

# ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN MIAMI-DADE



## BACKGROUND

The Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) is a national initiative that supports areas across the US which face high rates of new HIV cases; Miami-Dade faces one of the highest rates in the country. This initiative, led locally by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (DOH-MD) and the Miami-Dade Ryan White Part A Program, will help significantly reduce HIV rates across the county. The goal of EHE is to reduce new HIV cases by 75% in 5 years, and by 90% in 10 years.



## METHODS

DOH-MD, in partnership with the Health Council of South Florida, completed multiple activities as part of the situational analysis. Some examples include:

- 2 surveys with 1,195 responses
- 23 interviews
- 11 listening sessions
- 5 town halls
- 4 online forums
- HIV needs assessment
- SWOT analysis and review of state/local data



Community members, healthcare workers, case managers, government representatives, people living with HIV (PLWH), Ryan White Part A, local HIV/AIDS planning body members, and other key partners provided their input and ideas for this plan.

## FINDINGS

Issues affecting access to HIV services

Rank	Issue
1	Homelessness
2	Mental Health
3	Substance Use
4	Immigration Status
5	Uninsured/Underinsured
6	Discrimination
7	Transportation
8	Underemployment/Unemployment
9	Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
10	Human Trafficking
11	Affordable Housing
12	Living Wage
13	Incarceration

While many aspects of our systems are strong, community members want to see the following issues improved:

- Information and access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Utilize social media to fight stigma
- Expand HIV testing
- Tackle social determinants of health, including transportation, access to care, housing, and poverty

Other issues discussed include HIV education, condoms, funding, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), and community engagement.

Stakeholders emphasized working with Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities. Grassroots leaders and faith-based organizations were identified as critical for engaging people on EHE efforts.

**12 key strategies** and **99 key activities** were developed from this situational analysis. These actions will expand current work with local governments, nonprofit organizations, and key stakeholders in the community. This is a living document and can be modified as implementation occurs.

Collectively, this will help improve Miami-Dade's HIV prevention and care systems for **everyone**.

Diagnose



Treat



Protect



Respond

