



How Best to Meet the Need Training EHE Overview






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GOAL:

75%
reduction in new
HIV infections
by 2025
and at least
90%
reduction
by 2030.

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Five Pillars of EHE

The federal Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative focuses on four key pillars that, implemented together, can end the HIV epidemic in the U.S.: **Diagnose, Treat, Prevent, and Respond.**



HIV Planning partners in Houston/Harris County support the development of a Fifth Pillar regarding **Quality of Life (QoL)** priorities for people with HIV, addressing the ongoing prevention needs for people living with HIV and how measures will be achieved.

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EHE FY 25 Service Area



EHE only requires an individual to be HIV+ to access services. There are no geographical or income requirements.

However, preferences will be given to clients residing in:

Houston HSDA:

- Austin, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton Counties

Galveston HSDA:

- Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda Counties

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EHE Subrecipients Overview

- Total Number of Subrecipients: 12 Total (7 Subrecipients + 4 Subcontractors)
- By Organization Type
 - I. Community-Based Organizations (CBOs): 6
 - II. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs): 4
 - III. Government Institutions: 2

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EHE Eligibility Requirements, Clients, & Priority Populations



EHE Grant Eligibility Requirement

Proof of HIV Diagnosis



EHE Eligible Population

New HIV Diagnosis: defined as diagnosed within the past 12 months

Return to Care: defined as not receiving any HIV-related services in the past 12 months

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Priority Populations and Outcomes



People with HIV in Care

- Improve viral suppression rates
- Decrease disparities



People newly diagnosed with HIV

- Enhance linkage to care
- Enhance engagement in care



People with HIV out of care

- Expand re-engagement in care
- Improve retention in care

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EHE Activities 2025-2026



RAPID START



RIDE SHARE



RENTAL ASSISTANCE



OUTREACH CAMPAIGN



OUTREACH AND
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT SERVICES



MENTAL HEALTH/ PSYCH
SERVICES



HEALTH INSURANCE
ASSISTANCE

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How is the RW/A Grant Intertwined with the EHE Grant?

**View all Ryan
White-funded
Services as
one
BIG House**



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How is the RW/A Grant Intertwined with the EHE Grant?

- HRSA owns the house
- RWGA serves as the landlord
- 9 RW/A-funded and 6 EHE-funded Subrecipients rent various rooms in the house depending on the RW-funded services they provide
 - Each room represents 11-funded RW Part A & 6-funded EHE Service Categories
- Clients are guests of the house visiting its various rooms depending on their care needs

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- The EHE grant serves as the entryway or foyer of the RW House for the newly diagnosed or clients who have re-engaged in care.
 - In the foyer, clients are provided with a **1. doctor's visit, 2. 30-day supply of medication, and 3. non-medical case management services** within 72 hours of entering the RW House. If needed, clients can also access **4. rental assistance & 5. rideshare services.**

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- Once the EHE client has received their EHE services in the foyer, they are then enrolled in Ryan White Part A Services.
 - Once enrolled, the client has access to **all 11 rooms** of the RW House, including the living room (primary care), kitchen (medical case management), primary bedroom (LPAP), and spare bedrooms (medical nutrition therapy, substance abuse treatment, etc.)
- EHE clients use the front door to enter the house
- RW/A clients use the back door to enter the house

RWGA Staff Household Roles

- RWGA staff has a role in maintaining the Ryan White Home
- **EHE staff** manages the foyer and greets new and returning visitors who either have never been to the home or who haven't been in awhile
- **Grants Management Project Coordinator** drafts and manages the subrecipient leases (contracts), ensures the subrecipients adhere to their lease agreements, and prepares lease renewals and other documents related to renting bedrooms in the home.
- **Accounting Coordinator** processes the rent payments and ensures they are correct and on time

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RWGA Staff Household Roles

- **Quality Assurance staff** works on projects to *fix* the house, keeping it maintained, and works with the subrecipients to maintain their rooms in accordance with their lease agreements
- **Quality Management staff** works with the subrecipients on projects to *improve* their rooms and the overall house
- **CPCDMS/IT staff** manages, maintains, and fixes the home's internal operating system (e.g., A/C units, gas stoves)
- **Data Analyst/Epidemiologist** collects neighborhood-related data and information, such as pricing comps, tax rates, school censuses, etc., to ensure the landlord has the most up-to-date information to manage the house, its tenants (subrecipients), and visitors (clients) effectively
- **Program Manager** manages the landlord's office
- **Program Coordinator** coordinates the activities of the landlord's office, e.g., ordering supplies, paying the utilities, and property tax bills, etc.

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Consumer Advisory Board

In FY24, RWGA and Harris County Public Health rolled out a Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) to provide a forum to receive feedback on EHE services.

■ 9 members

- 6 Persons with Lived Experience/Community Members
- 3 EHE Subrecipients
- 8 African American
- 1 White
- 6 Female
- 3 Male

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Questions?

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