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A NEWSLETTER FOR PROVIDERS SERVING PEOPLE
LIVING WITH HIV IN ORANGE COUNTY

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative

In 2019, the U.S. government announced the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative. EHE aims to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the U.S. by 75% and 90% by 2025 and 2030 respectively. Additionally, there are four (4) key pillars under EHE:



Diagnose HIV as early as possible



Treat HIV quickly and effectively



Prevent the spread of HIV



Respond quickly to HIV outbreaks

EHE focuses resources and support in areas within the U.S. where HIV transmission rates are high, such as in Orange County. The main goals of EHE are to:

- Increase funding and enhance existing programs such as the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
- Create new programs to provide more services for HIV testing, prevention, treatment, and care
- Use data to identify areas where HIV infections are rapidly rising and guide planning for new activities
- Support communities that are in most need and provide more HIV services in those areas

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) has developed an EHE Plan with input from key stakeholders, including HIV service providers, community members, and consumers of HIV services, which details local strategies and interventions that address all four (4) key EHE pillars.

EHE treatment and care services in Orange County are available to those who are HIV positive. A client may also

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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 include:

- 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.

need to meet other service qualifications depending on the EHE service. Some of the key differences between the EHE Program and Ryan White in Orange County are:

- To be eligible for Ryan White, a client 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 allowable 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	Service Qualifications	How Clients Can Access Services
HIV/STD Self-Testing Program	HIV and/or STD test kits available to order online at no cost to client. The test kit(s) can be mailed to client's home or another preferred location.	Take Me Home Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never been tested for HIV OR Not tested for HIV in the last six (6) months. 	Clients can request a test kit online at www.takemehome.org
HIV/STD Testing, Care and Referral Services	Provide HIV/STD testing, PrEP and nPEP, and HIV medical care (Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHs)) with a focus on priority populations.	HIV/STD Testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APAIT AltaMed Families Together of OC (FTOC) HIV OAHs: FTOC PrEP/nPEP: FTOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV/STD Testing: N/A HIV Treatment and Care: HIV Positive PrEP and nPEP: Meet clinical guidelines for PrEP and nPEP 	For HIV/STD Testing, clients can call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APAIT at (714) 636-1349 AltaMed at (714) 500-0491 FTOC at (714) 665-9890 For HIV OAHs, clients can call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FTOC at (714) 665-9890 For PrEP/nPEP, clients can call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FTOC at (714) 665-9890
PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) Navigation	Assist clients with PrEP access when they have public or private insurance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alianza Translatinx AltaMed APAIT OCHCA's 17th Street Testing, Treatment, and Care (TTC) Clinic Radiant Health Centers (RHC) 	HIV Negative	For PrEP navigation, clients can 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) and ReRapid ART	Provide ART to people newly diagnosed with HIV or who are not currently on ART.	TTC Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid ART: Newly diagnosed (less than or equal to 5 days) OR has never taken ART (treatment naive). ReRapid ART: Previously diagnosed, out of care, AND not adherent to HIV medication for six (6) months or more. 	For information, clients can call the TTC Clinic at (714) 834-7991.
HIV Care to High Acuity Individuals	Provide HIV medical care to clients who do not qualify for Ryan White (RW), are not virally suppressed, and who have barriers to stay in HIV medical care.	TTC Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not virally suppressed, not eligible for RW, and transitioning between systems of care (insured) Experiencing one (1) or more of the following: Not adherent to HIV medication, fallen out of care one (1) or more times, and/or has a medical co-morbidity, mental health, or substance use disorder Must enroll in case management 	For information, clients can call the TTC Clinic at (714) 834-7991.
Psychiatry Services	Provide psychiatry services to RW clients.	TTC Clinic	Eligible for RW at time of referral and no access to psychiatry services through insurance.	Clients can contact their RW eligibility worker and/or case manager for referral to psychiatry services.
Mental Health Services	Provide mental health services to people living with HIV who do not qualify for RW and who have barriers to care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHC Shanti OC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not eligible for Mental Health Services under RW and transitioning between systems of care (insured) Experiencing at least one (1) or more of the following: cultural/linguistic barriers, limited provider and/or appointment availability, and/or other problem accessing Mental Health Services 	For Mental Health Services, clients can call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHC at (949) 809-5700 Shanti OC at (949) 809-5709
Community-Based Case Management Services	Provide case management services to help clients reach viral load suppression who are not part of RW case management. This service is being offered in partnership with UCI Medical Center.	TTC Clinic	Not virally suppressed.	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.ochalthinfo.com/EHE

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.

