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Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Colleagues,

On June 5th, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) recognized HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day. This day served as an opportunity to raise awareness about the unique needs and challenges faced by people who have lived with HIV for many years and to honor their resilience, contributions, and experiences.

HRSA HAB provides services to HIV long-term survivors including:

- People diagnosed with HIV before the advent of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy or HAART in 1996;
- People who have been living with HIV for over 10 years;
- People who acquired HIV at birth or as young children, also known as lifetime survivors of HIV.

In 2024, people aged 50 years and older accounted for 47.4% of all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) clients. Over the years, RWHAP providers have developed innovative and whole-person programs to support the evolving needs of long-term survivors. These programs are vital for helping people aging with HIV to remain in care, connected to supportive services, and active in their communities, ultimately improving their quality of life..

HRSA HAB is pleased to announce that during the [2026 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment](#) HAB will host an HIV and Aging Institute. This institute will include sessions focused on key issues affecting people aging with HIV and long-term survivors, including:

- Strengthening and building the HIV workforce
- Prioritizing quality of life with community support services, in collaboration with the Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- Advancing access to core medical services through the care team
- Elevating Lifetime Survivors into Leadership Roles (Auxiliary Session).

As we observe HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day, we encourage RWHAP recipients and providers to benefit from existing and future trainings and resources on aging with HIV, available through:

- The RWHAP Part F [AIDS Education and Training Center \(AETC\) Program](#) and its network of regional centers
- The [National AETC Support Center \(NASC\)](#)
- The [National Clinician Consultation Center \(NCCC\)](#)
- Resources from the [Special Projects of National Significance \(SPNS\) Aging with HIV](#)

[Initiative](#), available through the newly launched HIV Resource Hub bridge site (formerly TargetHIV)

Finally, we recognize the dedicated providers and care teams who have delivered HIV care and treatment to their clients for decades, adapting to advances in HIV treatment, changes in care delivery, and evolving community needs. Their long-standing commitment remains essential to the continued success of the RWHAP and to improving the lives of people aging with HIV.

Thank you for your commitment to delivering comprehensive, innovative, and high-quality HIV care, treatment, and support services for RWHAP clients who are long-term survivors of HIV.

Sincerely,

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