



CDC Funding Gaps in the South Advocacy Toolkit: **Texas**

The Problem

The Deep South, including Texas, has the **highest death rates** from HIV of any US region.¹

Texas ranked **4th in the country** in the **number of deaths** among people living with HIV in 2013.²

Texas ranked **3rd in the county** in the number of **new HIV diagnoses**, with 4,817 cases reported in 2014.²

Texas ranks **4th in the country** in the **number of people living with HIV**, with 73,959 people living with diagnosed HIV in TX in 2013.²

CDC Funding Inequities

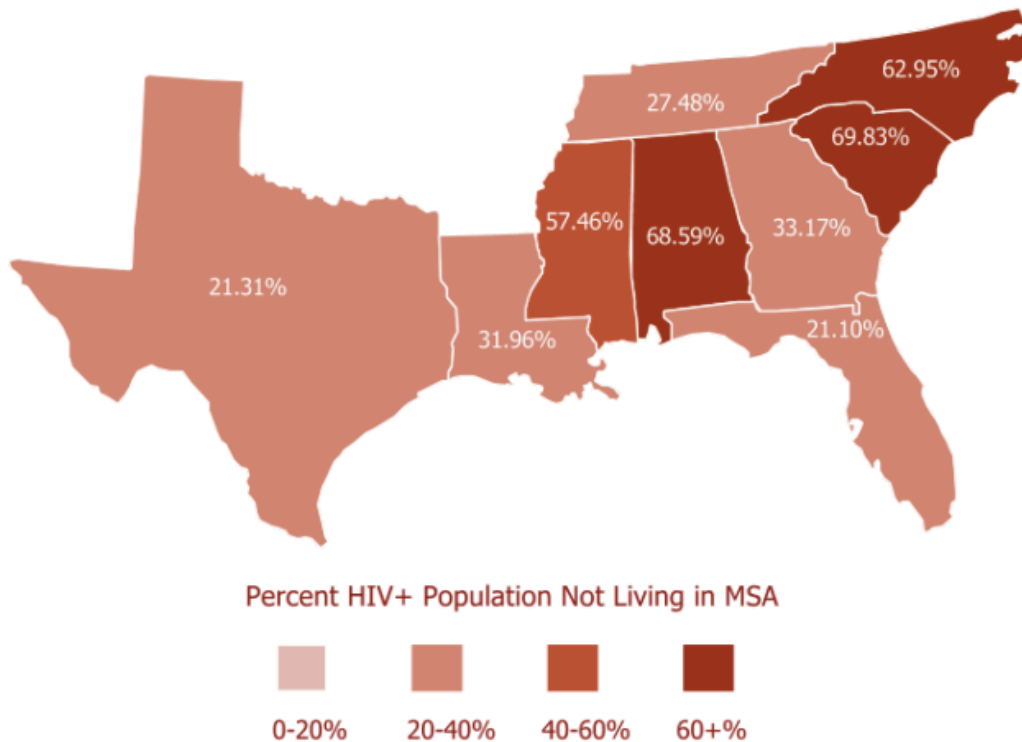
- Community-based organizations (CBOs) are especially qualified to provide HIV testing and other prevention services for hard-to-reach communities.
- CBOs **outside** of the Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio metropolitan areas were **completely left out** in recent HIV prevention funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (Grant No. PS15-1502)
- **23% of all new HIV diagnoses** in TX in 2013 were in areas **left out** of funding.³
- **22% of people living with HIV** in TX in 2013 lived in areas **ineligible** for funding.³
- Despite extremely high rates of new HIV diagnoses and of people living with HIV, only six Texas-based CBOs (two in Dallas, three in Houston, and one in San Antonio) received funding pursuant to PS15-1502.³

¹ REIF, SAFLEY & McALLASTER, A CLOSER LOOK: DEEP SOUTH HAS THE HIGHEST HIV-RELATED DEATH RATES IN THE UNITED STATES (2015), <https://southernaids.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/a-closer-look-deep-south-has-the-highest-hiv-related-death-rates-in-the-united-states-final.pdf>.

² CDC Atlas Data, <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas>.

³ McALLASTER & FANG, SOUTHERN HIV/AIDS STRATEGY INITIATIVE, ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: WHAT DOES HIGH IMPACT PREVENTION FUNDING MEAN FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEEP SOUTH? (2015), <https://southernaids.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/one-size-does-not-fit-all-updated-11-11-15.pdf>.

Percent of People Living With HIV Living in Areas Ineligible for CDC Funding³



What do we want from the CDC?

1. HIV prevention grants for community-based organizations located in smaller cities and rural areas in TX.
2. Community-based organization prevention dollars that are distributed consistent with the geographic distribution of the HIV epidemic.
3. Grants should include the opportunity to get technical assistance for smaller community-based organizations.

Make Your Voice Heard

We are collecting letters to send to Dr. Eugene McCray, Director of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the CDC, from concerned individuals, including people living with HIV, friends and family, and advocates.

Send us your letter by April 1, 2016!

Send to: Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative, Duke Law School, Box 90360
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