



**Illinois Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017–2021:
A Roadmap for Collective Action in Illinois
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In 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) collaborated to develop joint guidance for funded health departments and HIV planning groups to support the submission of an Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, inclusive of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN). The purpose of the SCSN is to provide a collaborative mechanism to identify and address the most significant HIV needs of people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) and to maximize coordination, integration, and effective linkages across all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs. The Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan promotes collaboration and coordination in the use of HIV surveillance and needs assessment data to inform HIV prevention and care program planning, resource allocation, evaluation, and quality improvement efforts to meet all HIV prevention and care needs.

Since 1987, the Illinois Department of Public Health's (IDPH) HIV/AIDS Section has coordinated the state's response to the HIV epidemic. The *Illinois Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan: 2017-2021* (Integrated Plan) is built on a solid foundation of collaboration with stakeholders across the jurisdiction—a joint effort of IDPH, HIV prevention and care planning entities, public and private agencies responding to HIV in Illinois including community-based organizations (CBOs) and service providers, PLWHA, and representatives of the communities most affected.

The Integrated Plan addresses the basic assumptions and overarching goals underlying the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS):

- There is still an HIV epidemic, and it remains a major health issue for the State of Illinois; therefore, we must reduce the number of new HIV infections.

- Illinoisans deserve access to tools and education to prevent HIV transmission. In addition, most people can live long, healthy lives with HIV if they are diagnosed and access HIV care and treatment.
- Certain populations bear a disproportionate burden of HIV in Illinois; therefore, we must reduce any HIV-related health disparities.

The Integrated Plan consists of the following components:

- Introduction and Overview – This section describes the framework for the plan and HIV prevention work.
- The Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need – This section provides a detailed overview of the HIV epidemic in Illinois, a description of the HIV financial and workforce resources in Illinois, and a comprehensive assessment of HIV prevention, care, and treatment needs in Illinois.
- The Plan – This section identifies objectives, strategies, activities, and metrics Illinois has committed to complete.
- Monitoring and Improvement – This section describes how IDPH will evaluate the goals and objectives strategies to improve HIV-related health outcomes.
- Conclusion

As the state’s roadmap for HIV prevention and care, the Integrated Plan is intended to guide HIV policies, actions, and strategies for Illinois state agencies, local units of government, CBOs, and advocates for Illinoisans living with and at high-risk for HIV.

IDPH is committed to:

- adapting our HIV prevention programs to incorporate high- impact prevention approaches;
- focusing on the populations and geographical areas in our state that bear the greatest burden and highest risk of HIV infection;
- implementing strategies to retain people in care and maximize health equity for PLWHA;
- addressing health inequities and disparities in HIV care;
- using data to improve health outcomes and breaking down data silos to inform all steps along the HIV Care Continuum;
- scaling up access to PrEP and treatment as prevention;
- ensuring that our Ryan White Part B Program remains strong;

- employing stigma-reducing efforts and addressing structural inequalities; and
- cultivating meaningful community engagement as part of our collective toolkit to end the epidemic.

Through community partnerships and action, the strategies identified throughout the Integrated Plan can generate opportunities and spawn innovative programs to reduce new HIV infections and improve health outcomes for PLWHA.