions for future newsletters, please contact Kristin Alix at KAlix@ochca.com.

