



# Ryan White Part B Program

# Who was Ryan White?



# TN Ryan White Part B Program

- Tennessee Department of Health receives grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- The Ryan White Program acts as a payer of last resort.
- Provides primary care and support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS who have no health insurance (public or private), have insufficient health care coverage, or lack financial resources to get the care they need.
- The Ryan White Program remains committed to promoting health equity, reducing health disparities, combatting HIV stigma, and helping people living with HIV to get the care, treatment, and support services they need to live a long, healthy life.

# Ryan White Part B Program Eligibility

- Persons are eligible to become a Tennessee Ryan White Program Client, by meeting the following criteria:
  - Tennessee resident
  - Have a household income of 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or below
  - Have proof of HIV positive status
- All PLWH are referred to a Case Manager that complete the enrollment process, and subsequent eligibility checks and links the client into the Ryan White program
  - Also “turns-on” services for clients such as IAP, and support services

# Ryan White Part B Program Providers

## Service Providers

- 14 HIV Centers of Excellence (provide outpatient ambulatory health services, and medical case management)
  - Found in all regions
  - Includes children's hospital in Nashville (Vanderbilt/Monroe Carrell) and Memphis (St. Jude)
- Fund service provision at public entities in the 5 metro health depts.
  - Knox County, Jackson-Madison, Davison Metro, Chattanooga-Hamilton, ETSU (Sullivan-Johnson City)
- Work with 7 agencies to provide a variety of health services
- Partner with regional and county health offices that often provide Medical Case Management

# Ryan White Part B Program Providers (continued)

Two lead agencies

- Shelby County Health Department
  - Provides housing, oral health, and EIS support
  - Southwest/Memphis area
  - Manages two subrecipients
  
- United Way of Nashville
  - Provides supportive services
  - East, West, Southeast and Middle Regions
  - Manages 15 subrecipients

# Ryan White Part B Programs

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
  - Insurance Assistance Program (IAP) – pays for premium, co-pay, deductibles; managed by Nashville Cares
  - HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP) – Nashville Pharmacy Services
  - Support a network of clinics that provide outpatient medical services
- Oral Health Program
  - Statewide program covering all counties (except Shelby, Tipton and Fayette) dental insurance company
  - Maximum of 1,500 clients w/\$1,000 annual service cap
  - Plan covers diagnostic, preventive and most non-cosmetic services (extractions, bridges, crowns, fillings)

# Ryan White Part B Programs

- Minority AIDS Initiative
  - Focuses on education and outreach to improve minority access to medication assistance programs, including ADAP.
  - Program can only be used for education and outreach services for the specific purpose of increasing minority enrollment in ADAP and only for the racial and ethnic minorities indicated in the legislation.
  - Three subrecipient agencies provide MAI services in West, Middle and Southeast Tennessee.
- Corrections Navigation
  - The goal is to provide pre-release linkage services to HIV+ inmates currently incarcerated in TN prisons to ensure a smooth transition from corrections back to the community with no lapse in medical care or access to medication.
  - TDH and TDOC collaborate to provide education, testing, treatment and partner services for inmates living with HIV.
  - Two subrecipient agencies providing CN services –Nashville Cares (Middle and East TN regions); Children and Family Services, Inc. (West TN region)



# Ryan White Part B Programs

- RW Housing
  - Provides, housing referral, emergency housing, short-term rent, and transitional housing support for PLWH to facilitate movement to independent living or maintain access to medical care.
  - Managed by subrecipient Lead Agents (Middle TN – United Way; Memphis TN – Shelby County)

# Other Ryan White Part B Services

- **Early Intervention Services (EIS)** - Targeted HIV testing to help the unaware learn of their HIV status and receive referral to HIV care and treatment services if found to be HIV- infected.
- **Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA)** - Short-term emergency financial assistance to individuals with HIV/AIDS for utilities (gas, electricity, water and sewer).
- **Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals** - Provides nutritional food and personal hygiene items to enhance a person's health status.
- **Medical Nutrition Therapy** - Nutrition assessment and screening, Dietary/nutritional evaluation, Nutrition education and/or counseling.

# Other Ryan White Part B Services

- **Medical Transportation** - Nonemergency transportation services that enables an eligible individual to access or be retained in core medical and support services.
- **Mental Health Services** - Outpatient psychological and psychiatric screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and counseling services offered to individuals living with HIV.
- **Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services** - Provide diagnostic and therapeutic-related activities directly to an individual by a licensed healthcare provider in an outpatient medical setting.
- **Substance Abuse Outpatient Care** - Outpatient services for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders.

# TN Ryan White Part B Services by Region

Southwest*	West	Middle Tennessee*	Southeast	East	Statewide
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	Vision
Medical Case Management	Medical Case Management	Medical Case Management	Medical Case Management	Medical Case Management	IAP
Emergency Financial Assistance	Emergency Financial Assistance	Emergency Financial Assistance	Emergency Financial Assistance	Emergency Financial Assistance	HDAP
RW Housing	RW Housing	RW Housing	RW Housing	RW Housing	**Oral Health
Medical Transportation	Medical Transportation	Medical Transportation	Medical Transportation	Medical Transportation	
Food Support	Food Support	Food Support	Food Support	Food Support	
	Non-Medical Case Management	Non-Medical Case Management	Non-Medical Case Management	Non-Medical Case Management	
Early Intervention Services	Early Intervention Services (including Corrections Navigation)	Early Intervention Services (including Corrections Navigation)		Early Intervention Services	
		Mental Health		Mental Health	
			Substance Abuse-Outpatient	Substance Abuse-Outpatient	
		Psychosocial Support Services			

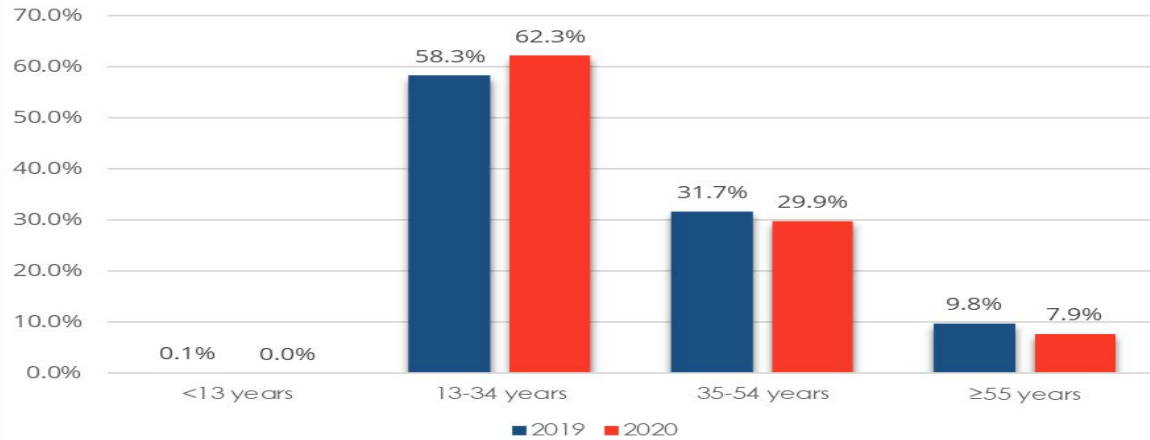
\*\*For Oral Health, Part B is covering Part A clients in Nashville, and provides funds to support the oral health program in Memphis



# MAI Program

# TN Continuum of Care

**Persons Newly Diagnosed with HIV in Tennessee by Age Group**

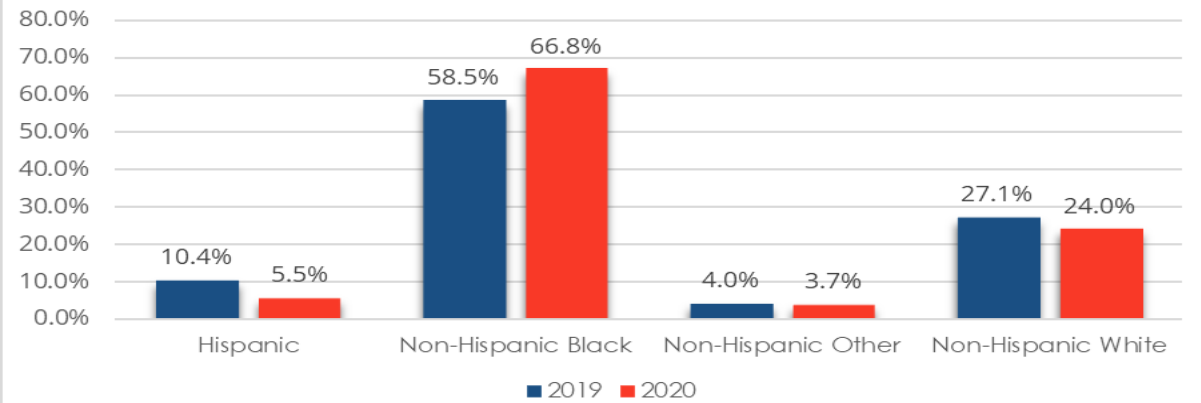


**Table 1: Persons Newly Diagnosed with HIV by Age Group at Diagnosis and Race/Ethnicity**

	2019		2020	
	Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage
Newly Diagnosed with HIV	773		649	
Age Group at Diagnosis				
<13 years	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
13-34 years	451	58.3%	404	62.3%
35-54 years	245	31.7%	194	29.9%
≥55 years	76	9.8%	51	7.9%
13-34 Year Olds by Race/Ethnicity				
Hispanic	47	10.4%	22	5.5%
Non-Hispanic Black	264	58.5%	270	66.8%
Non-Hispanic Other	18	4.0%	15	3.7%
Non-Hispanic White	122	27.1%	97	24.0%

Source: Tennessee Continuum of Care, 2020 and 2019

**13-34 Year Olds Newly Diagnosed with HIV in Tennessee by Race/Ethnicity**



**Table 2: Persons Previously Diagnosed with HIV by Age Group and Race/Ethnicity**

	2019		2018	
	Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage
Previously Diagnosed with HIV	16785		16308	
Age Group				
<13 years	21	0.13	17	0.10
13-34 years	3407	20.30	3328	20.41
35-54 years	8124	48.40	8205	50.31
≥55 years	5233	31.18	4758	29.18
13-34 Year Olds by Race/Ethnicity				
Hispanic	161	4.73	149	4.48
Non-Hispanic Black	2280	66.92	2260	67.91
Non-Hispanic Other	186	5.46	180	5.41
Non-Hispanic White	780	22.89	739	22.21

Source: Tennessee Continuum of Care, 2019 and 2018

# MAI – Positive Peers

## New Initiatives- Use of Positive Peers

- Private peer support app for people living with HIV, to create a stigma-free supportive community.
- Allows peers to connect 24/7 to discuss experiences and concerns
- Used in RW Cleveland Part A Program



**Positive Peers is an app specifically built for young people in the U.S., ages 13 to 34, who are living with HIV.** It's a confidential tool connecting young people with HIV to a private, stigma-free, supportive community.



Health management tools with medication & appointment reminders.



Accurate, easy-to-understand HIV health education information & community resources.



Local social networking in a community conversation & private chats.

**SIGN UP TODAY**

Receive an **e-giftcard** for completing periodic surveys.

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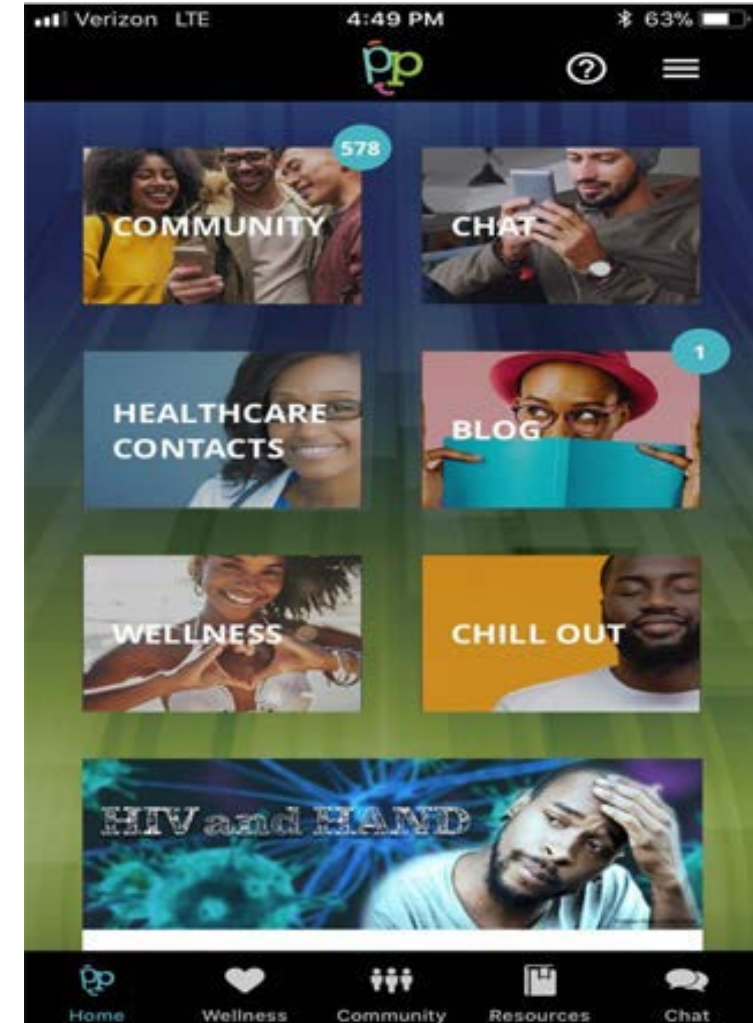
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