



# Providing Housing Services at the Intersection of Substance Use Disorder, Mental Health, and HIV

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## Agenda

- Overview of the intersection of HIV, substance use disorder and homelessness
- HRSA, HUD, and CDC roles in HIV outbreaks
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients' perspective on addressing HIV outbreaks
- Discussion:
  - The role of housing in addressing HIV, substance use disorder and mental health
  - The role of the RWHAP
  - Collaboration of HRSA HAB with HUD, CDC and other federal and state agencies to address the conflation of HIV, homelessness, substance use disorder, and mental health issues

# Panel Members

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- Rita Harcrow, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- LCDR R. Paul McClung, Lead, Outbreak Coordination Unit, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- H. Dawn Fukuda, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS, Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Jennifer K. Brody, Boston Health Care for the Homeless
- Jonathan Hanft, Ryan White Program Coordinator, Hennepin County Public Health

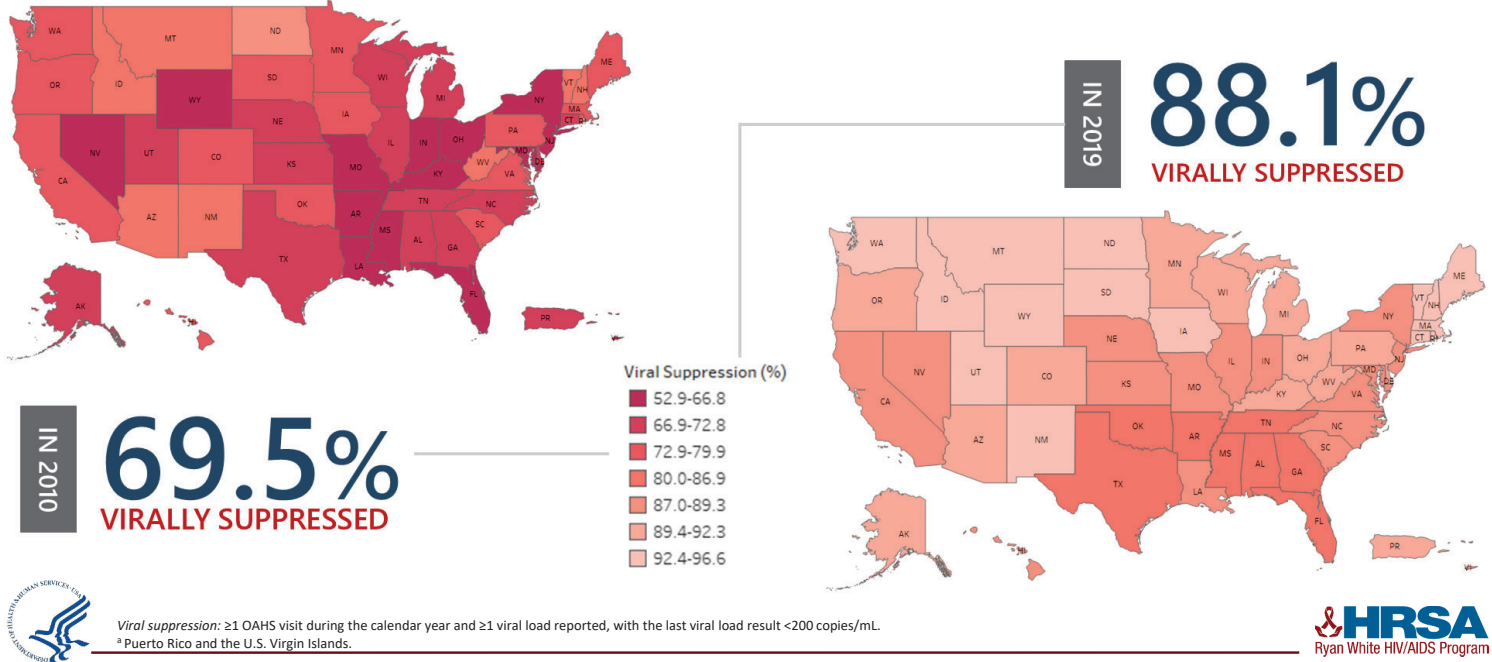


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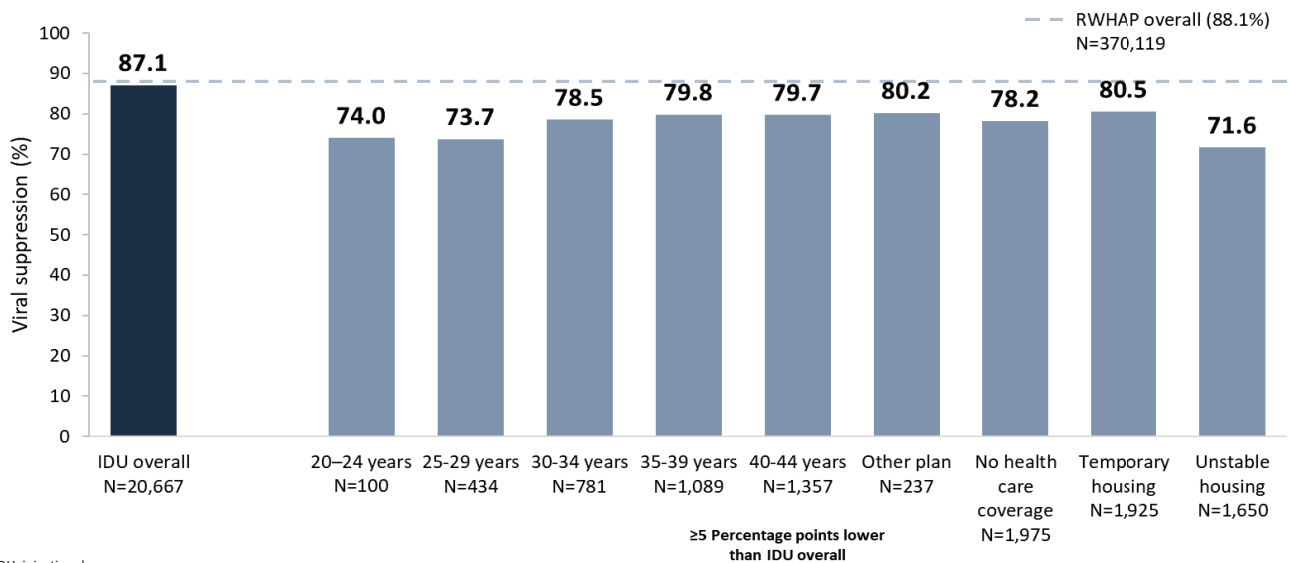
## The Intersection of Homelessness, Substance Use Disorder and HIV



# Viral Suppression among RWHAP Clients, by State, 2010 and 2019—United States and 2 Territories<sup>a</sup>



# Viral Suppression among Clients with HIV Attributed to Injection Drug Use Aged $\geq 13$ Years Served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 2019—United States and 3 Territories<sup>a</sup>



IDU, injection drug use.

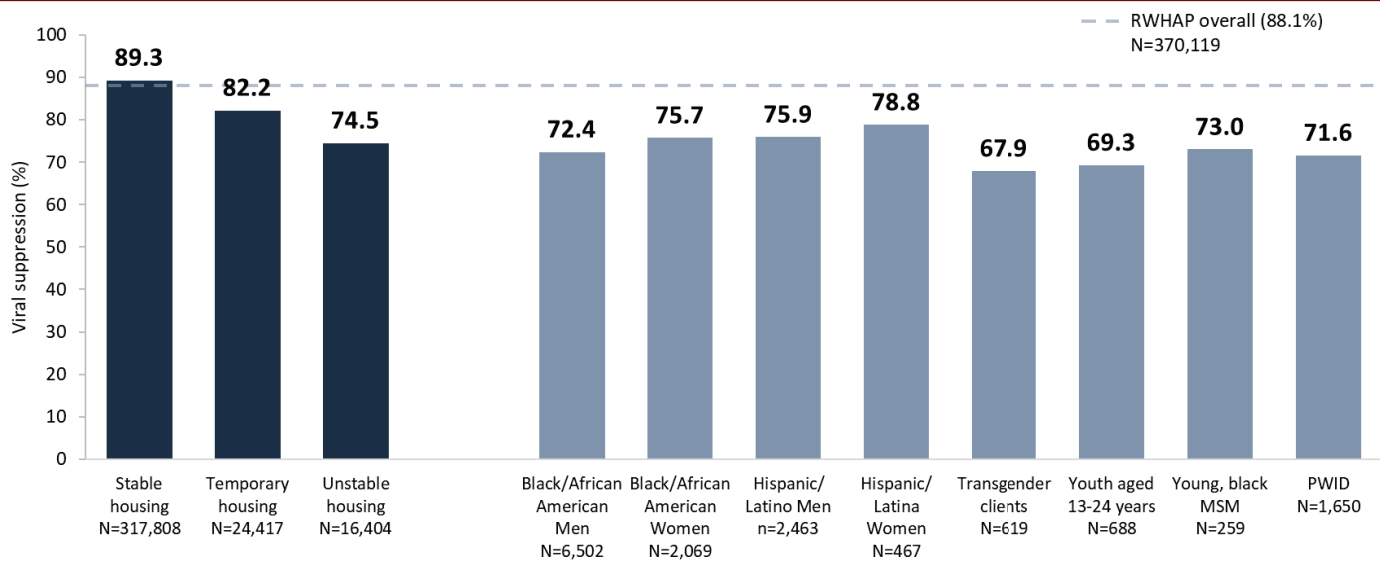
Includes clients aged 13 years and older. Data represent clients who reported injection drug use as their transmission risk category; data may not reflect current behavior. Data do not include male-to-male sexual contact *and* injection drug use among male clients nor sexual contact *and* injection drug use among transgender clients.

N represents the total number of clients in the specific subpopulation.

Viral suppression is defined as  $\geq 1$  OAHS visit during the calendar year and  $\geq 1$  viral load reported, with the last viral load result  $< 200$  copies/mL.

<sup>a</sup> Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Viral Suppression among RWHAP Clients, by Housing Status and among Key Populations with Unstable Housing, 2019—United States and 3 Territories<sup>a</sup>



PWID, people who inject drugs (HIV attributed to injection drug use).  
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Viral suppression among key populations with unstable housing



## Housing: Technical Expert Panel

- In November 2019, HRSA HAB convened a one-day consultation on housing services for RWHAP clients
- The purpose of this consultation was to understand the breadth of housing resources, identify barriers and supports to leveraging these resources across programs, and assess strategies that address the housing needs of people with HIV while engaging them in care and treatment.
- Panel participants included:
  - RWHAP recipients
  - Stakeholders with lived experience
  - National organizations focused on housing
  - Federal partners
  - Housing and homelessness providers and experts



# Defining Housing Issues for RWHAP Clients

Multilevel Factors Affecting Housing	
Incarceration history	Inconsistent case management as individuals move through systems
Lack of documents needed for acquiring housing	Increasing housing expense and dislocation caused by gentrification
Economic insecurity	Lack of comprehensive, universal definitions of homelessness
Limited housing options in metropolitan areas	System fragmentation and inconsistent processes
Limited transportation to healthcare centers	Lack of representation in policy- and decision-making settings
Limited availability of housing support services	Criminalization of homelessness
Lack of staff preparation	



# HIV Clusters and Outbreaks



# HAB's Role in HIV Outbreak Response

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- Work with stakeholders to understand the system of care
- Assist in identifying gaps in services necessary to quickly link newly diagnosed people with HIV to care and treatment
- Work with RWHAP recipients to assess resources and address barriers



# Lessons Learned

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- Need to focus response to address the affected community
- New partnerships and collaborations are needed
- Need for new/different models of care in impacted communities



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