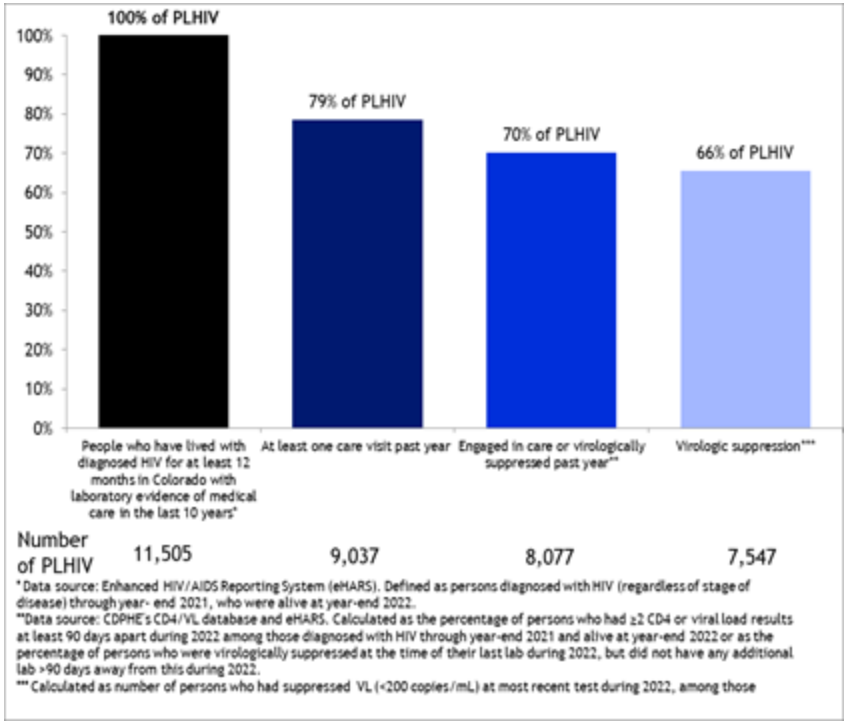
COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

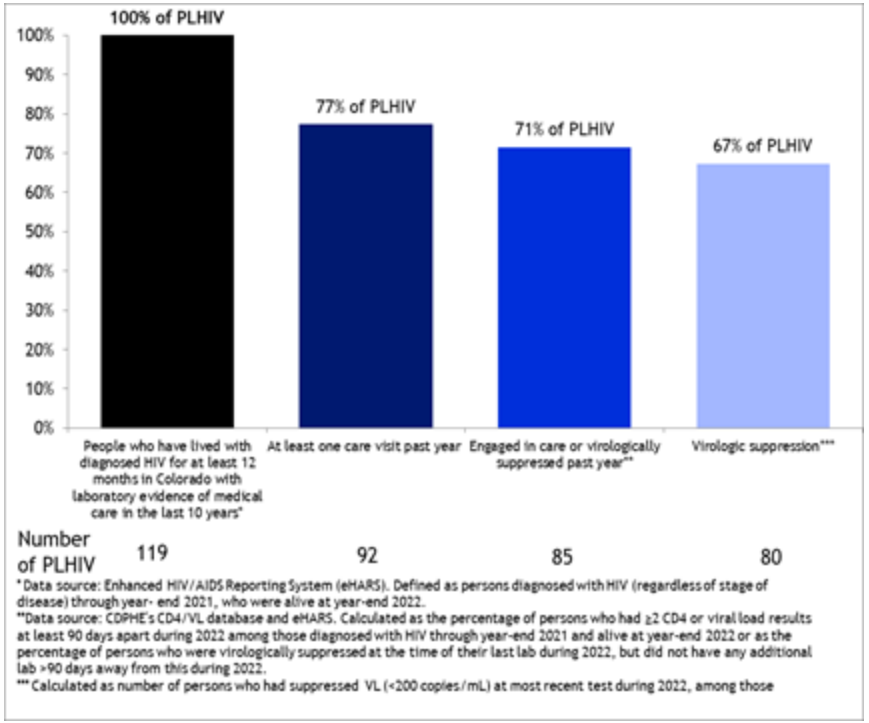
Colorado's Innovative Approaches for Engaging Young GBMC in RWHAP Part B and Part A service Delivery

October 11, 2023

2022 Care Continuum: Overall vs Youth GBMC

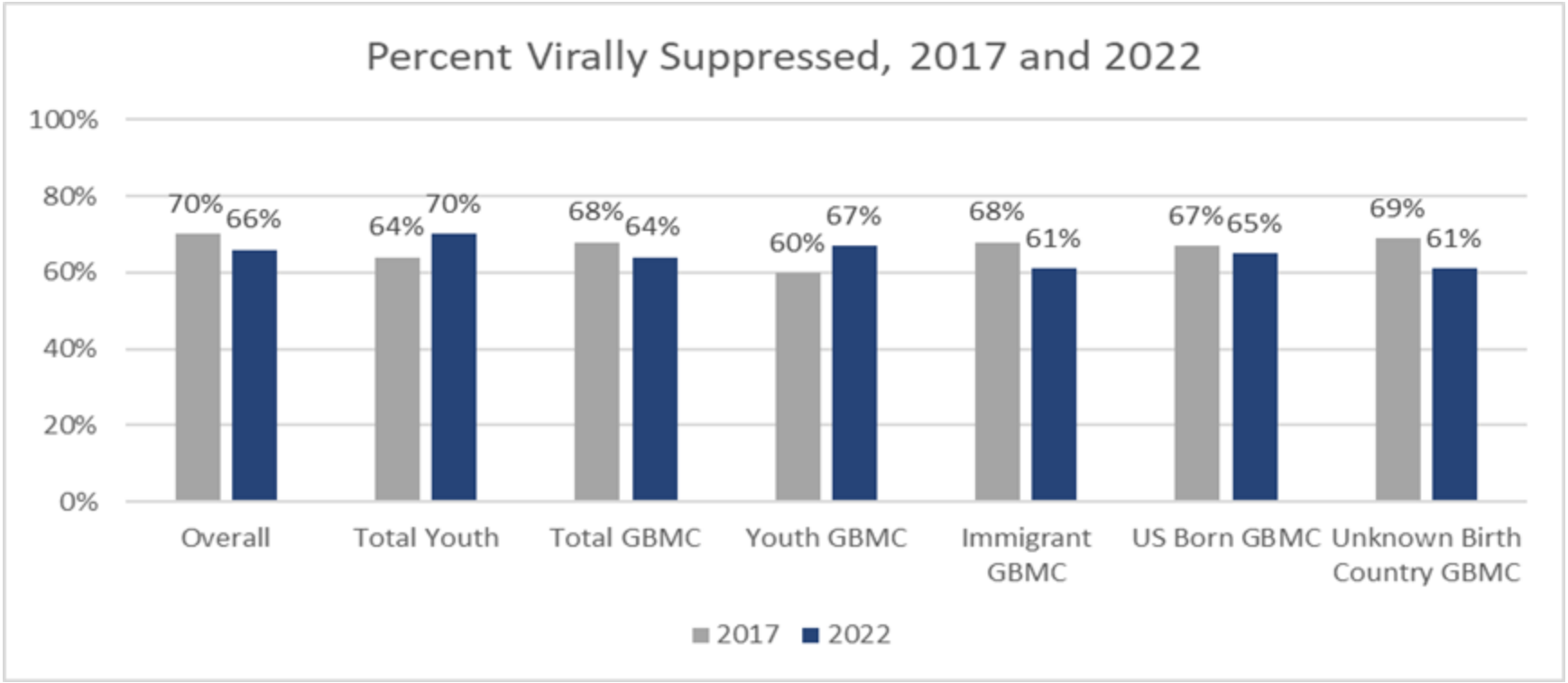


* Data source: Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS). Defined as persons diagnosed with HIV (regardless of stage of disease) through year- end 2021, who were alive at year-end 2022.
**Data source: CDPHE's CD4/VL database and eHARS. Calculated as the percentage of persons who had ≥2 CD4 or viral load results at least 90 days apart during 2022 among those diagnosed with HIV through year-end 2021 and alive at year-end 2022 or as the percentage of persons who were virologically suppressed at the time of their last lab during 2022, but did not have any additional lab >90 days away from this during 2022.
*** Calculated as number of persons who had suppressed VL (<200 copies/mL) at most recent test during 2022, among those



* Data source: Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS). Defined as persons diagnosed with HIV (regardless of stage of disease) through year- end 2021, who were alive at year-end 2022.
**Data source: CDPHE's CD4/VL database and eHARS. Calculated as the percentage of persons who had ≥2 CD4 or viral load results at least 90 days apart during 2022 among those diagnosed with HIV through year-end 2021 and alive at year-end 2022 or as the percentage of persons who were virologically suppressed at the time of their last lab during 2022, but did not have any additional lab >90 days away from this during 2022.
*** Calculated as number of persons who had suppressed VL (<200 copies/mL) at most recent test during 2022, among those

Viral Suppression among disproportionately affected populations?



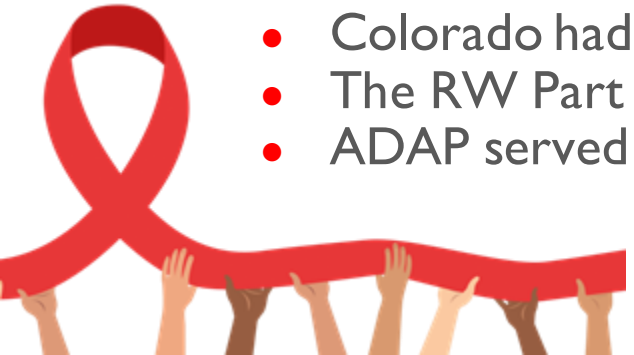
COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Ryan White Part B Program

- The Colorado Ryan White Part B program provides services to persons living with HIV through Client Services, Linkage to Care (LTC) and State Drug Assistance Programs (SDAP).
- The Client Services and LTC provides a variety of support services designed to assist with engaging and retaining clients in medical care and SDAP provides access to treatment.

2022 Engagement numbers:

- Colorado had 11, 505 of persons living with HIV
- The RW Part B served 4,128 (34% Latin X and 23% Black|AA)
- ADAP served 5,994 (33% LatinX and 20% Black|AA)



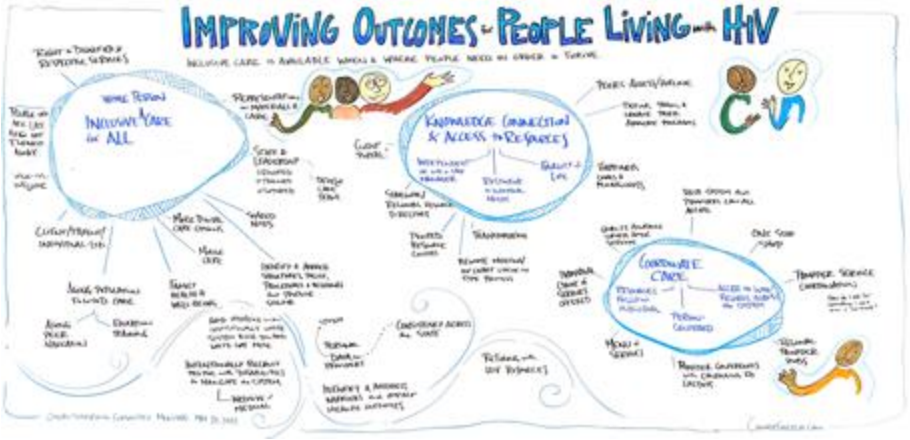
COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

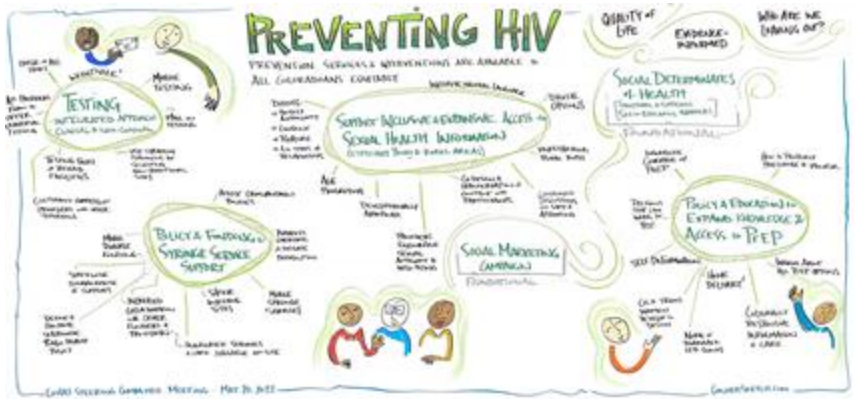
Part A and Part B Collaboration

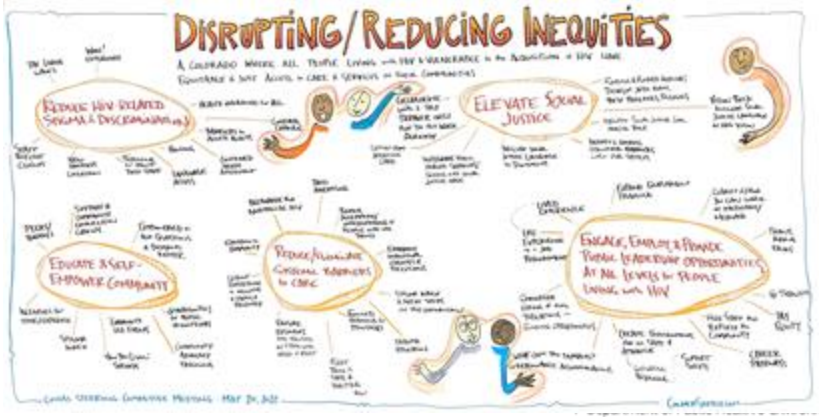
Community Engagement and Integrated Care and Prevention Plans

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

COHAS Steering Committee

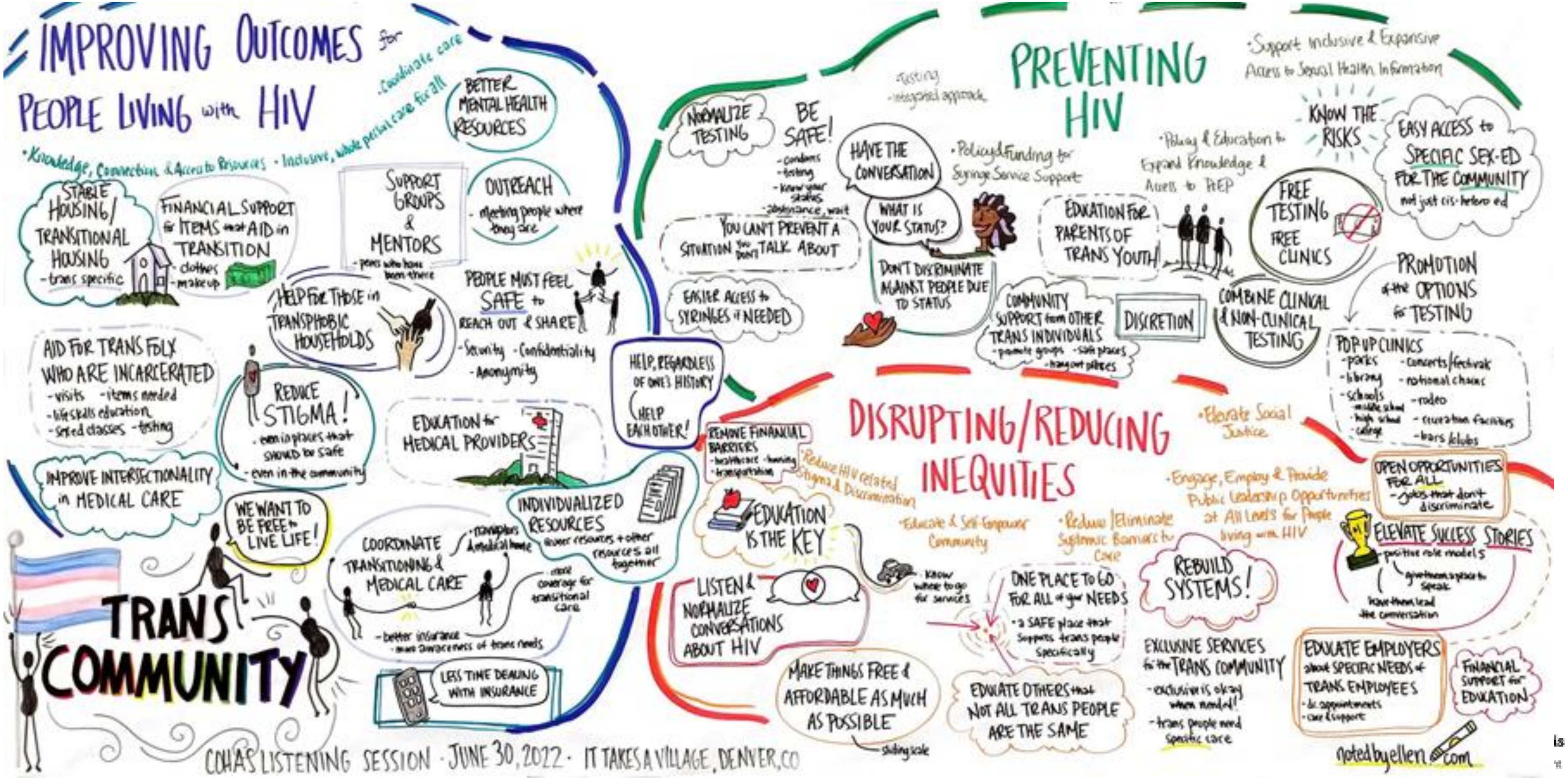






Communities of Color

Trans Folx


IMPROVING OUTCOMES for PEOPLE LIVING with HIV
• Knowledge, Connection & Access to Resources • Inclusive, whole person care for all • Coordinate care
BETTER MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
STABLE HOUSING/ TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - trans specific
FINANCIAL SUPPORT for ITEMS that AID in TRANSITION - clothes - makeup
SUPPORT GROUPS & MENTORS - peers who have been there
OUTREACH - meeting people where they are
HELP FOR THOSE in TRANSPHOBIC HOUSEHOLDS
PEOPLE MUST FEEL SAFE to REACH OUT & SHARE - Security - Confidentiality - Anonymity
AID FOR TRANS FOLX WHO ARE INCARCERATED - visits - items needed - life skills education - sex ed classes - testing
REDUCE STIGMA! - even in places that should be safe - even in the community
EDUCATION for MEDICAL PROVIDERS
HELP, REGARDLESS OF ONE'S HISTORY (HELP EACH OTHER!
IMPROVE INTERSECTIONALITY in MEDICAL CARE
WE WANT TO BE FREE to LIVE LIFE!
COORDINATE TRANSITIONING & MEDICAL CARE - better insurance - more awareness of trans needs - more coverage for transitional care
INDIVIDUALIZED RESOURCES
LESS TIME DEALING WITH INSURANCE
TRANS COMMUNITY
PREVENTING HIV
• testing • integrated approach
• Support Inclusive & Expansive Access to Sexual Health Information
NORMALIZE TESTING
BE SAFE! - condoms - testing - know your status - abstinence, wait
HAVE THE CONVERSATION
WHAT IS YOUR STATUS?
• Policy & Funding for Syringe Service Support
YOU CAN'T PREVENT A SITUATION YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT
EASIER ACCESS to SYRINGES if NEEDED
DON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE DUE TO STATUS
EDUCATION FOR PARENTS OF TRANS YOUTH!
• Policy & Education to Expand Knowledge & Access to PrEP
KNOW THE RISKS
EASY ACCESS to SPECIFIC SEX-ED FOR THE COMMUNITY not just cis-hetero ed
FREE TESTING FREE CLINICS
COMMUNITY SUPPORT from OTHER TRANS INDIVIDUALS - promote groups - safe places - hangout places
DISCRETION
COMBINE CLINICAL & NON-CLINICAL TESTING
PROMOTION of the OPTIONS for TESTING
POP UP CLINICS - parks - library - schools (middle school, high school, college) - concerts/festivals - rodeo - bars/clubs
DISRUPTING/REDUCING INEQUITIES
• Elevate Social Justice
REMOVE FINANCIAL BARRIERS - healthcare - housing - transportation
• Reduce HIV related Stigma & Discrimination
• Educate & Self-Empower Community
• Reduce/Eliminate Systemic Barriers to Care
• Engage, Employ & Provide Public Leadership Opportunities at All Levels for People living with HIV
OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL - jobs that don't discriminate
EDUCATION IS THE KEY
ELEVATE SUCCESS STORIES - positive role models
LISTEN & NORMALIZE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HIV
know where to go for services
ONE PLACE TO GO FOR ALL of your NEEDS • a SAFE place that supports trans people specifically
REBUILD SYSTEMS!
MAKE THINGS FREE & AFFORDABLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE - sliding scale
EDUCATE OTHERS that NOT ALL TRANS PEOPLE ARE THE SAME
EXCLUSIVE SERVICES for the TRANS COMMUNITY - exclusion is okay when needed! - trans people need specific care
EDUCATE EMPLOYERS about SPECIFIC NEEDS of TRANS EMPLOYEES
FINANCIAL SUPPORT for EDUCATION
COHAS LISTENING SESSION · JUNE 30, 2022 · IT TAKES A VILLAGE, DENVER, CO
notedbyellen.com

Colorado Part A and B Integrated Strategy

Advisory Boards

- Colorado HIV Alliance for Prevention Care & Treatment
- Denver HIV Resources Planning Council

COHAS Work Groups

Preventing HIV

- Gaps and opportunities for the delivery of PEP
- Improve Access to HIV Testing
- Destigmatize HIV Testing

Improving Health Outcomes

- Rapid ART
- Improve Linkage to Care
- Increase Psychosocial Support

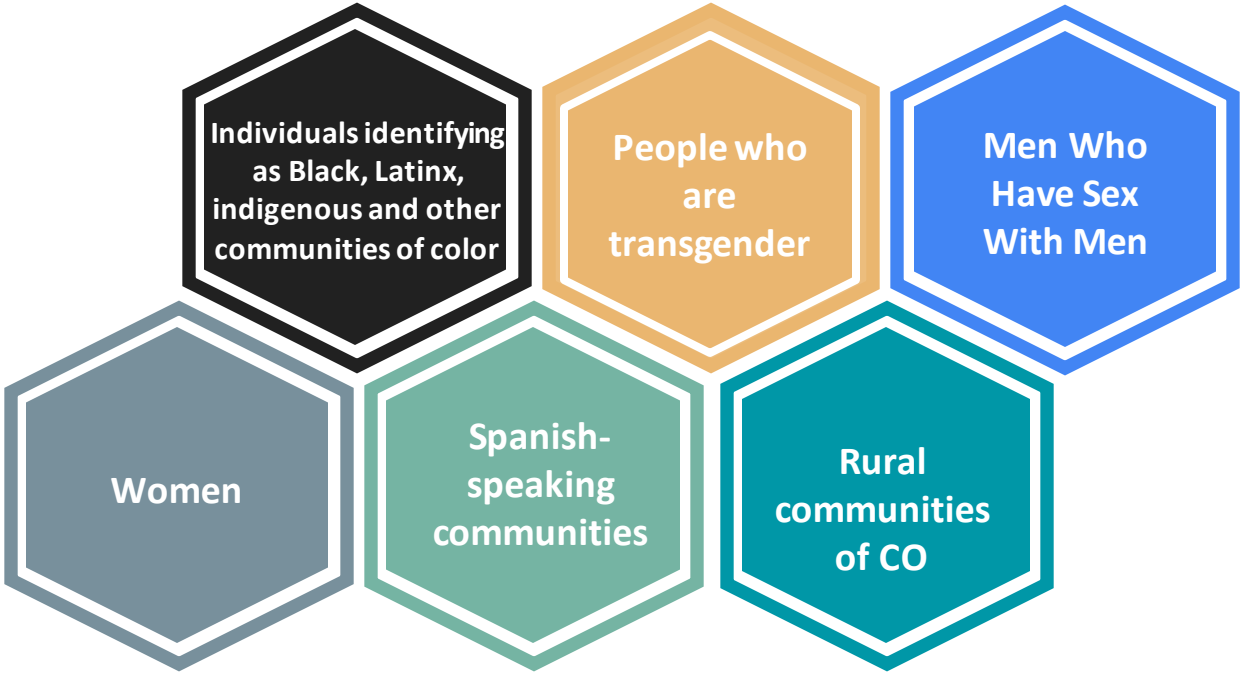
Disrupting Inequities

- Creation of JEDI toolkit
- Anti-stigma campaign
- Advocacy training

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Priority Populations

Addressing the Needs



COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

HIV Care Continuum

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Linking and Retaining

Throughout the Care Continuum, we use what works to provide LTC to People Living with HIV (PLWH). This includes clients who are newly diagnosed, at risk for dropping out of care, or lost to care.

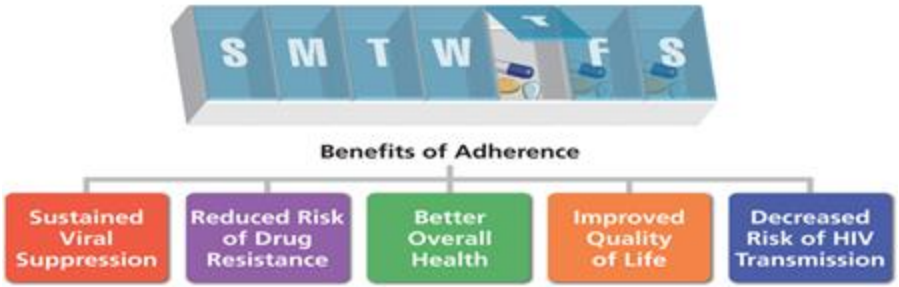
Linkage to Care

- Statewide LTC Coordinator monitors all newly diagnosed cases to ensure successful LTC occurs statewide as well as collaborating with external agencies to ensure LTC where needed.
- Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)/Regional Consultants (RC) assess every newly diagnosed HIV client with a recent STI diagnosis and a CD4/Viral Load lab test gap (>8 month*) and/or new immigrants.
- Sexual Health Service Providers (SHSP) assess every client assigned to them for LTC needs.
- Our team continues to strengthen our Provider Network to identify clients dropping out of care from Infectious Disease Clinics.

Retention to Care: LTC staff assists external partners engaging clients who have dropped out of care. Constant provider engagement is key!

Infectious Disease Providers: Network	
Denver Health and Hospitals (Two Infectious Disease Clinics)	Vivent Health
Children's Hospital	Western Infectious Disease (ADAP referrals)
Kaiser Permanente	Veteran's Affairs
University Hospital	Clinica Tepeyac
Beacon Clinic	STRIDE Community Health Center

Adherence



The Adherence Specialist identifies clients who have no evidence of labs within the last twelve months.

Assists with:

- Getting updated labs
  - works with clients and providers
- Re-engages clients back into care
- Assesses any other barriers to care
- Provides adherence tools
  - pill boxes, calendars, daily pill reminders
- Refer to case management or other services
- Provides monthly enrollment report to the SDAP advisory committee

CDPHE Acuity

- CDPHE Acuity in English and Spanish
- In 2022, the Office revised standards of care and the CDPHE Acuity Tool to address barriers to access and equity.
- In addition, translated the CDPHE Acuity Tool into Spanish to increase accessibility for our monolingual Spanish Speaking clients.

State Assistance: Emergency Funding

Must follow RW Part B funding guidelines.

- Temporary Motel assistance
- Utility| Rent| Phone Assistance
- Bus Tickets|Gift Cards

Emergency Assistance
Filling in the pieces when you can not

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Exploring New Ways: Access Health Care

- Rapid ART
- Telehealth Approaches
- Funding assisting CBOs get the proper technology to communicate with young GBMC clients:
  - Cell Phones to Case managers
  - IPads to agencies to help enroll in different programs
- Instagram account to engage Youth 12-22
  - Creating profiles to help frame future content will resonate with the priority populations
- **Continue to build a support system for our Youth GBMC clients IS KEY!**

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Established in 2002, It Takes a Village, Inc. (ITAV) is an Aurora, CO based non-profit, geared towards reducing health and social disparities among people of color in the Denver metropolitan area. ITAV was founded to address the lack of services primarily for African-Americans, however, our village includes people of all races. While services are provided for all, we recognize that people of color are disproportionately impacted by many social and health-related issues and we aim to reduce, if not eliminate, these disparities.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Our ITAV Staff

Picture to be added

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Psychosocial/ Brothas 4ever

Since 2000, Brothas4Ever has been building and nourishing community among African-American same gender loving men throughout the Denver Metro area. This ever-growing group, which has reached thousands of Black men over the years, addresses health, relationships, and what it means to be a Black man in America. Men of all ages come together for discussion groups and to support each other in staying healthy and strong.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Psychosocial Support Group

The Community Group (Psychosocial) is comprised of individuals living with HIV who provide support to each other. This group is peer-led, meets twice a month and all are welcome. Interesting, relevant topics of discussion and delicious lunches make this group very popular. Spanish-speaking people living with HIV participate weekly in this group with translation.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Hermanos- Normalizing HIV by bringing this group together.

It Takes a Village implements an educational, social group for Latinx gay men twice a month in the evenings, providing dinner and support. Social activities such as bowling and barbeques help to reduce isolation, particularly for men who may be immigrants. All groups are conducted in Spanish.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

NO APPOINTMENT. NO ID. IT'S ALL FREE.

It Takes Village programs and services are based upon theory, assessment, and, most importantly, the input and needs of the communities we serve. The effectiveness of each program greatly depends on the level of involvement of participants, and the trust the community has with our staff and organization. There is no charge for any of our programs or services.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

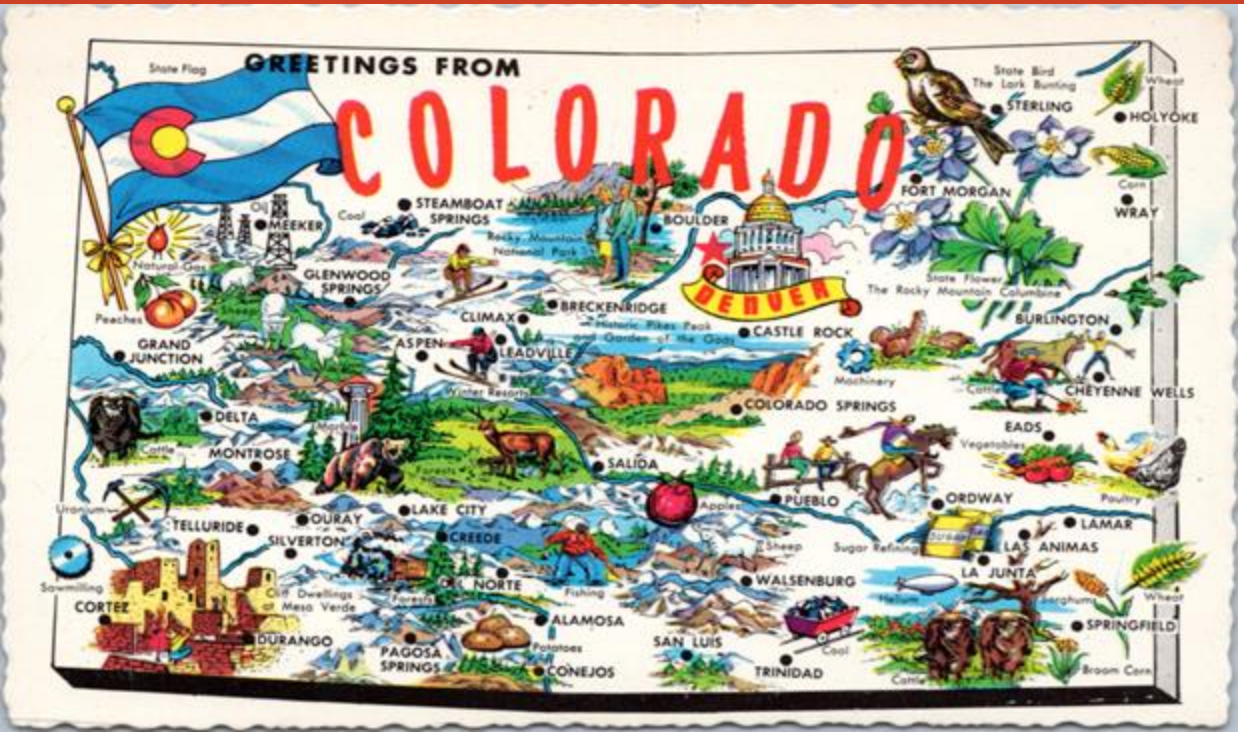
Meet The People we Serve

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment

Tie back to Youth GBMC

Questions



Maria Chaidez

Email:

Maria.Chaidez@state.co.us

Thera Marshall

Email:

Thera.Marshall@ittakesavillageco.org

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

COLORADO
Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis
Department of Public Health & Environment