



# **“Advancing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy: Housing and the HCCI”**

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# NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY FOR THE UNITED STATES



## Vision for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

“The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination”





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## Reducing New HIV Infections

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Increasing Access to Care and Improving  
Health Outcomes for People Living with HIV

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Reducing HIV-Related Disparities

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Achieving a More Coordinated National  
Response to the HIV Epidemic

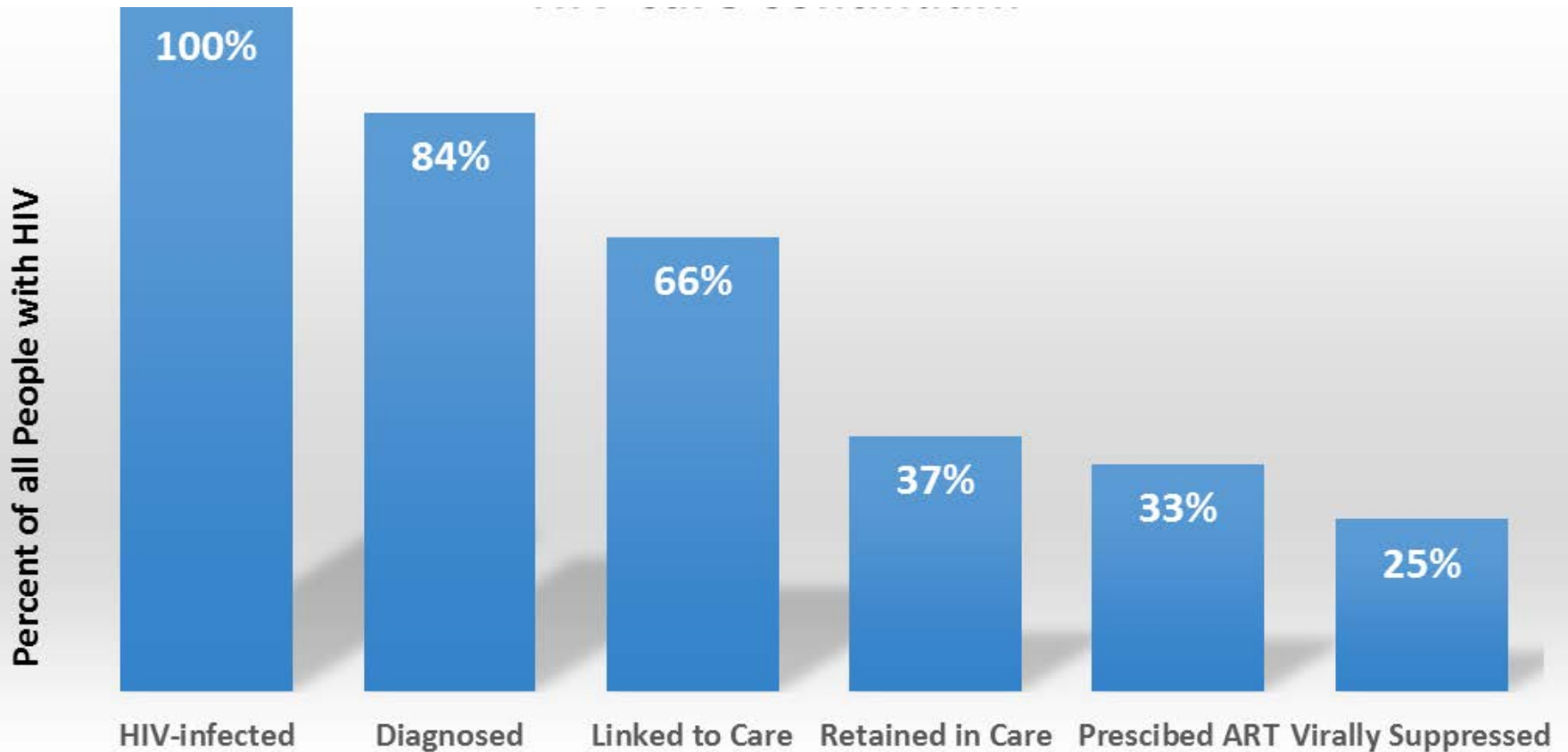


# The National HIV/AIDS Strategy

## Facets of the Strategy

- Limited number of action steps
- Sets 5-year quantitative targets to meet
- Emphasis on evidence-based approaches
- Multiple Federal agencies charged with Strategy implementation:
  - HHS (lead coordinating agency), HUD, VA, DOJ, DOL, SSA
- Roadmap for all public and private stakeholders responding to the domestic epidemic
- Focus on improving coordination and efficiency across and within Federal, state, local and tribal governments
- Emphasis on concentrating efforts where HIV is most concentrated and in populations with greatest disparities, including: gay men, people of color, and transgender women

# HIV Care Continuum



**Overall: Of the 1.1 Million American living with HIV, only 25 percent are virally suppressed.**



# NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY

IMPROVING OUTCOMES:  
ACCELERATING PROGRESS ALONG THE  
HIV CARE CONTINUUM

Office of National AIDS Policy

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## **HIV Care Continuum Initiative**

- Created via Presidential Executive Order in July 2013
- Responds to scientific advances since the Strategy's release
- Prioritizes focus on HIV care continuum
- Promotes expansion of successful HIV testing and service delivery models
- Encourages innovative approaches to addressing barriers to accessing testing and treatment
- Ensures that federal resources are appropriately focused on interventions that improve outcomes along the care continuum.
- Overseen by federal working group, jointly chaired by ONAP and HHS



# Charge to the HIV Care Continuum Working Group

- Determine if there is appropriate emphasis among Federal agencies on addressing the HIV care continuum
- Review research on improving outcomes along the HIV care continuum
- Obtain input from Federal grantees, affected communities, and other stakeholders to inform strategies to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum
- Identify opportunities to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum
- Recommend ways to integrate efforts to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum with other evidence-based strategies to combat HIV
- Specify how to better align and coordinate Federal efforts, both within and across agencies, to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum.

# HIV Care Continuum Initiative: Grounded in Recent Scientific Advances

- **Treatment is prevention:** *Breakthrough NIH trial shows treatment reduced HIV transmission to partners by 96%*
- **Earlier treatment prevents long-term complications:** *Treatment is now recommended for all adolescents and adults living with HIV in the United States, regardless of disease stage*
- **Testing is faster and more accurate than ever before:** *Advances in testing technology have created rapid, accurate HIV tests*
- **Near-universal testing guidelines:** *Screening for HIV is now recommended for all adults aged 15-65*

# Recommendations of the HIV Care Continuum Working Group

- I. Support, implement and assess innovative models to more effectively deliver care along the care continuum
- II. Tackle misconceptions, stigma and discrimination to break down barriers to care
- III. Strengthen data collection, coordination and use of data to improve health outcomes and monitor use of Federal resources
- IV. Prioritize and promote research to fill gaps in knowledge along the care continuum
- V. Provide information, resources, and technical assistance to strengthen the delivery of services along the care continuum, particularly at the state and local levels

# Housing In the HCCI

Target 6: Increase Ryan White program clients with permanent housing to 86 percent

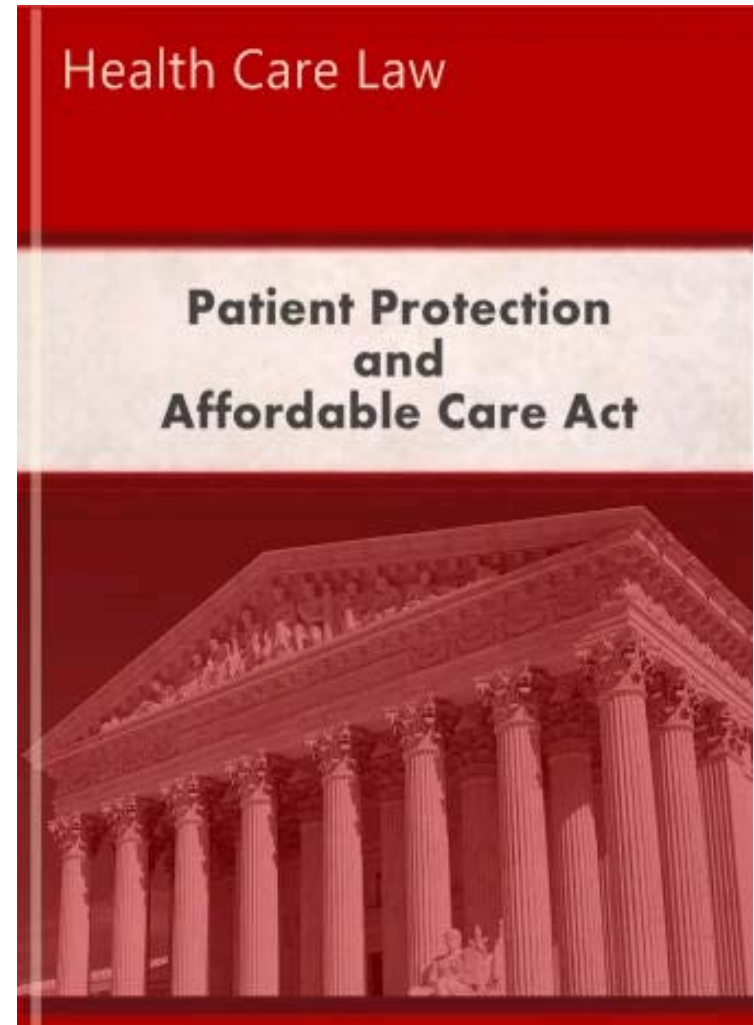
- Being stably housed is an important precursor to getting people into regular care. Homeless or marginally housed people living with HIV are more likely to delay or have poorer access to care and are less likely to receive and adhere to optimal antiretroviral therapy.
- The percentage of Ryan White program clients with permanent housing increased.

# Toward Health Equity: The Affordable Care Act

## GAME-CHANGER!

- No denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions (includes HIV)
- Expands Medicaid eligibility to 138% of Federal poverty level
- Creates affordable insurance exchanges with a choice of private insurance plans and with tax credits to make coverage affordable
- Increased resources to community health centers (\$11 billion over 5 years)

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 2012



# Ongoing National HIV/AIDS Strategy Implementation Needs

- Continued collaboration among Federal, State and local governments, and private partners
- Focus on geographic and demographic hotspots with greatest HIV burden: gay and bisexual men, transgender women, blacks, Latinos
- Maximize outcomes along the continuum of care
- Focus on primary prevention
- Technical assistance to prepare HIV workforce for ongoing changes in environment
- More rapid analyses of surveillance data and use of data for public health purposes

# Office of National AIDS Policy Priorities

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- **PRIORITY 1: Further implement the HIV Care Continuum Initiative**
  - Identify and test the approximately 183K people who are living with HIV, but not yet diagnosed
  - Locate, return and retain in care the 29% of people who have fallen out of care—*IDENTIFY ROLE OF HOUSING*
- **PRIORITY 2: Update NHAS quantitative targets**
- **PRIORITY 3: Ensure Ryan White/ACA coordination**
- **PRIORITY 4: Align federal resources with epidemiological data**
- **PRIORITY 5: Develop Public-Private Partnerships that augment federal efforts**

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- **PRIORITY 6**: Explore employment & employment services that create opportunities for people living with HIV to get back to work, or become employed for first time
- **PRIORITY 7**: Develop interventions that address the intersection of HIV/AIDS, violence against women and girls & gender-related health disparities
  - Specific focus on trauma experienced by women and girls as a result of IPV and other forms of violence and abuse
- **PRIORITY 8**: Reduce HIV disparities in the southern U.S.
- **PRIORITY 9**: Reduce HIV disparities among gay and bisexual men, with attention on young black, gay/SGL men



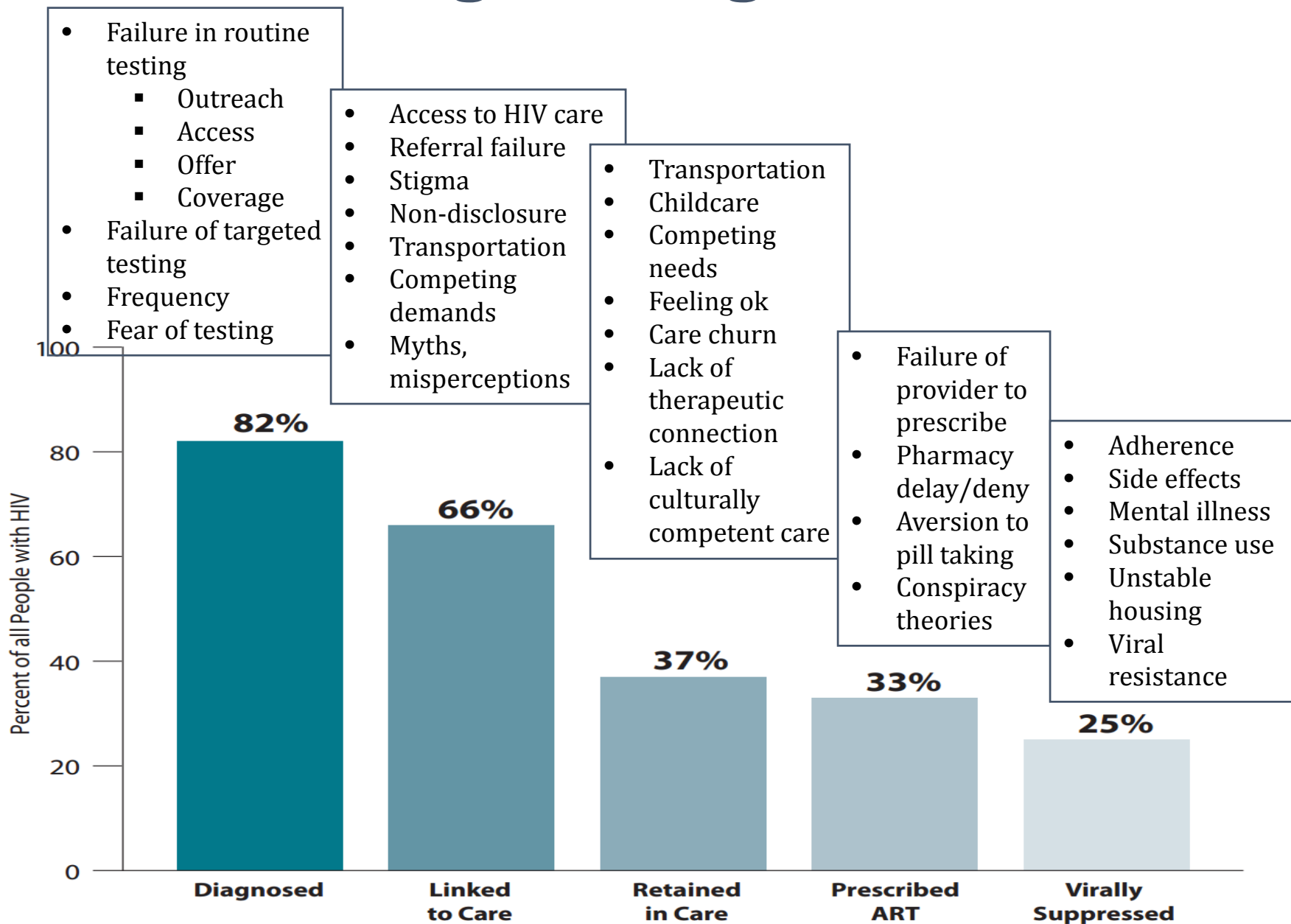
# Federal Housing Efforts

- FY 2015 \$332M to prevent homelessness and increase housing stability for approx. 52K economically vulnerable households living with HIV
- HOPWA assists persons who are w/o stable housing arrangements. Only federal program dedicated to providing supportive housing for PLWH/A: permanent supportive housing, transitional/short-term housing, case management and supportive services
- Proven cost savings strategy. Reduces ED visits and inpatient stays

# Federal Housing Efforts

- Funds received under Ryan White maybe used for Housing referral services defined as assessment, search, placement, and advocacy services, which must be provided by case managers or other professionals who possess a
- Or short-term or emergency housing defined as necessary to gain or maintain access to medical care, which must be related to either

# Some Challenges Along the Continuum



# Housing Challenges

- As HIV/AIDS becomes a chronically manageable disease, increase of program beneficiaries becoming older than in previous years
- 54% of persons served are 51 years or older
- Annual costs to provide permanent supportive housing represents nearly 90% of all housing assistance expenditures
- In 2011, transgender and IDU clients were least likely to report stable housing (74.5 percent and 75.6 percent, respectively).

# Trauma associated with risk of treatment failure and mortality

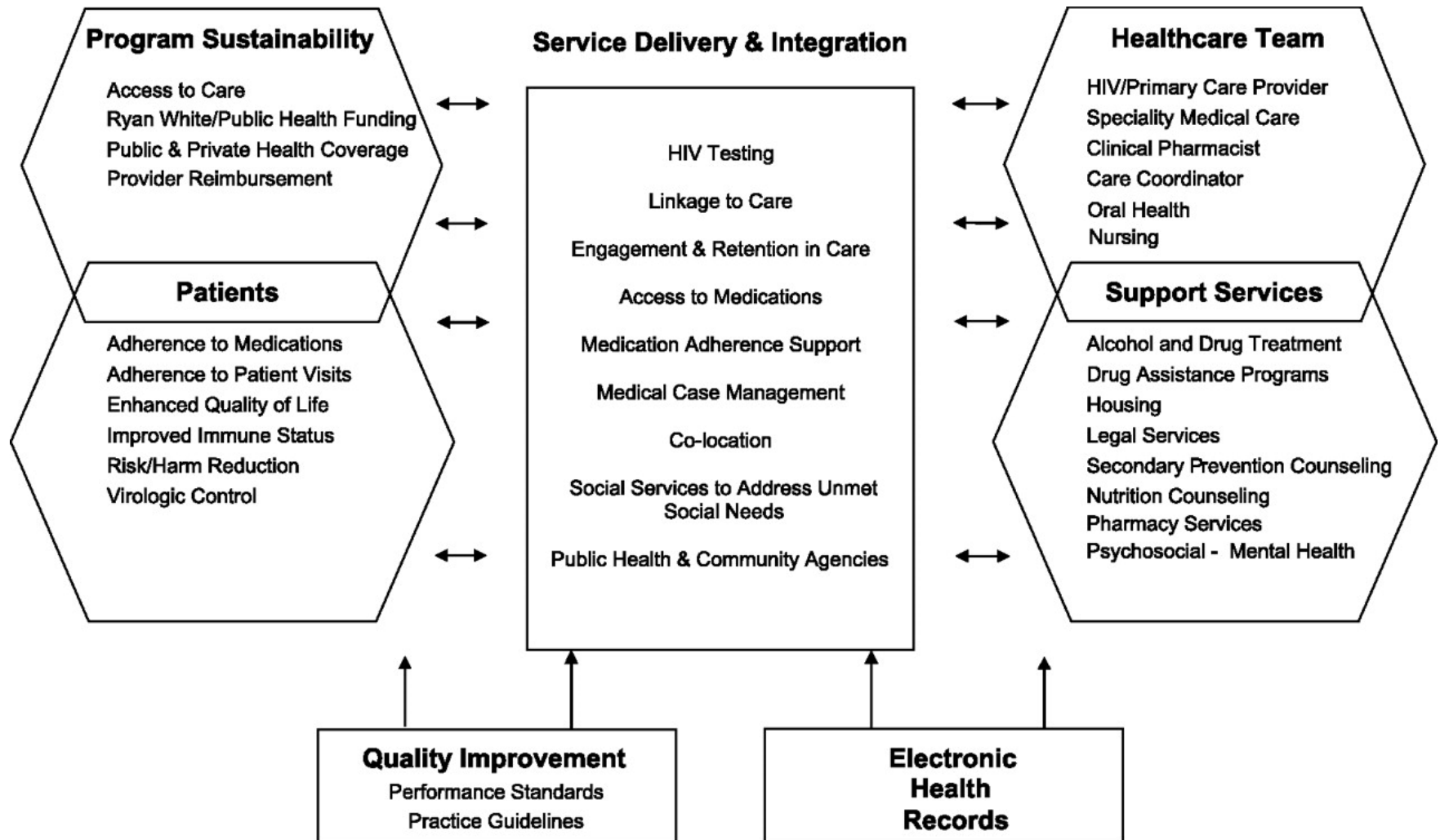
- Meta-analysis of 29 studies of women with HIV/AIDS in the United States:
  - 30% PTSD (5x times national rate)
  - 55% intimate partner violence (> 2x the national rate)
- Recent trauma had 4x the odds of antiretroviral failure
- Domestic violence doubles risk of death from HIV



# MH and SUD

- Substance use and mental disorders are major risk factors in HIV and viral hepatitis
- Effects of drugs/alcohol alter judgment; may result in high risk drug use and sexual behaviors contributing to spread of HIV; adherence to treatment difficult
- Alcohol and drug abuse linked to poor treatment response and more rapid progression of HIV
- Prevention and treatment efforts for HIV and viral hepatitis must include concurrent screening for and treatment of behavioral health issues
- Behavioral health and primary care settings must include screening of and integrated treatment for HIV and viral hepatitis and substance use/mental disorders

# Maximizing the Care Continuum: Components of Comprehensive HIV Care



# Maximizing Housing Opportunities

- Department of Justice's [Office on Violence Against Women](#) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) [Office of HIV/AIDS Housing](#) have partnered to coordinate their expertise and resources to address the housing needs of women facing violence. This collaboration will enable HUD to award transitional housing assistance grants to organizations that will provide housing and support services for HIV-positive women who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Eligible housing grantees will partner with local domestic-violence and sexual-assault service providers to offer support, services, and advocacy to improve the lives of women living with HIV/AIDS and ensure better long-term health outcomes for them.
- HUD's HOPWA program's new emphasis on integrating housing and care services, and the Department of Labor's (DOL) support of policies and practices to maximize employment opportunities for people living with HIV, are important steps towards increasing housing stability for people living with HIV. In addition to housing assistance, these local programs provide access to needed supportive services such as life skills, job readiness services and employment training
- New models for supporting vulnerable populations may also be needed.



# Trauma-informed Primary Care

