

Ending The  
HIV/AIDS  
Epidemic in  
America



# National HIV/AIDS Strategy

The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination - *President Barack Obama*

- ◆ Reducing HIV incidence
- ◆ Increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes
- ◆ Reducing HIV-related health disparities

# Healthcare Reform

After a century of striving, after a year of debate, after a historic vote, health care reform is no longer an unmet promise. It is the law of the land - *President Barack Obama*

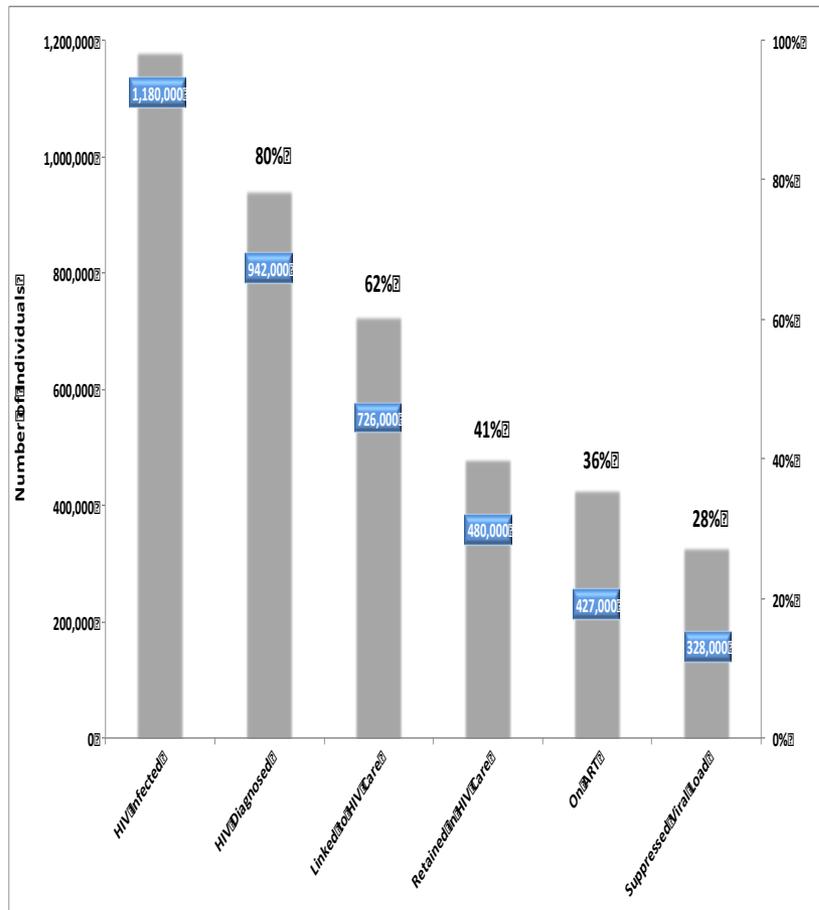
- ◆ Increase access to health insurance for 30 million more Americans
- ◆ Increase access to HIV medications
- ◆ Mechanism to pay for healthcare & treatment

## Science: Treatment As Prevention (TasP)

HPTN 052 is a Phase III, two-arm, multi-site, randomized trial to determine the effectiveness of two treatment strategies in preventing the sexual transmission of HIV in HIV-sero-discordant couples. To us mere mortals...

- ◆ AIDS medications reduce viral load
- ◆ Undetectable viral load=difficult transmit virus
- ◆ Reduced HIV transmission by 96%
- ◆ End Epidemic

# HIV in America



- ◆ 50,000 new cases annually
- ◆ Young gay men are the only group to increase in number of new Infections, particularly young gay men of color
- ◆ Gay men and black women disproportionately impacted
- ◆ No clear numbers for Trans community
- ◆ Transgender women who have a history of sex work are 25 times more likely to be HIV+
- ◆ Number #1 killer of gay men in America

Source data from: Stacy M. Cohen et al. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. December 2, 2011. 60:1618

# Case Study: Massachusetts

Massachusetts is one place where it's working...

- ◆ In 2006, under Governor Romney, Massachusetts required health insurance for all its citizens
- ◆ As a result, more than 70% of the HIV positive Americans who live in Massachusetts are on ART
  - Compared to 36% nationally
- ◆ Number of new HIV infections in Massachusetts since 2000 has decreased by 45%
  - Compared to new national cases that remain @ 50,000 annually
- ◆ Injection drug use as mode of transmission
  - new HIV infections decreased from 20% of all the cases to 11% - nearly by half

There are so many people on treatment that new infections are dwindling — a tipping point after years of persistent infection rates.

# Overarching Goals

- ◆ Find a vaccine and cure
- ◆ All Americans living with HIV should have access to healthcare and see their provider(s) regularly
- ◆ Access to antiretroviral treatment, if prescribed
- ◆ Starting HIV treatment is an individual's decision in consultation with their healthcare provider
- ◆ Rights of individual vs. society's rights
- ◆ Oppose criminalization of HIV transmission
- ◆ Flight HIV/LGBT stigma and discrimination

2013 Milestone: Enrollment In Health Insurance Begins Fall 2013

2014 Milestone: Access to ACA for PLWHA January 2014

# LGBT Leadership

- ◆ Support Goal - *END HIV/AIDS in America*
- ◆ Engage and educate LGBT constituents
- ◆ State Organizations: monitor state health exchanges & essential benefits packages; work to oppose HIV criminalization and eliminate structural barriers to prevention and access to treatment
- ◆ LGBT Centers: HIV testing, health literacy, ACA enrollment and retention in care,
- ◆ National LGBT Organizations: work collaboratively on federal and state advocacy. Work collaboratively to eliminate structural barriers to prevention and access to treatment
- ◆ AIDS Organizations: stronger partnerships with LGBT organizations to support mutual constituents

# Our World



- ◆ 34 million people worldwide are living with HIV
- ◆ 30 million people died of HIV diseases
- ◆ In 2011, 2.5 million people were infected with HIV
- ◆ We Can Do Better—We Can End This Epidemic