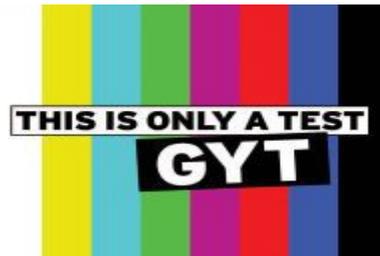


APRIL 2019 EDITION

APRIL IS STD AWARENESS MONTH

It's here, it's here! Everything you need for #STDMonth. Each April, we observe STD Awareness Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about what STDs are; how they impact our lives; and why prevention, testing, and treatment are so important. This year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated four of its most popular campaigns, which are now available on the [STD Awareness Month website](#). Consider using resources from the four campaigns described below. <insert a GYT photo>

- [Get Yourself Tested \(GYT\)](#)
 - Encourages young people to get tested and treated for STDs and HIV
- [Syphilis Strikes Back](#)
 - Highlights the resurgence of syphilis and the increased threat against men who have sex with men (MSM), pregnant women, and newborn babies
- [Talk. Test. Treat.](#)
 - Focuses on three simple actions healthcare providers and patients can take to protect themselves/their patients
- [Treat Me Right](#)
 - Underscores the need for strong patient-provider relationships to overcome the rising STD burden



Access CDC's STD Awareness Month 2019 Digital Toolkit [here](#).

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RECENT DRUG SHORTAGE UPDATE

The CDC recently released an update on shortages of some medications used to prevent or treat sexually transmitted infections. This includes erythromycin (0.5%) ophthalmic ointment used to prevent gonococcal eye infections in newborns and diluents (1% lidocaine without epinephrine, sterile water, and 0.9% sodium chloride) used to prepare ceftriaxone, part of CDC-recommended dual therapy with azithromycin for the treatment of uncomplicated gonorrhea.

Please visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/std/resources-forms/> for more information on these shortages. Clinicians with questions about STD clinical management may contact the on-line National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers (NNPTC) STD Clinical Consultation Network at <https://www.stdccn.org>.

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RYAN WHITE CASE MANAGEMENT SUMMIT

On March 1 and 2, 2019 VDH presented the fourth annual Ryan White Case Management Summit. This event was in collaboration with The Virginia HIV/AIDS Resource and Consultation Center (VHARCC) and The MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center's (MAAETC) regional partner site at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Over 140 Case Managers, Nurses, Social Workers, Supervisors, as well as staff from VDH met at The Hotel Roanoke. The theme for

NAVIGATION

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the summit was Cultural Humility and Agility: Is It Just Political Correctness?

Facilitators led sessions on:

- Implicit Bias
- Cultural Humility
- Energy Management
- Vulnerability
- Honest Conversations on Race
- Best Practices in Case Management
- Molecular HIV Surveillance

Optional Breakout Session topics included:

- Yoga Nidra
- REVIVE!
- Opioid Overdose Reversal training
- Re-Entry Communities
- Immigrant Communities
- Trans* Communities
- Homelessness
- A VDH Town Hall

We would like to thank the following people for serving on the planning committee over the past year: Emily Brisette (FAHASS), Tania Chatterjee (Inova Juniper), Katrina Comolli (VCU Peer Review Program), Julie Newsome (VCU Peer Review Program), Todd England (MASS), Andrea Reynolds (Carilion), Vikki Towsey (UVA), and Kysha Washington (The Daily Planet).

Please save the date for the 2020 Ryan White Case Management Summit to be held March 6 and 7, 2020. Based on positive feedback, it will once again be at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center.

Thank you Case Managers for all that you do! For any questions related Ryan White Case Management Summits, please contact **Safere Diawara** at safere.diawara@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-8021.

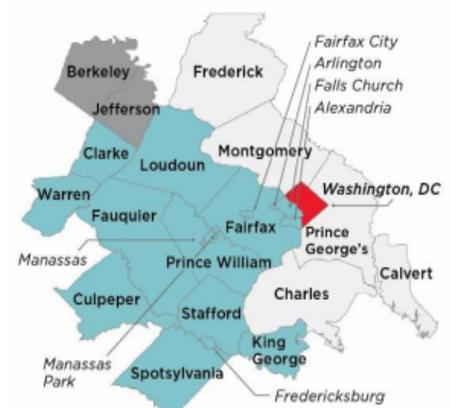
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EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) is releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) to provide Early Intervention Services (EIS). EIS have four required components: HIV testing and targeted counseling, referral services, linkage to care, and health education and literacy training that enable clients to navigate the HIV system of care. These services will be funded across the DC Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) which includes the following jurisdictions in Virginia: Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fredericksburg, Arlington, Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William, Stafford, Clarke, Culpepper, Fauquier, Warren, King George, and Spotsylvania; as well as Washington, DC, and select counties and cities located in Maryland and West Virginia.

The estimated funding amount for this RFA will be \$8 million. The RFA will result in sub-grants that will be funded by Ryan White Part A for services. Awards are for services to residents of the Washington, DC EMA. Service delivery sites must be within the Washington, DC EMA.

DC Health will release the RFA in mid to late April. DC Health will also release guidelines for submitting the application as well as review criteria, terms and conditions, and instructions. Stay tuned for more information.



RFP VDH-19-611-0134: AIDS SERVICES & EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

VDH DDP has released a RFP to establish contracts with multiple organizations for effective and innovate HIV prevention demonstration projects. The populations to be served for this RFP are transgender persons and injection drug users. This grant has supported similar projects since 1989.

A preproposal conference will be held on June 4, 2019, at 2:30 pm at VDH, James Madison Building, 109 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 in Room 1227.

For more information on RFP #VDH-19-611-0134 or the preproposal conference, please visit the following [link](#) or contact **Danielle Nichols** at danielle.nichols@vdh.virginia.gov.

NEW RESOURCES FROM #ASKTHEHIVDOCS

A new series of videos from #AskTheHIVDocs is available from Greater Than AIDS. This series features Dr. David Malebranche, MD, MPH – aka “Dr. David.” There are 40 new videos that focus on HIV care and treatment. All videos are about one minute long and are in frequently asked question style. The videos are designed to help individuals living with HIV as well as loved ones. The videos can help as someone navigates from receiving an HIV diagnosis to getting connected to care and keeping up with treatment.



5 Ways to Use the Series!

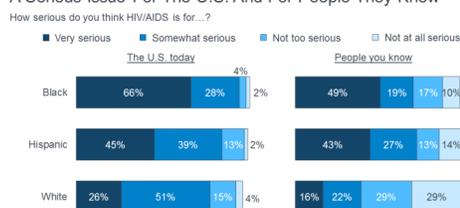
1. Play the video series for clients in your organization’s waiting room or lobby (closed caption available)
2. Incorporate into new client enrollment, education, and service provision
3. Share with agency staff and providers to model conversations with clients
4. Embed or link to the videos on your website
5. Share on your social media platforms tagging #VirginiaGreaterThanAIDS

Additional online resources, including FAQs and service locators based on ZIP code, are available at treat.greaterthan.org. Find the new series from #AsktheHIVDocs [here](#).

NEW POLL FINDINGS ON AMERICANS AND HIV

Kaiser Family Foundation conducted a health tracking poll in March of 2019. The poll had several interesting results including that the majority of Americans (80%) view HIV as a serious nationwide issue, including a third (34%) viewing it as a very serious issue. Black and Hispanic adults are more likely than white adults to view HIV as very serious for the U.S. and for the people that they know.

Figure 5
Large Majorities Of Black And Hispanic Adults Say HIV/AIDS Is A Serious Issue For The U.S. And For People They Know



The survey also addresses awareness of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) (less than 42% of the public is aware of PrEP), understanding of antiretroviral drugs, and more. To read the full poll findings, click [here](#).

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

A special thanks to all DDP staff, friends, and colleagues who participated in events for National Public Health Week (NPHW). Thank you all for being part of the movement. NPHW [fact sheets](#) are available year-round from the NPHW website. Additionally you can learn more about this year's [daily themes](#). Be part of the movement for science, action, and health year-round and get ready for NPHW 2020!



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DOCUMENTS POSTED ONLINE

New Medical Monitoring Project (MMP) data products are available on the [MMP webpage](#). The 2016 Summary Report provides weighted estimates to describe behavioral and clinical characteristics of adults living with HIV in Virginia. The 2016 Fact Sheet highlights characteristics of participants who completed the interview during the data collection cycle.

National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) has a new [website](#). You can visit this page to learn more about NHBS and read the data products. The most recent Summary Report and Fact Sheet present descriptive, unweighted data describing behavioral and clinical characteristics of participants from the gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) cycle, which was conducted in 2017.

For more information or questions about the MMP or NHBS data products, please contact **Garrett Shields** at garrett.shields@vdh.virginia.gov.

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RYAN WHITE PART A HIGHLIGHT

The Greater Hampton Roads HIV Health Services Planning Council for the Norfolk Ryan White Part A TGA Program recently voted to increase the income eligibility. The eligibility increased from 400% of the Federal Poverty Level to 500%. This change is effective March 1, 2019. This is the beginning of the new 2019 Grant Cycle. This change will align with the Virginia Department of Health Ryan White Part B income eligibility guidelines as well as eligibility for both Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

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NEW RYAN WHITE PART B RECIPIENT

The LGBT Life Center, operating at several locations in the Eastern region, recently partnered with CAN Community Health to open a specialty care clinic. The new clinic specializes in LGBTQ and HIV care. The clinic expands access to medical and support services.

LGBT Life Center is the newest recipient of Ryan White Part B funding. They will provide:

- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services,
- Non-Medical Case Management,
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance, and
- Early Intervention Services for HIV-positive and HIV-negative individuals at high risk for HIV.

For more information, please visit their website at <https://lgbtlifecenter.org>.

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PERSONNEL

Welcome

STD Prevention and Surveillance (SPS) bids welcome to **Martina McNair** as the new Eastern Regional DIS Coordinator

(RDC). Martina joins SPS with a wealth of experience from the great state of North Carolina. Her first day with VDH is April 10. Martina can be reached at martina.mcnair@vdh.virginia.gov.

SPS also welcomes **Donovan Green**, who began his new position on March 5. Donovan attended Hermitage High school and graduated in 2015. This is his first data entry position and he is enjoying the change of pace from his previous jobs with Amazon Distribution and Wal-Mart Warehouse. He is looking forward to growing within this new position. Donovan can be reached at (804) 864-7357 or donovan.green@vdh.virginia.gov.

In December 2018, **Julie Webster** migrated from the County of Orange, California and joined DDP as an HIV Services Coordinator. In California she held a variety of positions as a Public Health Program Specialist for Adult and Older Adult Residential Services, Prevention and Intervention Services, HIV Planning, and Program Evaluation and Coordination. Julie has a Masters in Counseling Psychology from National University and worked as a research associate at the University of California Irvine. Julie can be reached at julie.webster@vdh.virginia.gov.

Amanda Qadado, who previously worked as a Disease Intervention Specialist and Social Network Strategies Coordinator at Richmond City Health District, joined DDP as an HIV Services Coordinator in March 2019. She has a Masters of Public Health from Virginia Tech. Amanda can be reached at amanda.qadado@vdh.virginia.gov.

Farewell

DDP says farewell and good luck to **Michelle Powroznik** as she begins nursing school. Michelle's last day with VDH was April 9.

DDP says farewell to **Andrew Strumpf**, Molecular HIV Surveillance (MHS) Coordinator. Andrew has taken a new position with the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Virginia. Andrew has been an integral part of DDP, contributing to many successes and the growth of the MHS Program, as well as the Medical Monitoring Project (MMP). We wish Andrew all the best in his new position in Charlottesville!

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