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Improvements in HIV Prevention and Care recognized by MDHHS

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has released a report that shows improvements in HIV Prevention and Care in Michigan between 2006 and 2015.

The report, [2015 National HIV/AIDS Strategy \(NHAS\) Indicators – Final Michigan Assessment](#), is centered on the HIV Care Continuum, which shows the percentage of the population who are HIV infected and the percentage within this population who know their status, have received care and have achieved viral suppression.

Since 2006, Michigan has seen substantial improvements in several Care Continuum stages. Among the HIV-infected population, there has been an increase of those in care (from 46 percent to 67 percent), those retained in care (from 33 percent to 48 percent) and those who achieve viral suppression (from 22 percent to 55 percent).

A diverse array of programs are in place to continue to improve care and strengthen prevention efforts including high-quality laboratory reporting and surveillance assessments, linkage to care and early intervention services for those diagnosed with HIV, targeted testing for high-risk populations and programs to provide wrap-around services for people living with HIV such as transportation and medication access.

As of May 2016, 17,660 people were estimated to be living with HIV in Michigan; 57 percent of those infected were African-American and 77 percent are males. Men who have sex with men remains the demographic at highest risk for HIV.

This new report and other epidemiological publications can be accessed by going to www.michigan.gov/hivstd and then following the “HIV Case Reporting and Data” link. For assistance seeking HIV care, call the Michigan HIV Hotline at 800-872-2437.

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