

RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL OF THE DALLAS AREA MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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RWPC MONTHLY MEETINGS

Executive Committee
February 3, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Ryan White Planning Council
February 10, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Needs Assessment Committee
February 16, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Planning & Priorities Committee
February 17, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Allocations Committee
February 22, 2021 @ 5:15 PM

Evaluation Committee
February 23, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

Consumer Council Committee
February 25, 2021 @ 12:00 PM



LETTER FROM THE RWPC CHAIR

Welcome to Dallas Ryan White Planning Council! We are excited that you have decided to read our newsletter, which we hope will be informative and helpful for people in our community who are interested in learning about the HIV+ services available in our service area. The Ryan White program provides 50% of HIV+ services in this country.

Besides providing HIV+ services, we also provide programs on HIV+ related services, promote self-care, prevention, and erasing the stigma that some place on our multi-faceted and proud contingent of men and women who come from every walk of life; every color, and every gender identity.

We are looking for community members who are willing to give their time, their passion, and their knowledge to help us move the Dallas Ryan White Planning Council into helping people find better care, prevent an increase in infections, and share information with the community at large. North Texans --- we need you!!!

My Best,

John Dornheim
Chair, Dallas Ryan White Planning Council



THE RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL WANTS YOU!

The Ryan White Planning Council is a community group that has been appointed by the County Judge, to plan the organization and delivery of HIV services funded by Part A, Part B, MAI, & State Services of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act. Each Council member is a caring, dedicated volunteer who has been carefully selected to reflect the diversity of our community. Members represent the general public, people living with HIV, funded service providers, and other health and social service organizations. Planning Council members work together to identify the care needs of people living with HIV. The Council then determines which services are of the highest priority, and how much funding should be committed to each service. Council members also evaluate the cost effectiveness and the quality of the services provided.

The Ryan White Planning Council is seeking women of color, transgender, youth, Hispanic, and Indian representation for the Planning Council and membership. Visit our [website](#) for additional information.



RYAN WHITE 101

Ryan White 101 is a five part virtual series used to train new members on the Ryan White Planning Council.

- Ryan White 101 - Part 1
Who Is Ryan White?
- Ryan White 101 - Part 2
Ryan White Program
Overview
- Ryan White 101 - Part 3
Ryan White Grants
- Ryan White 101 - Part 4
Ryan White Planning Council
& the Administrative Agency
- Ryan White 101 - Part 5
Standing Committees

The Ryan White 101 virtual series can be viewed on [YouTube](#) and [facebook](#)



NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) is observed annually on **February 7** to increase awareness, spark conversations, and highlight the work being done to reduce HIV in Black or African American (hereafter referred to as Black) communities in the United States and show support for people with HIV in these communities.

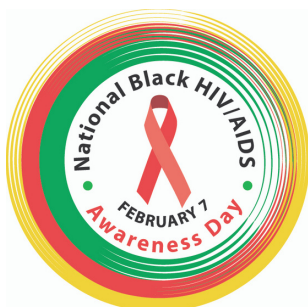
HIV and African Americans

Blacks/African Americans account for a higher proportion of new HIV diagnoses and people with HIV, compared to other races/ethnicities. In 2018, blacks/African Americans accounted for 13% of the US population but 42% of the 37,832 new HIV diagnoses in the United States and dependent areas.

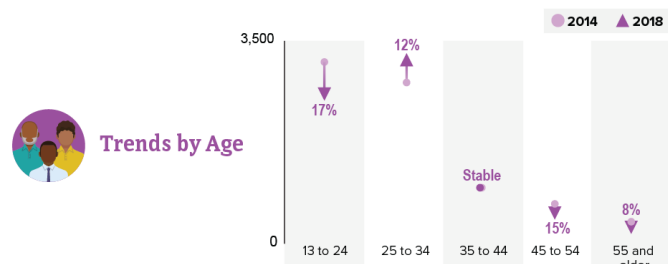
Click [here](#) for additional information!

HIV and African American Gay and Bisexual Men

Black/African American gay, bisexual, and other men who reported male-to-male sexual contact are more affected by HIV than any other group in the United States and dependent areas. In 2018, Black/African American gay and bisexual men accounted for 26% (9,712) of the 37,968 new HIV diagnoses and 37% of new diagnoses among all gay and bisexual men.



HIV Diagnoses Among Black/African American* Gay and Bisexual Men in the US and Dependent Areas, 2014-2018



*Black refers to people having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. African American is a term often used for Americans of African descent with ancestry in North America.

Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States and dependent areas, 2018 (updated). *HIV Surveillance Report* 2020;31.