



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY “GETTING TO ZERO” HIV/AIDS REPORT

MAKE HIV HISTORY!

KNOW THE FACTS □ GET TESTED □ GET TREATED

IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2017-2018



The Initiative



The Miami-Dade County "Getting to Zero" HIV/AIDS initiative established a set of recommendations focusing on prevention, treatment, and systems change. The process enhanced services, built partnerships, and established collaborations. In the time period, since ratification of the Task Force report, the responsible champions have been working to expand successful strategies and implement new practices.

In moving forward, the HIV response is still confronted by a number of challenges and it will take the collective impact of our elected officials and our community to identify solutions for the achievement of getting to zero. To save the greatest number of lives possible and prevent further HIV transmission, we must know our local epidemic and focus our efforts on key populations at greater risk.

HELP US GET 2 ZERO



Know the Facts

Protect Yourself

To educate the community about HIV/AIDS prevention and de-stigmatize persons living with HIV/AIDS.



Get Tested

Know Your Status

Encourage Miami-Dade County residents to know their status and expand routine testing in the health care system.



Get Treated

Stay Healthy

Create a seamless network of care and ensuring high quality of care throughout the county for people living with HIV/AIDS to achieve viral suppression.



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Progress on the “Getting to Zero”: Goals

	2015 (Baseline)	2016	2020 Goal
Goal 1: Know the Facts: 90% of all Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV will know their status.	86%	Data Pending	90%
Goal 2: Get Tested: Reduce the number of new diagnosis by at least 25%.	1,344	1,270	1,008
Goal 3: Get Treated: 90% of Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV who are in treatment reach viral load suppression	55.7%	57%	90%

Goal 1: Know the Facts: 90% of all Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV will know their status.

The first step of HIV treatment is timely diagnosis. The recommendations call for increased and targeted HIV testing, as well as expansion of rapid access treatment sites. In 2015, Florida Department of Health (FDOH) estimated that 86% of HIV-positive individuals were aware of their HIV status. The 2016 epidemiological report is pending an updated estimate of the percentage of HIV-positive individuals who know their status.

Goal 2: Get Tested: Reduce the number of new diagnosis by at least 25%.

There is a goal to achieve a 25% reduction in new HIV cases by 2020. The plan details recommendations that will enhance prevention efforts through increased access to PrEP and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), improve youth education, and identify root causes of stigma. In 2015, there were 1,344 new cases of HIV diagnosis. The 2016 data shows 1,270 new infections, a 5.5% reduction from the 2015 number. To reduce new diagnosis by at least 25% in 2020, means 1,008 new cases.

Goal 3: Get Treated: 90% of Miami-Dade County residents living with HIV who are in treatment reach viral load suppression

Successful ART treatment leads to viral suppression, or an undetectable level of the HIV virus in the body. This improves health outcomes for people living with HIV (PLWH) and reduces the risk of transmitting the virus. To assure 90% of Miami-Dade County residents in treatment reach viral suppression, the recommendations envisioned enhanced support for patients, and examined ways to provide services more effectively. FDOH estimated that in 2015, 55.7% of those in treatment were maintaining viral suppression. In 2016, the percentage slightly increased to 57%, due to a number of clients transitioning to the Health Exchange marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. It is predicted this percentage will increase in 2017.



Recommendation 1

Provide comprehensive sex education throughout the Miami-Dade County Public School System (M-DCPS), recommending modifications in the M-DCPS comprehensive sex education curriculum as age appropriate.

Champions: Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)

Actions:

Recommendation 2

Expand PrEP and nPEP capacity throughout Miami-Dade County, and increase utilization by all potential risk groups.

Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County

Actions:

- Created a county-wide PrEP referral system and modified testing site contracts for participation
- Developing a PrEP Cascade of Care
- Scaling up community awareness with a PrEP Speakers Bureau
- Urging for the revision of Florida Statute 348.3 to allow youth to access PrEP without parental consent
- Creating culturally inclusive PrEP promotional material
- Developing a partnership with a commercial pharmacy to establish a nPEP standing order
- Implementing linkage to PrEP for patients identified as STD positive in a hospital setting

Recommendation 3

Implement routine HIV/STI testing in healthcare settings.

Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County

Actions:

- Partnering with local hospitals to implement routinized testing in emergency room settings
- Creating an awareness campaign to educate clinical providers on Florida Statute 381.004

Recommendation 4

Create a comprehensive HIV/AIDS communication toolbox

Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Central Office

Actions:

- Expanding the marketing of Florida's "Protect Yourself" statewide minority media campaign (www.knowyourhivstatus.com)
- Sharing approved "Protect Yourself" media graphics with all local health departments for use with any local media/marketing efforts
- Sharing Department-approved press releases with HIV/AIDS Program Coordinators statewide



- Sharing approved social media posts and images (from the “Protect Yourself”) with local health departments

Recommendation 5

Convene a multi-agency consortium of public health/academic institutions/ service providers to share data/collaborate on research identifying the driving forces of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Miami-Dade County.

Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County

Actions:

- Partnered with Florida International University, College of Public Health to identify research needs and opportunities for collaboration. A 5-year strategic plan will be developed outlining Florida Department of Health and Florida International University’s goals.
- Exploring feasibility and funding options for establishing a Center of Excellence in HIV/AIDS research

Recommendation 6

Decrease the lag time from diagnosis to linkage to HIV/AIDS care to within 30 days or less for 1) clients newly diagnosed 2) clients returning to care 3) client’s post-partum

Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County

Actions:

- Partnering with Ryan White Part A to expand the Test and Treat model to sub recipients
- Revised testing site contracts mandating linkage to be completed within 30 days
- Hired a Linkage to Care Coordinator to oversee linkage process
- Working with Ryan White Outreach Committee to address improvements in linkage process

Recommendation 7

Increasing system capacity to bridge the gaps in provision of treatment and medication when changes in income and/or residence create eligibility problems

Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program

Recommendation 8

Enlist commercial pharmacies as HIV/AIDS treatment partners, from making PrEP and nPEP more available to having pharmacist’s alert HIV/AIDS care clinicians and/or case managers when antiretroviral (ARV) medications are not picked up on time.

Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Central Office, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program



Actions:

- Miami-Dade Ryan White Partnership created a Pharmacy Workgroup to explore barriers to accessing medication through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Partnership created with a commercial pharmacy with in-house clinical services to provide PrEP and nPEP.
- Urging for the revision of Florida Statute 348.3 to allow youth to access PrEP without parental consent
- Developing a partnership with a commercial pharmacy to establish a nPEP standing order

Recommendation 9

Partnership with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and Medicaid for the purpose of data-matching and to allow Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to follow HIV-positive clients in managed care positions (public and private).

Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Central Office, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program

Actions:

- Data sharing agreement has been initiated with the Agency for Healthcare Administration (ACHA) to begin obtaining health outcomes data on Medicaid clients.

Recommendation 10

Develop a county-wide integrated system of HIV/AIDS care, including a County-wide treatment consent form and county-wide data-sharing addressing various social service needs.

Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program, Florida Department of Health Central Office

Actions:

- Exploring creating a statewide Ryan White Program consent form
- Meeting with Miami-Dade County to work on creating a county-wide consent form

Recommendation 11

Expand the network of housing available for PLWHA, with particular attention to pregnant women, released ex-offenders, youth and other high-risk HIV positive groups.

Champions: Government of Miami-Dade County, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program

Recommendation 12

Create/expand a network of internal (in-jail) and post-release HIV/AIDS service provision to inmates in the Miami-Dade County jail system

Champions: Florida Department of Health, Office of AIDS Miami Office, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program



Actions:

- Correctional Health Services is working with FDOH modifying the process to provide a 30-day supply of medication to inmates upon release
- Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will be implementing routinized HIV testing in facilities
- Hiring a linkage to care specialist for post-release HIV services

Recommendation 13

Identify root causes of HIV/AIDS stigma and reduce the stigma through educational and communication programs directed toward Miami-Dade County's multi-cultural and multi-ethnic communities and providers.

Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program

Actions:

- Ryan White Support agency will be launching a plan to address stigma January 2018, including developing an indicator to measure stigma
- Ryan White Partnership signed on as a community partner for the “Untransmittable=Undetectable” (U=U) campaign
- A “Dear Colleague” letter will be sent to Ryan White sub recipients and community agencies educating on the significance of the U=U campaign

Recommendation 14

Reform and modernize Florida's current statutes criminalizing HIV non-disclosure.

Champions: Government of Miami-Dade County, Senator Rene Garcia's Office

Actions:

- Senate and House bills have been filed for 2018 Florida Legislation to modernize current HIV statues

Recommendation 15

Build a county-wide system of HIV/AIDS program effectiveness evaluation, basing it on a common set of outcome measures across all providers.

Champions: Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County, Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program

Recommendation 16

Identify barriers and improve access to existing HIV/AIDS services for HIV positive undocumented immigrants

Champions: Ryan White Part A/ Minority AIDS Initiative Program

Actions:

- Established a relationship with a local immigration service provider to provide monthly HIV testing and services to clients attending immigration clinics