How the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Keeps People Engaged in Care

Research articles on the program's successes are collected on PLOS Medicine and PLOS ONE.

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You can now peruse a series of research articles about the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program's successful efforts to engage HIV-positive people in care and help them maintain and undetectable viral load. The articles appear on the open-access journals PLOS Medicine and PLOS ONE, platforms on which scientists publish their research results in the form of papers referred to as manuscripts. (PLOS stands for Public Library of Science.)

The effort is helmed by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. The resultant trove of manuscripts and related articles is called the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau Special Collection.

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The collection is part of the federal initiative "Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America," which President Trump launched last year. It aims to make the successful strategies implemented at the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program available as resources for other organizations working to end the

HIV epidemic.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program is a federal effort to provide HIV care and supportive services to low-income and underinsured Americans. Since 1990, it has provided grants to state and community-based HIV groups.

“For three decades, HRSA’s Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program has played a critical role in the United States’ response to ending the HIV epidemic,” said HRSA administrator Tom Engels in a PLOS blog post introducing the collection. “More than half a million people—representing more than half of people with diagnosed HIV in the U.S.—receive services through the [Ryan White program] annually. In 2018, approximately 87 percent of the [program’s] patients receiving medical care were virally suppressed, exceeding the national average of approximately 65 percent.”

Topics covered in the manuscripts range from optimizing HIV primary care to leveraging data and maximizing the availability of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

You can read the manuscripts, including the introductory blog post, at collections.plos.org/hrsa-hab.

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