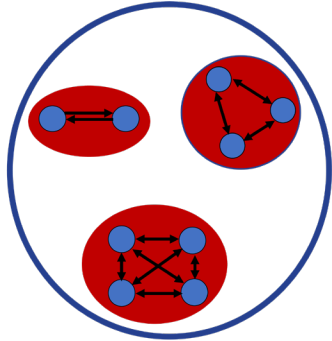


## What is a Community of Practice?

Wegner et al. (2002) define Community of Practice (CoP) as a group of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting regularly. Motivations for convening a community of practice are many, but at the most fundamental level, a group of people come together driven by a shared learning need, in this case HIV prevention.



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## Partnership

The University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology is administering the project in partnership with MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center (MAAETC) regional partners in the federally-funded Ending the HIV Epidemic jurisdictions (Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, DC) along with the National Clinician Consultation Center (NCCC) at University of California San Francisco (UCSF) which operates the "Warmline", providing HIV treatment consultation with clinicians throughout the United States.

## Membership

- Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington DC Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) funded by the Bureau of Primary Health Care

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## Bureau of Primary Health Care and HIV/AIDS Bureau Prevention Community of Practice (P-CoP) Project

### Project Goals

The goal of this MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center (MAAETC) project is to create a Prevention Community of Practice (P-CoP) focused on increasing HIV testing and use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) knowledge and readiness to prescribe in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). As a result, increased numbers of health professionals at FQHCs will be able to competently deploy evidence-based prevention strategies, including PrEP, that focus on people who are at risk for HIV.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) supports this initiative to partner with Ending the HIV Epidemic-funded FQHCs in the MAAETC region to increase the numbers of health professionals prepared to provide PrEP, including improving access to care and patient outcomes.

An inter-professional, cross-site team of FQHC staff involved in patient assessment, HIV testing, prescribing PrEP, and educating patients as well as team members, are invited to participate in P-CoP. These activities are directly linked to HRSA's focus on continuous quality improvement (CQI).

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### Drivers

- Local needs
- Risk populations
- EMR data
- CQI data
- Service gaps
- Quality gaps
- Access gaps
- State policies
- FQHC requirements
- HRSA policies
- Consumer input

### Workforce training

- HIV testing
- Rapid Start
- PrEP
- Trauma
- Stigma
- Disparities

### Workforce Planning

- Local Surveillance
- Data use for CQI
- Policy revisions
- Knowledge gaps
- Skill gaps

### Workforce organization

- Hiring, orientation
- Task shifting
- Outreach to at risk
- Engaging lost to care
- Linkage with services
- Community mobilization

### Learner Education and Practice Portal (LEAPP)

### Output

- Enhanced outreach
- Consumer engagement
- Practice change
- Policy changes
- New partnerships
- Enhanced communication
- Linkage to prevention
- Linkage to treatment
- Community engagement

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### Project #1: CHC Provider Learning Collaborative

- Virtual didactic preceptorship with local experiential learning
- Peer to peer learning

### Telehealth/TelePreP

- Assess for PrEP
- PrEP administration
- Monitoring PrEP
- Address cost, access
- Communication skills, privacy

### Project #2: CHC Team Community of Practice

- Convening education/TA sessions
- Peer to peer learning
- Interdisciplinary modeling

### Participation

- Commitment to attend regularly scheduled programs and mentoring
- Case-based learning presented by participating clinicians and treatment team members
- Standardized patients allow members to “practice” what they have learned in safe space with built in feedback

### Major Activities

- Provide web-based HIV education and training; clinical guidelines; and resources to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington DC community health centers.
- Support health centers to increase PrEP uptake through live, interactive web-based clinical training and technical assistance.
- Enhance prevention, diagnosis and treatment capacity through participation in a “community of practice” (CoP) with community health center clinicians in Ending the HIV Epidemic jurisdictions.

### Project Plan:

- **Monthly CoP** (*web-based with Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, DC FQHC colleagues*)
  - Share CQI goals; Learn best-practices implementing PrEP; Learn best-practices implementing other prevention strategies
- **Training/Technical Assistance** (*On-going, web-based and on-site when permitted*)
  - Evidenced-based prevention strategies; HIV testing; Rapid Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) start, and PrEP
  - Webinar series - prevention science and clinical interventions such as rapid ART start, HIV testing, and PrEP (including PrEP telehealth)
- **MAAETC Clinician Consultation**
  - Clinicians experienced in providing PrEP will be available to support your health center in addressing PrEP telehealth and related organizational, patient-flow, fiscal, and other challenges related to ramping up a PrEP program and increasing the uptake of PrEP among your patients.
- **PrEP Clinical Preceptorship**
  - Any participating health center staff with direct patient care and education roles can participate in a web-based PrEP clinical preceptorship including experiential learning with standardized patients.