

# OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH



## ***Ending the HIV Epidemic: Prevention through Active Community Engagement Program***

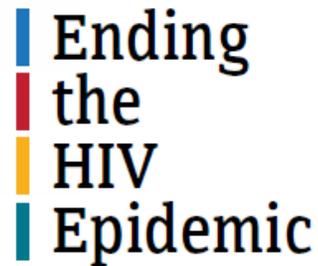
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# Prevention through Active Community Engagement (PACE) Program

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## OASH Operation Change the Map

- Prioritize the three HHS regions that have a substantial burden of new HIV diagnoses
- Prepare urban and rural areas to quickly and successfully implement the EHE initiative in FY2020
  - Developing both short and long term action plans to:
    - Assess the communities' needs in the regions
    - Assist HHS Partners in Eliminating HIV

## Objectives

- Serve as public health coordinators
- Engage public at public forums and community centers, increasing effectiveness and national reach of evidence based prevention strategies





# PACE Regional Offices & Region 9 Focus

## PACE Program Regions

Region 4 (Atlanta, GA)

Region 6 (Dallas, Texas)

Region 9 (Los Angeles, CA)

## Region 9 PACE Program

### California

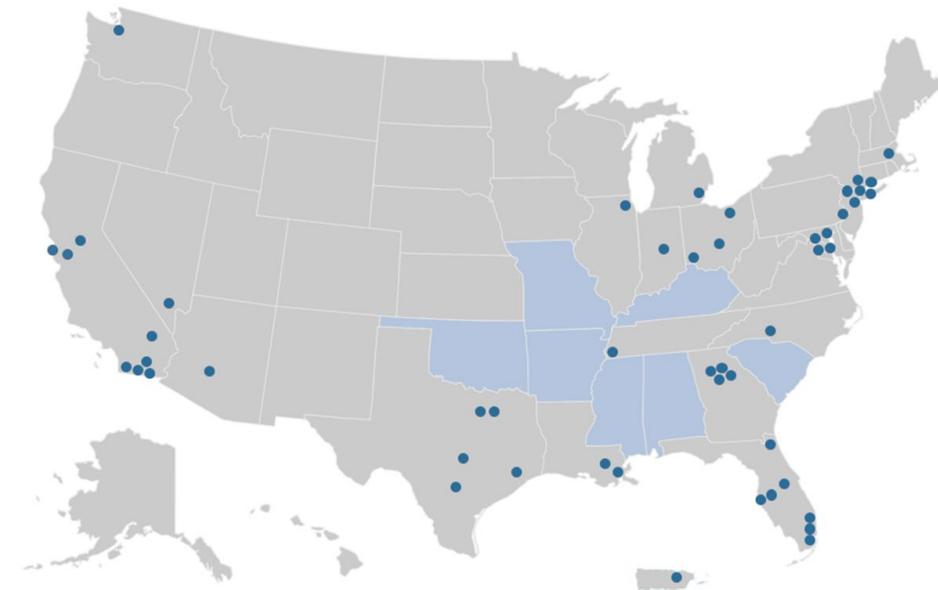
- Alameda County
- Los Angeles County
- Orange County
- Riverside County
- Sacramento County
- San Bernardino County
- San Diego County
- San Francisco County

### Arizona

- Maricopa County

### Nevada

- Clark County



- County contributing to 50% new HIV diagnoses in 2016 / 2017
- State with disproportionate rural burden in 2016 / 2017





# Goals for PACE Program

- Develop, implement, and evaluate public health interventions **through community partnerships and engagement** to reduce new HIV infections in disproportionately impacted communities in Region 4, 6 and 9.
- Establish and enhance partnerships to identify ongoing challenges and needs to achieve the final goal of Ending the HIV Epidemic.
- Identify resources and Subject Matter Experts at the federal level to increase the initiative.
- Collaborate with the HHS interagency leadership spearheading the Ending the HIV Epidemic effort.



# PACE Ongoing Program Activities

- Visit Ending the HIV Epidemic counties and states to engage recipients and HIV community members.
- Actively engaged with the communities, state, county/local health officials and other partners to provide technical support for ongoing HIV activities; and the development of innovative EHE plans.
- Establish collaborative working relationships and partnerships with EHE funding agencies (CDC, HRSA, SAMSHA, IHS and NIH) to enhance HIV program implementation in affected communities.
- Coordinate efforts with the five other principal agencies for a one HHS approach to support partners.



# PACE Next Steps



- Visit Ending the HIV Epidemic counties and states to engage recipients and HIV community members.
- Engage in community and listening sessions to understand challenges/barriers across communities.
- Coordinate and facilitate discussions between jurisdictions and partners to establish working relationships, usage and awareness of PrEP.
- Link community partners to resources.



# Community Engagement



1. Raise awareness of this opportunity
2. Build **trust and support** within local communities for the initiative
3. Ensure partners within each jurisdiction are **meaningfully engaged** with the initiative
4. Create a group of stakeholders and **champions who stand ready to mobilize** their communities when resources become available





Thank you!  
Questions/Comments?

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