

HIVAlliance



Annual Report 2020

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MISSION

Supporting individuals living with HIV/AIDS and preventing new infections.

CORE VALUES

As an organization, we operate under a framework of core values that not only inform but also direct our work. Our core values include collaboration, empowerment, adaptability & innovation, continuous improvement, & non-judgment.

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HIV Alliance was founded in 1994 as an AIDS services provider for Lane County. However, as the HIV epidemic changed, so did the agency. We expanded our scope and geographic region to meet the needs of Oregonians. This year we provided comprehensive, wrap around care to 1,180 people living with HIV. Currently, we are the second largest HIV service provider in Oregon serving 13 counties and we are the only HIV service provider for these primarily rural areas of the state. Today, over 93% of our clients on treatment across all counties currently have a suppressed (i.e. undetectable) viral load.

The last year has also been one of innovation and improvement. In late 2019, we expanded our syringe exchange services to both a Marion and Washington Counties. We have increased our capacity in our Marion County office so that we can reach more people at risk with testing and prevention. These new additions, along with others within our prevention program, have produced truly remarkable achievements coming out of fiscal year 2020.

The Alliance for Community Wellness includes our growing behavioral health program now serving three counties, peer recovery services, supportive housing, and PrEP/STI clinical services. Our brand new supportive housing program serves people living with HIV who have been chronically homeless and face significant barriers with deeply subsidized housing and wraparound support. We are so proud that the program has already moved 15 individuals into housing. Our new PrEP/STI clinic reduces significant barriers to PrEP and STI testing and treatment. We know that those who access STI testing are more likely to obtain an HIV test, and have developed our STI clinic around this concept. Our goal is to continue to improve access to HIV prevention strategies by integrating these clinical services with existing programs to better meet the needs of the people we serve.

Growth brings new challenges; this year brought some unexpected ones. COVID-19 greatly impacted our services and clients. We had to lean on our value of innovation again to ensure that our staff and clients were safe while still meeting needs. Most of our staff moved to remote work and we implemented telehealth for our STI and PrEP clinic, behavioral health, and client care services. We formed a crisis response team to serve immediate client needs, distribute food, deliver syringe exchange and prioritized our work with our unhoused clients.

This year the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others raised awareness of the ongoing and devastating consequences of systemic and historical racism. Our staff and board took that moment to re-commit ourselves to addressing HIV health disparities. To do this we know we will need to strengthen our work with partner organizations who serve BIPOC communities, to engage our staff and clients in new ways, and to use the data and resources we have to constantly re-evaluate our services and approach. Like the work we must all do to address racism within ourselves, this is ongoing work here at HIV Alliance.

This year, we have had to rethink everything we do and how we do it. This is a challenge and an opportunity for us to grow and improve. We truly appreciate each of you for supporting our mission, for standing with us and those we serve. We invite you to learn more about our programs and services during fiscal year 2020 in this report.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renee". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Renee Yandel
Executive Director

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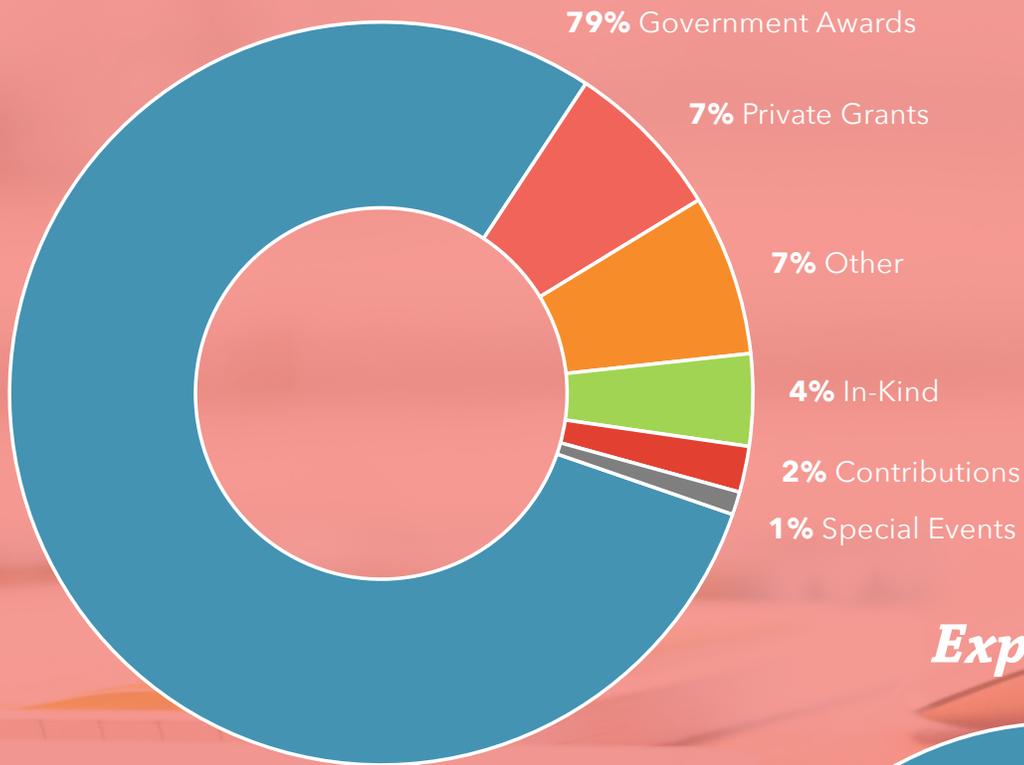
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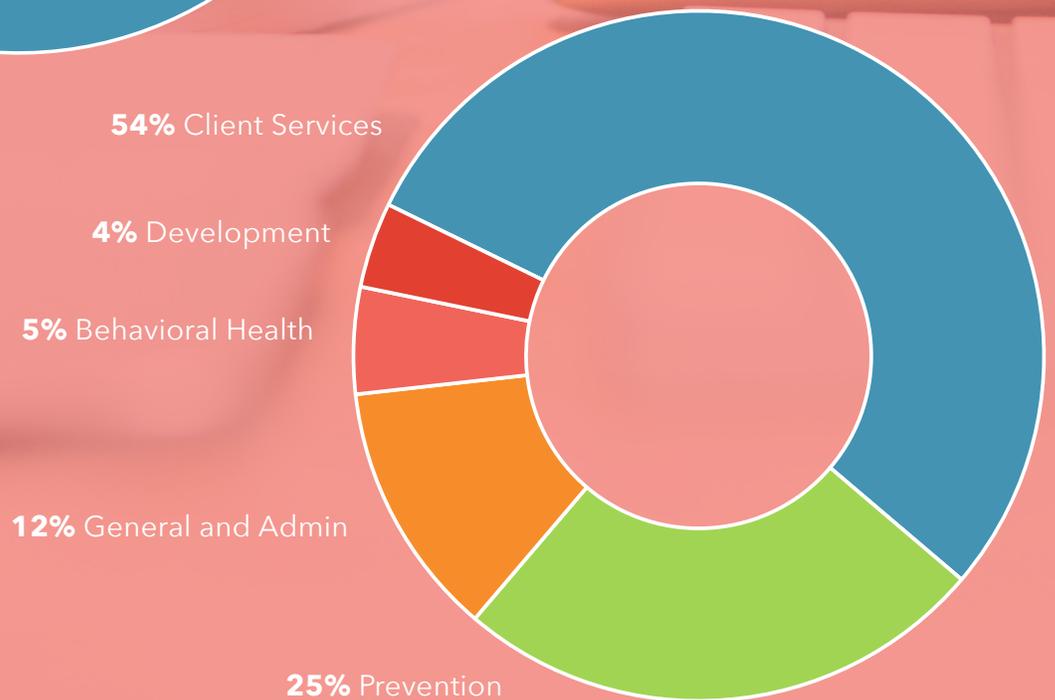
FINANCIALS

HIV Alliance is committed to fiscal accountability and providing services that are both high quality and cost effective. Our budget for the 2020 fiscal year was **\$5,881,731**, which represents a 10% increase from fiscal year 2019.

Revenue



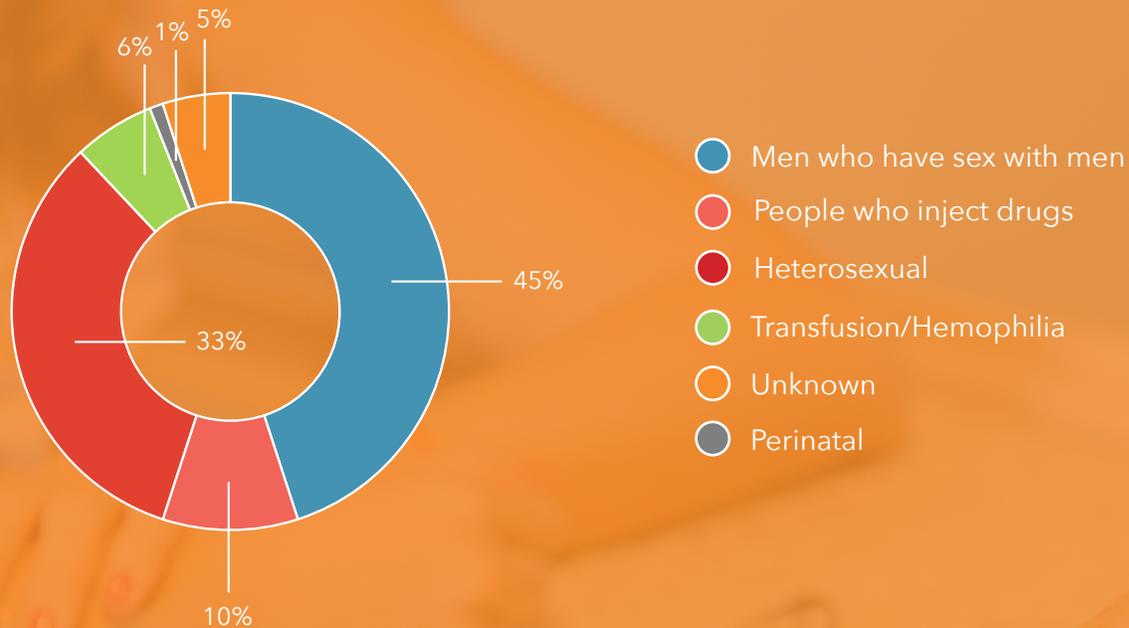
Expenses



CARE

Our client services department offers comprehensive, client-centered support from diagnosis to individualized treatment coordination. We work to mitigate all challenges which create barriers to wellness, supporting our clients with treatment access, pharmaceutical needs, dental care, housing, employment, food, and basic needs.

Client HIV Transmission Factors



Care Coordination

The program supports people living with HIV in 13 counties and Hepatitis C (HCV) in Lane County through advocacy, referral services, emergency financial assistance, and other supports.

Pharmacy Case Services

Our clinical pharmacists provide consultations to clients who need help managing their medication needs and improving their medication adherence.

Employment Services

The program provides clients with continuous support through job searches, applications, and placement.

Dental Services

Lane Community College Dental Clinic partners with us to provide HIV-specific dental care.

Supportive Housing

Also known as the "Oak Program," this program was launched in 2019 and serves clients living with HIV in Lane County who are currently unhoused and experiencing addiction or mental health issues. It provides housing subsidy and intensive wrap-around support to help clients obtain and maintain housing stability.

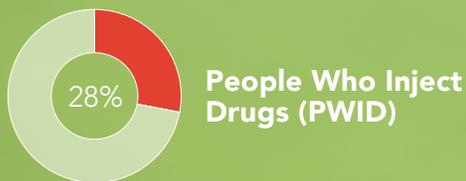
Fiscal Year 2020

- 1,180 clients living with HIV served
- 93% HIV viral load suppression rate for clients on treatment
- 143 clients helped to gain employment
- 342 clients living with HIV received insurance assistance
- 663 clients received emergency financial assistance

TESTING AND CLINICAL SERVICES

HIV Alliance provides free and confidential testing for HIV and HCV in six Oregon counties as well as testing for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Syphilis in Eugene and Roseburg. The "Alliance for Community Wellness" is HIV Alliance's clinical services program, which expands on our mission to not only support individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, but to also provide culturally sensitive and competent services to marginalized and underserved people in our community. It includes a Behavioral Health counseling program, Peer Support Services, and a PrEP/STI Clinic.

Our HIV Testing Clients



Our Behavioral Health Counseling Clients



PrEP/STI Clinic

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a medication that can prevent the transmission of HIV. Our PrEP Navigators outreach to people from priority communities and work to engage them in PrEP to reduce their risks for HIV infection. In 2019, HIV Alliance launched its PrEP/STI clinic in Lane County. The clinic offers PrEP counseling and prescribing as well as ongoing patient monitoring. It is also able to test for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and Syphilis and prescribe medications to treat the infections.

Peer Support Services

People affected by substance use disorders are at increased risk for HIV and HCV. Our Peer Support Specialists provide these at-risk community members with peer-based behavioral health interventions and support, referrals to community resources and services, linkage to harm reduction and prevention services, transportation, skills building, and support in accessing addiction treatment.

Fiscal Year 2020

- **1,210** free tests for HIV provided
- **4,710** outreach contacts with MSM via dating apps
- **24,975** condoms distributed
- **1,548** counseling sessions were provided
- **296** clients served with PrEP navigation
- **217** clients received STI clinical services

HARM REDUCTION

We offer judgement-free prevention services in an effort to reduce serious harmful effects of substance use among people who inject drugs.

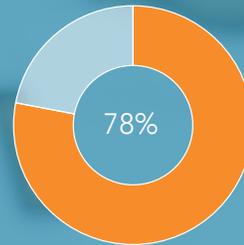
Syringe Exchange

The program aims to reduce the spread of HIV and HCV due to the sharing and reuse of syringes. We are the only agency providing comprehensive syringe exchanges in Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Curry, Marion, and Washington Counties.

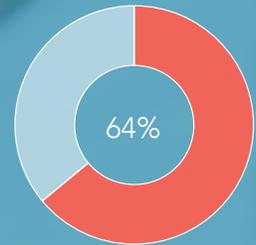
Overdose Prevention

Naloxone is a life-saving drug that can reverse an opioid overdose. We provide free overdose reversal training and naloxone at syringe exchanges as well as to first responders and other community partners.

Our Syringe Exchange Clients

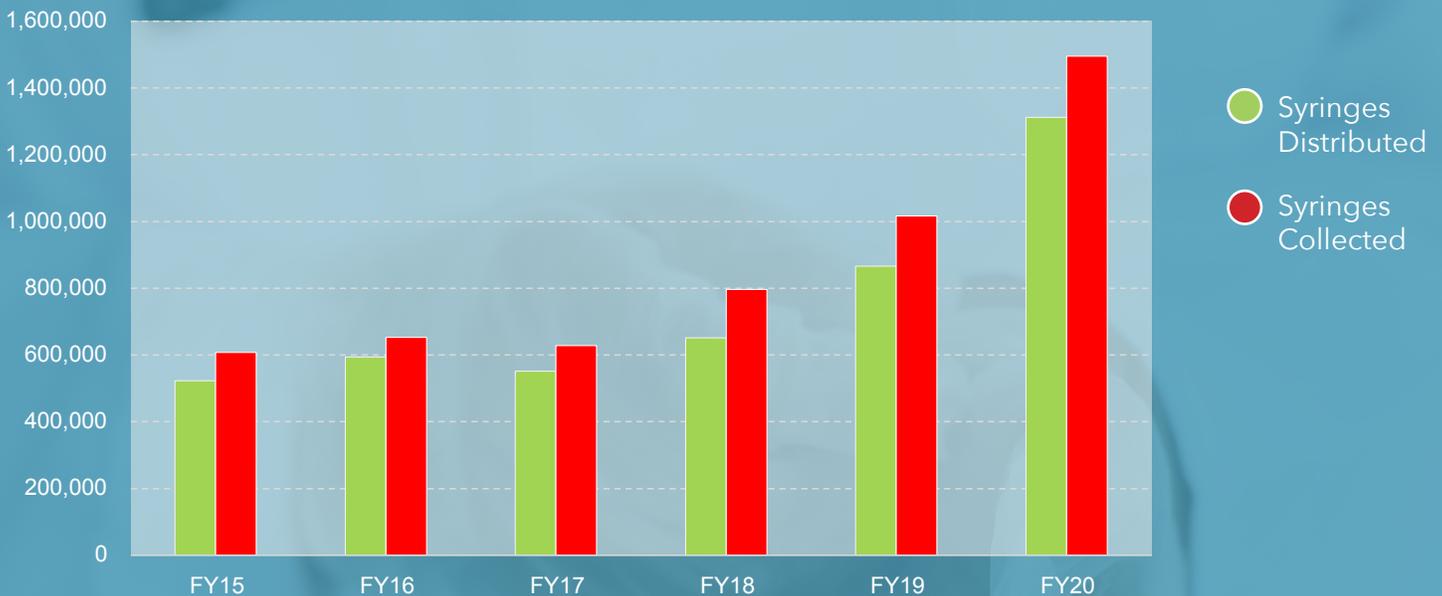


Medicaid



Unhoused

Syringe Exchange Fiscal Years 2015 to 2020



Fiscal Year 2020

- **10,381** client encounters at syringe exchanges
- **1,311,745** syringes distributed
- **1,495,121** syringes collected and safely destroyed
- **13,453** naloxone doses distributed
- **509** reported overdose reversals using naloxone

EDUCATION

Our sexual health education program seeks to prevent new HIV, HCV, and other sexually transmitted infections among high-risk populations. It works to end the spread of misinformation and stigma and bring overall awareness to young people, youth organizations, and the community as a whole.

Our Presentations

Our Speakers in Schools (POZitively Speaking) presentations are provided by people living with HIV. They work to reduce stigma by featuring personal stories in addition to general information about HIV. Our 101 courses offer comprehensive and scientifically accurate information about HIV, HCV, and other STIs that are accessible and engaging to diverse youth. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we moved our 101 courses online. They are now offered as a free resource on our website and are available in both English and Spanish.

Engaging At-Risk Youth

36% of youth reached by our education program are considered “at-risk.” At-risk youth are members of populations that are disproportionately impacted by HIV, HCV, and other STIs, including Latinx and other BIPOC communities, LGBTQ+ youth, unhoused and youth living on low incomes, and young people affected by substance use disorders. We consider these communities a priority for our prevention and education programs.

Camp Alliance

In 2020, we launched a Summer youth program for LGBTQ+ young people. Camp Alliance brings together high school students in the Eugene/Springfield area. It includes group activities and discussions with a focus on LGBTQ+ identity and sexual health. The program fills an important gap for LGBTQ+ students during school breaks, when GSAs are not meeting.

Fiscal Year 2020

- **3,397** youth reached in Lane County (**885** at-risk youth)
- **1,676** youth reached in Marion County (**902** at-risk youth)
- **514** youth reached in Douglas County (**252** at-risk youth)

Words from Our Schools

“Steve did a great job including the dangers of drinking too much. He also let people know that HIV is not a death sentence and lifestyle can influence someone’s quality of life. I think Steve really helps destigmatize HIV. Many students have come to me to say thank you for bringing Steve in to speak. They were really moved and appreciated his info and honesty. Thank you! This was such a positive experience for everyone.”

– Eugene International High School Instructor

“This was an impactful presentation. I would like to discuss having Bo come back next year to present to our whole school. His message of loving yourself and turning in to our instincts and intuition to keep us out of bad situations is so powerful. I would love for all our students to hear this.”

– Gateways High School

“[Ernie,] Something I noticed in your presentation was the way you reinforce the ‘your friends might need this information, this is important, and you could be the friend that helps.’ This method draws our students in, and helps them feel empowered to share this information with peers. Thank you.”

– Looking Glass Center Point School

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