

Help End HIV

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Now is the time to prevent new cases of HIV.



Encourage routine testing.



Starting on HIV medications earlier reduces the risk of HIV transmission by 93 percent.



UNDETECTABLE = **U**NTRANSMITTABLE

The HIV virus **cannot be transmitted** through sex if the viral load is maintained below 200

VIRAL LOAD

HIGH

More than 100,000 copies/mL

MODERATE

Between 201-100,000 copies/mL

GOAL

UNTRANSMITTABLE*

Below 200 copies/mL



Ryan White Services and Resources

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Ryan White Services and Resources,

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New Orleans Metro Area

RWSR provides quality services to improve the health and wellbeing of persons living with HIV as well as prevention tools for communities with a higher risk.

Mission:

It is now, more than ever, possible to **end HIV** in our lifetime. New testing technologies allow early detection and medications, if taken correctly, can extend the life for a person living with HIV (PLWH) for another 30 years.

Established in 1995, Ryan White Services and Resources (RWSR), a division of the New Orleans Health Department is dedicated to providing services to individuals at-risk for HIV and PLWH to **prevent new cases, encourage linkage to primary care, retention in care and health improvement.**

RWSR is the administrative agency for the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act Part A Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) and the Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America, serving **Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John and St. Tammany** parishes.

Background:

- Louisiana ranked **4th among states** for new HIV diagnosis rates in 2023.
- As of December 31, 2024, a total of 23,501 persons are living with HIV in Louisiana; of these individuals, 11,402 persons (49%) have an AIDS diagnosis.
- In 2022, the New Orleans EMA ranked **11th in the nation** for new HIV diagnosis rates and **32nd in the nation** in number of new HIV diagnoses.
- As of December 31, 2022, the New Orleans EMA accounts for **36% (8,394)** of the state's HIV/AIDS caseload, but represents **only 27% of Louisiana population.**
- **The EMA strives to ensure 100 percent access to medical care for eligible PLWH** with 0 percent disparity in the provision of care with particular emphasis on returning clients who have fallen out of care.

What We Do:

RWSR **works with agencies to provide life saving services to PLWH in the New Orleans EMA** who have no other options for treatment and services. As the administrative entity, RWSR works to ensure high standards of care for PLWH focusing on those persons with limited resources.

As the provider of 'last resort' RWSR exclusively helps **PLWH that have limited to no other healthcare options.** Clients serviced by RWSR agencies are living at or below 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and are diagnosed with HIV. For some PLWH, drug costs alone can exceed \$2,000 dollars a month. Through a broad spectrum of services, RWSR's agencies create a strong safety net for PLWH who would otherwise not have access to life saving services.

In FY 2025, funded agencies served a total of 5,327 individuals and of which, 4,761 were persons living with HIV.

Funded Services:

- **Early Intervention Services** (HIV testing and education)
- **Emergency Financial Assistance** (emergency medications, rental assistance and utilities)
- **Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals**
- **Health Education/Risk Reduction**
- **Health Insurance** (premium and cost sharing assistance)
- **Housing Assistance**
- **Local Pharmacy Assistance Program** (medications)
- **Case Management** (helps with getting services)
- **Medical Nutrition Therapy**
- **Medical Transportation** (for appointments and services)
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Oral Health Care** (dental care services)
- **Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services** (primary medical care)
- **Outreach Services**
- **Professional Services** (tax preparation and legal assistance)
- **Psychosocial Support Services** (counseling and support groups)
- **Referral for Health Care and Support Services**
- **Substance Abuse Outpatient Care** (counseling)
- **Workforce Development** (Services to assist PLWH to find and maintain employment)
- **Health Literacy** (Educates PLWH on how to access healthcare)
- **Low Barrier Clinic** (Extended hours and appointment-free clinic)
- **Health Models Plus+** (Incentive-based health improvement program)
- **Lifestyle Change Program** (Program to support PLWH with diabetes)

Funded Agencies:

CENTRALIZED LINKAGE

Phone: 504.884.3307
504.231.7443 (**en español**)
[Bounce To Zero - NOLA Your Status!](#)

ACCESS HEALTH LOUISIANA

Phone: 504.226.2976
[www.accesshealthla.org](#)

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR A BETTER ALGIERS

Phone: 504.362.1066
[www.ccfaba.org](#)

CRESCENTCARE HEALTH

Phone: 504.821.2601
[www.crescentcarehealth.org](#)

DEPAUL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Phone: (504) 582-0710
[www.depaulcommunityhealthcenters.org/](#)

FRONTLINE LEGAL SERVICES

Phone: 504.510.3616
[www.frontlinelegalservices.org](#)

PROJECT LAZARUS

Phone: 504.949.3609
[www.projectlazarus.net](#)

PRIORITY HEALTH CARE INC. (2 locations)

Phone: 504.309.6057
[www.priorityhealthcare.org](#)

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC)

Phone: 985.345.1119
[www.selahec.org](#)

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Phone: 504.529.5558
[www.stthomaschc.org](#)

TULANE UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER (T-CELL CLINIC)

Phone: 504.988.3002
[www.tulane.edu/som/tuchc](#)

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER OF NEW ORLEANS (UMC) (FORMERLY MCLNO / HOP Clinic)

Phone: 504.702.5700
[www.umcno.org](#)

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA SOUTHEAST LA

Phone: 504.482.2130
[www.voasela.org/](#)

WE CARE ABOUT YOU, INC.

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