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# Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S./Mexico Border Region through an AETC-Led Federal Training Collaborative

Wednesday, August 12th 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

(session: 15841)

# Learning Outcomes



- Discuss the special training and technical assistance needs of urban and rural providers on the United States/Mexico border
- Review the development, challenges, and successes of the U.S./Mexico Border AETC Steering Team (UMBAST), a collaborative of training organizations serving the counties within 62 miles of the Mexican border
- Apply lessons learned from UMBAST to potential federal training center collaborations for your programs or region

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# Outline



- The United States/Mexico Border Region
- What Is UMBAST? Who Is UMBAST?
- Federal and Other Training/Technical Assistance Partnerships
- Border State Highlights/Best Practices
- UMBAST Online
- Plans for the Future
- Questions and Answers

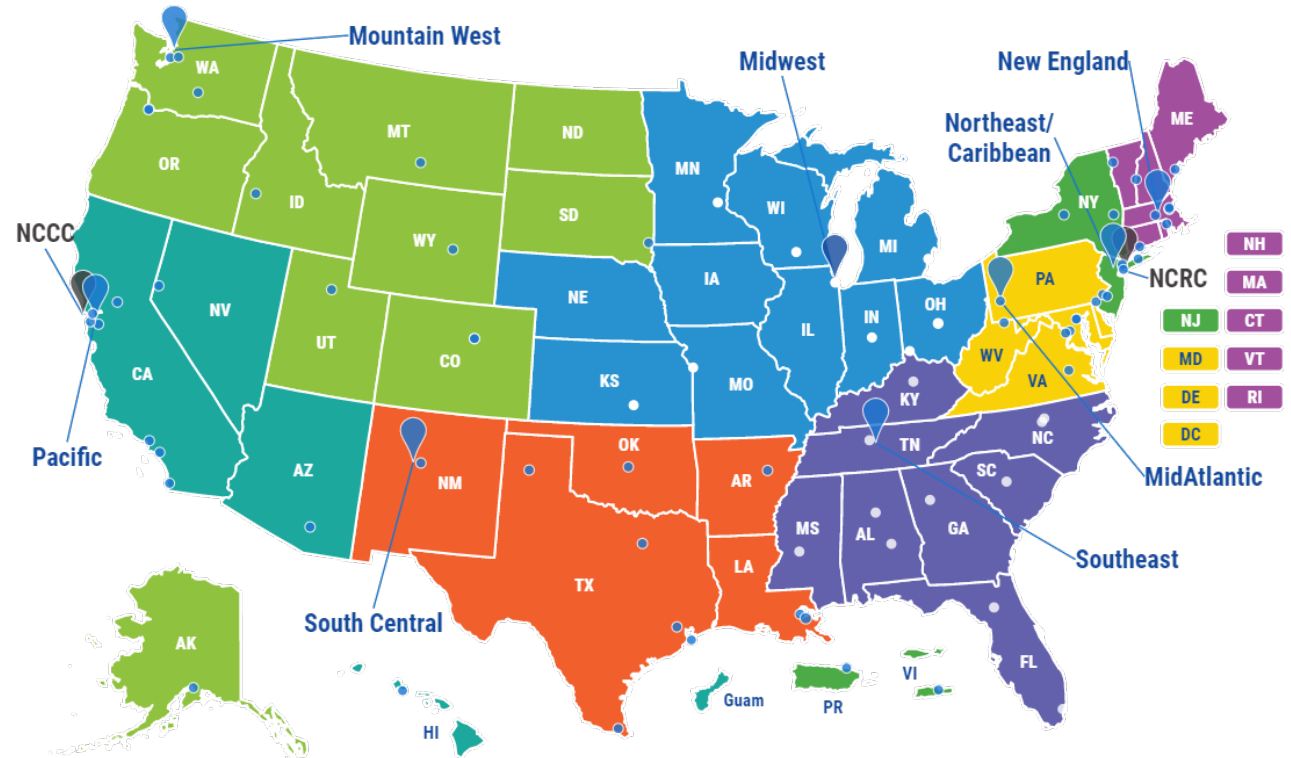
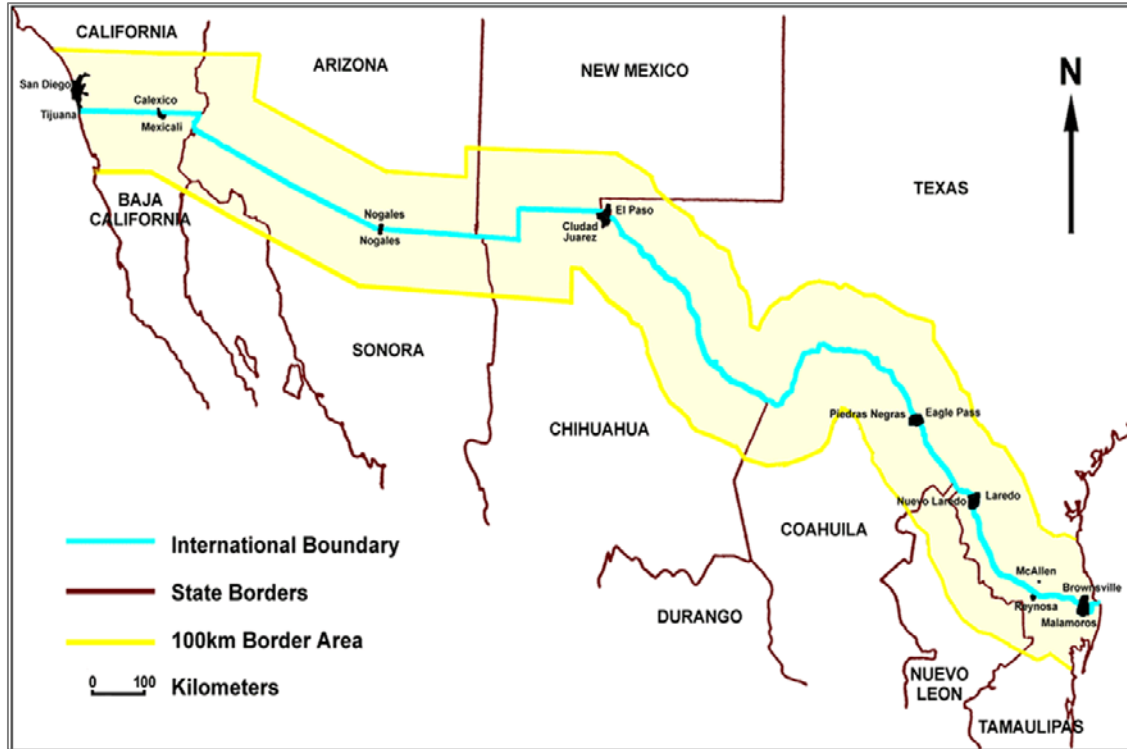
# The Border Region

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# U.S./Mexico Border Region



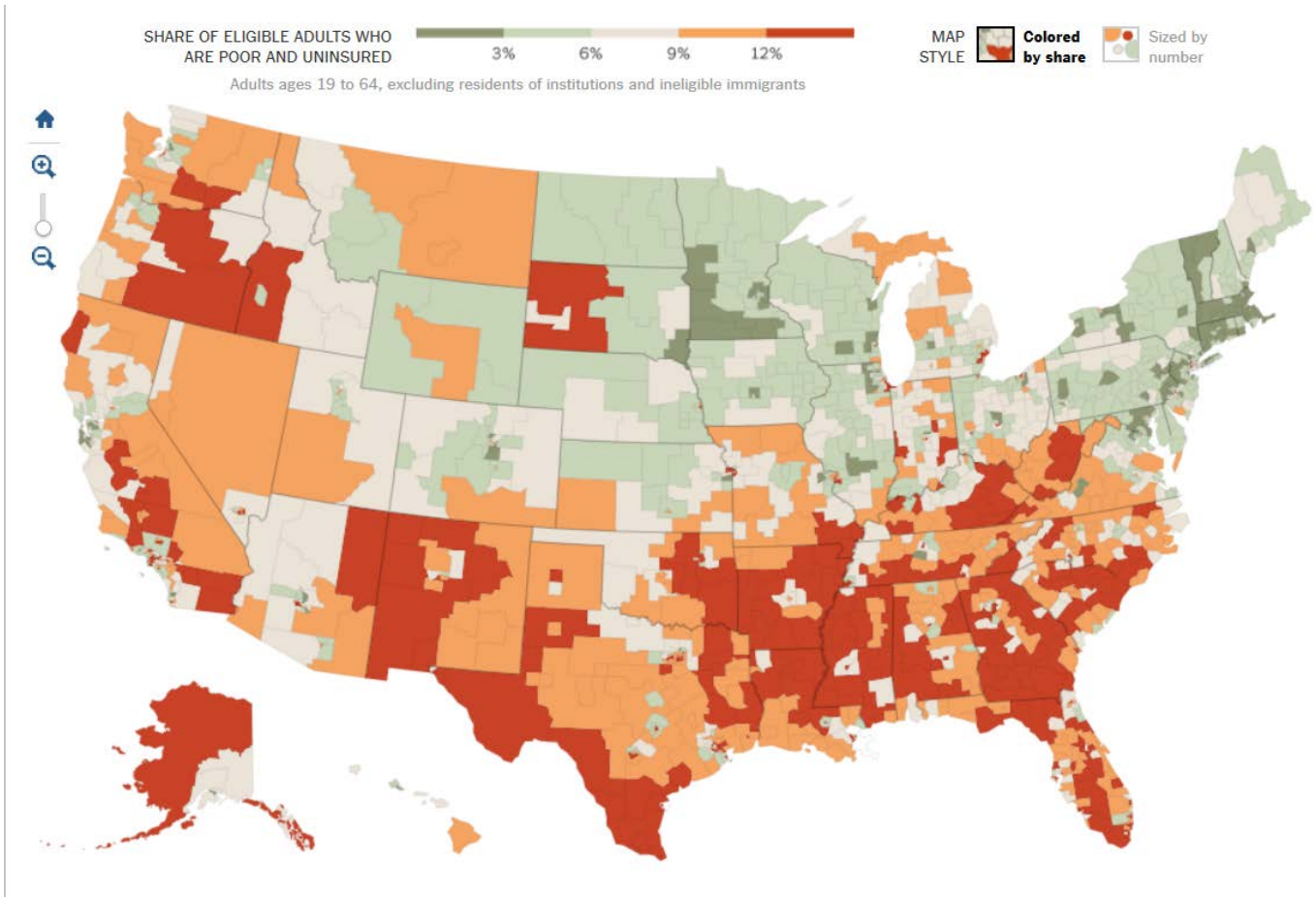
# Border Challenges



- Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
- Higher incidence of infections diseases compared with the U.S. average
- If made a state, the border region would rank:
  - 1st in number of uninsured children
  - 2nd in death rates due to hepatitis
  - 3rd in deaths related to diabetes
  - Last in access to health care
  - Last in per capita income

Source: US/Mexico Border Health Commission

# Poor and Uninsured in the U.S.



## Imperial County remains hot spot

The region is seeing more cases per capita than any other California county, with the city of El Centro being surpassed only by Huntsville, Texas, nationally. Data, as of Friday afternoon, represents the previous two weeks.

## Comparing metro areas nationally

Metro/micro area	Cases per 1,000	Cases
Huntsville, Texas	13.01	1,135
<b>El Centro</b>	<b>10.69</b>	<b>1,943</b>
Yuma, Ariz.	7.81	1,657
Gallup, N.M.	7.43	537
Yakima, Wash.	6.99	1,757
Show Low, Ariz.	6.66	736
Hanford-Corcoran	6.54	990
Alamogordo, N.M.	6.14	410
Oxford, N.C.	5.86	352
Logan, Utah	5.55	782
San Diego	0.55	1,854

Methodology: The New York Times aggregates data from health agencies across the nation. Locations are cities with at least 50,000 people.

## Comparing California counties

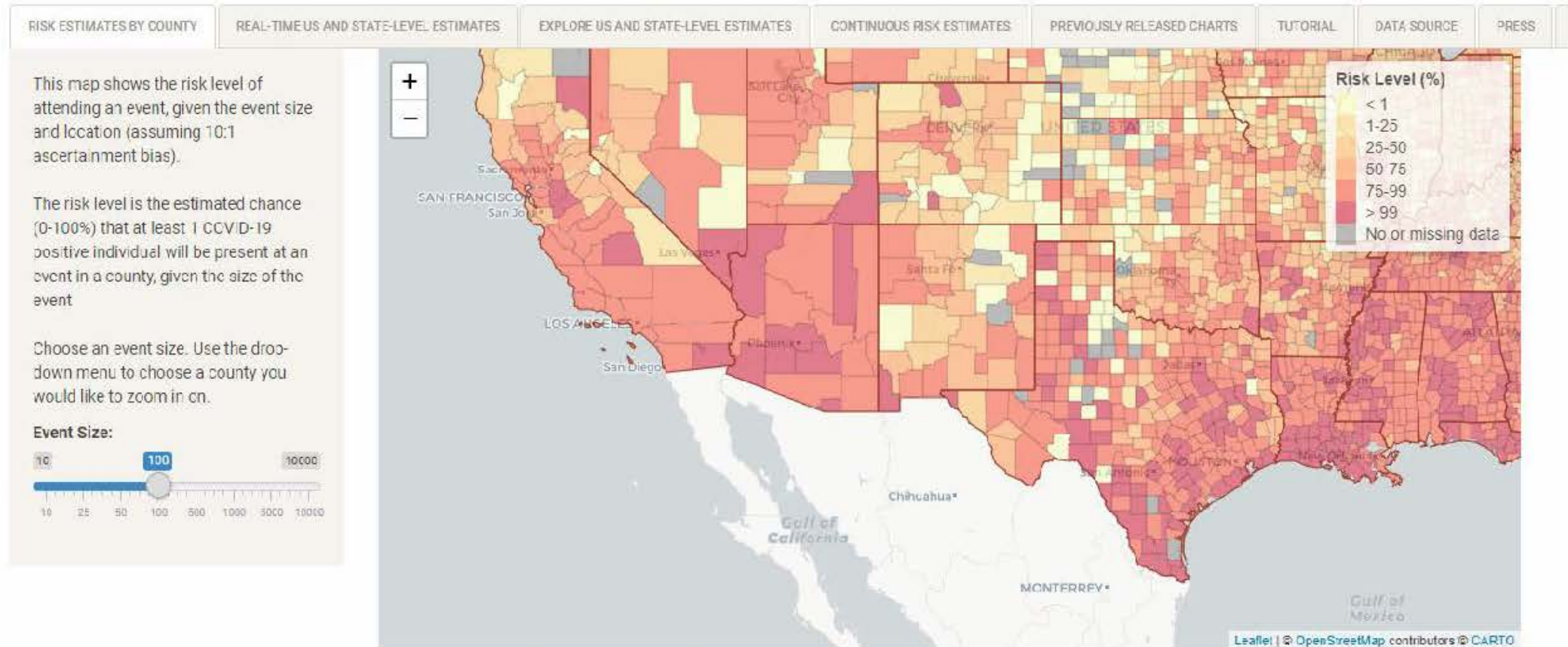
County	Cases per 1,000	Cases
<b>Imperial</b>	<b>10.32</b>	<b>1,860</b>
Kings	6.73	1,010
Los Angeles	1.89	19,099
Tulare	1.39	640
Riverside	1.21	2,899
Kern	1.14	1,009
San Bernardino	0.86	1,828
Fresno	0.75	737
Orange	0.71	2,243
Alameda	0.62	1,023
San Diego	0.58	1,898

Sources: Gebeloff, Robert. (2013, October 13). Where Poor and Uninsured Americans Live. *The New York Times*.  
 Solis, Gustavo. (2020, June 25). Imperial County has highest rate of COVID-19 cases in the state; it wants to reopen anyway. *Los Angeles Times*.



# COVID-19 and the Border

## COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Planning Tool



(Note: This map uses a Web Mercator projection that inflates the area of states in northern latitudes. County boundaries are generalized for faster drawing.)

Source: Georgia Tech. 2020, July 21. COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Planning Tool. <https://covid19risk.biosci.gatech.edu/>

# UMBAST

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# USMBHC & Early Needs Assessments



- Early Border Provider Needs Assessments:
  - 2002 “Monarch” report sent to HRSA
- Recommendations/Themes from Border Providers:
  - Expand training targets (interpreters, promotores, etc.)
  - Coordinate activities across local, state, federal, and other agencies
  - Maintain binational perspective wherever possible
  - More convenient trainings (online, local, etc.)
  - More trainings on cultural sensitivity

# What/Who Is UMBAST?



U.S.-

Mexico

Border

AETC

Steering

Team

- Promote high-quality, culturally sensitive education & capacity building programs
- Provide focused collaboration through joint planning, resource sharing, & evaluation
- Maintain efforts and sustain efforts even when specific funding is not available

# 2008 UMBAST IAC Border Scholarships



Casa California, Mexico City August 2008



HIV Clinician UMBAST “Border Heroes”

# Human Rights Watch

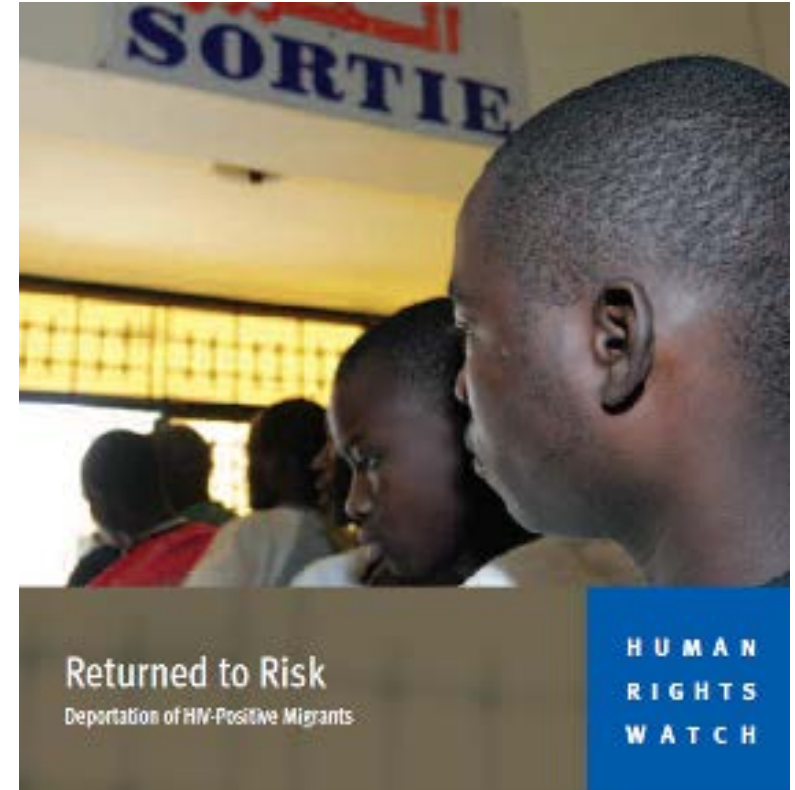


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## Returned to Risk: Deportation of HIV-Positive Migrants

Human Rights Watch 2009

*Initiatives to provide cross-border treatment between the United States and Mexico could serve as an example. Programs such as the U.S.-Mexico Border AIDS Steering Team...serve as a model for how treatment can be coordinated for deportees across borders and should be expanded where feasible.*



# U.S. ICE Clinician Trainings



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## Assisting HIV-Infected Patients Who Return to Mexico:

*What U.S. ICE Clinicians Need to Know*

**Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

(via toll-free conference call)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Pacific Time)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (Mountain Time)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (Central Time)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (Eastern Time)

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May 17, 2013

Diana Travieso Palow, MPH, MS, RN  
Chief, HIV Education Branch  
Division of Training and Capacity Development  
HIV/AIDS Bureau/HRSA  
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-89  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Travieso Palow:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the important work the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) have performed in collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) clinicians. In July 2010, I wrote to Director John Morton to encourage ICE to partner with the AETCs. Since that time, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) AETC has kept me abreast of key milestones and outcomes from these provider trainings and technical assistance efforts and I am extremely impressed by what you have achieved together.

# Continuity of Care Fact Sheets



- 1-page, practical tips for providers and patients
- 9 countries:
  - Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, Dominican Republic
- Overview of HIV care in the country
- ARV availability
- Requirements for enrolling in care
- Contact numbers and websites

**Información para proveedores que asisten a pacientes con el VIH que regresan a México**

Lo que está disponible en México

Casi todos los medicamentos para el VIH que están disponibles en Estados Unidos ahora también están disponibles para los ciudadanos mexicanos en México a través de diferentes programas públicos y privados. El acceso a los medicamentos para el VIH en México se ha expandido durante la última década.

**Tratamiento del VIH en México**

Cada estado tiene un jefe de programa de VIH/sida responsable de coordinar los programas de tratamiento y prevención. Usted y su paciente pueden comunicarse con esta persona para determinar la disponibilidad de las pruebas diagnósticas del VIH y los medicamentos en el estado al que el paciente regresará. Los pacientes reciben tratamiento ya sea en hospitales generales o en los CAPASITS (clínicas especializadas en VIH – Centro Ambulatorio para la Prevención y Atención en sida e ITS). La red de CAPASITS se introdujo en México en 2005 y sigue en expansión. A partir de 2016 existen 76 centros en todo el país. Abajo aparece un enlace para las localidades en todo el país.

**Lo que necesitarán los pacientes**

Los pacientes tienen que inscribirse para recibir cuidado médico y necesitan proveer ciertos documentos para calificar y poder recibir los medicamentos. Para acelerar el proceso, anime a sus pacientes para que lleven lo siguiente:

**Necesario:**

- Resultado positivo de la prueba a los anticuerpos del VIH.
- El número CURP del paciente (Clave Única de Registro de Población). Todos los pacientes VIH-positivos pueden recibir servicios médicos en CAPASITS por tres meses sin un número CURP. Los pacientes pueden informarse sobre esto en la página electrónica: [www.consultas.curp.gob.mx/CurpSP/](http://www.consultas.curp.gob.mx/CurpSP/). Si no posee un CURP, pueden presentar un acta de nacimiento o cualquier documento de identidad emitido por el gobierno.

**Recomendado:**

- Si lo tiene disponible, llevar 3 meses de abasto de los medicamentos del VIH que toma actualmente
- Un conteo de células CD4+ T
- Un resultado de carga viral reciente
- Una copia del expediente médico del paciente que incluya un historial completo del tratamiento antirretroviral

**Conexión a la asistencia médica en México**

- o Una línea telefónica gratuita es operada por la agencia federal mexicana encargada del tratamiento y prevención del VIH, CENSIDA. Anime a sus pacientes para que llamen a este número cuando estén en México para encontrar al proveedor de cuidado médico más cercano.
- o **Tel.:** 01-800-712-0886 ó 01-800-712-0889
- o **En línea:** [www.gob.mx/censida/](http://www.gob.mx/censida/)
- o La lista de los CAPASITS (centros de cuidado ambulatorio) está disponible en línea: [www.gob.mx/censida/documentos/directorios-de-servicios-de-salud-centro-nacional-para-la-prevencion-y-el-control-del-vih-y-el-sida](http://www.gob.mx/censida/documentos/directorios-de-servicios-de-salud-centro-nacional-para-la-prevencion-y-el-control-del-vih-y-el-sida)

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, envíe un correo electrónico a Tom Donohoe ([TDonohoe@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:TDonohoe@mednet.ucla.edu)).

[www.gob.mx/censida/documentos/directorios-de-servicios-de-salud-centro-nacional-para-la-prevencion-y-el-control-del-vih-y-el-sida](http://www.gob.mx/censida/documentos/directorios-de-servicios-de-salud-centro-nacional-para-la-prevencion-y-el-control-del-vih-y-el-sida)

If you have any questions, please email Tom Donohoe at [TDonohoe@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:TDonohoe@mednet.ucla.edu).

The United States-Mexico Border AETC Steering Team (UMBAST) is sponsored by the HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and is a collaboration of the AIDS Education and Training Centers from the U.S.-Mexico Border States: Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Online: [aidsctc.org/border](http://aidsctc.org/border). 03/20





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# State Highlights: California

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# Federal Training Centers Border Collaborative FTCC (2010-2014)



- AIDS Education and Training Center (AETCs - HRSA)
- Prevention Training Centers (CDC)
- TB Training Centers (CDC)
- Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (SAMHSA)
- CARDEA Services (Office of Population Affairs)

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**Affordable Care Act (ACA) Implementation on the U.S./Mexico Border "2.0"**  
*Focus on HIV, as well as STDs, TB, Addiction, & Family Planning Concerns*  
**Tuesday Oct 8th, 2013**  
 (This webinar is offered at two different times. Each webinar is the same and will be 1.5 hours long. Webinar will be conducted via Adobe Connect)  
 Webinar 1: 9 a.m. Pacific / 10 a.m. Mountain / 11 a.m. Central / 12 p.m. Eastern  
 Webinar 2: 12 p.m. Pacific / 1 p.m. Mountain / 2 p.m. Central / 3 p.m. Eastern  
**Registration is required.**  
 To register for Webinar 1: <http://tinyurl.com/1Webinar80ct>  
 To register for Webinar 2: <http://tinyurl.com/2Webinar80ct>

**Free Workshop for HIV Case Managers!**  
**Engagement in HIV Care Prescription Opioids and HIV and Meth: What Case Managers Need to Know**  
**Friday, January 6, 2012**  
**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
 Neighborhood House Association  
 286 Euclid Avenue, Suite 110  
 San Diego, CA 92114  
 Sponsored by:  
 Neighborhood House Association  
 UCLA/Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center (PAETC)  
 US/Mexico AETC Steering Team (UMBAST)  
 Pacific Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Pacific Southwest ATTC)

*El tratamiento del VIH, las ITS, la TB, la Hepatitis C y el Abuso de Drogas en la Frontera:*

**Con Énfasis en Aspectos de la Salud Reproductiva**

**Viernes y Sábado**  
**28 y 29 de junio, 2013**

**San Diego, CA**

**ORGANIZADO POR:**  
**El Centro de Capacitación y Educación sobre el SIDA del Pacífico, el Centro Internacional Curry de la Tuberculosis, el Centro de Capacitación para la Prevención de las ITS/VIH de California, el Centro de Transferencia Tecnológica para la Adicción del Pacífico Suroccidental, Cardea Services, el Centro de Salud San Ysidro y la Comisión de Salud Fronteriza México-Estados Unidos.**

Treatment of HIV, STDs, TB, Hepatitis C, Family Planning, and Substance Abuse on the Border:

***Focus on Testing***

**Friday-Saturday**  
**June 20-21, 2014**

**El Centro, California**

**COSPONSORS**

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- ❖ U.S./Mexico Border Health Commission



# State Highlights: Arizona

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# Enhancing Continuity of Care in Arizona and Sonora



## Day 1: Tour of Sonoran Health Care Facilities



Nogales  
General  
Hospital



Urban  
Health  
Center



Migrant  
Health  
Module



CAPASITS

## Day 2: Binational Continuity of Care Symposium:



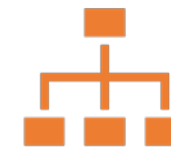
Reviewed TB & HIV  
data in Sonora and  
Arizona



Shared resources for  
training and technical  
assistance



Discussed how to  
better connect  
patients to care when  
leaving ICE custody



Developed draft  
protocol for opt-in  
“meet and greet”  
program.

## Participating organizations:

Sonoran health department, CAPASITS, Nogales General Hospital, AZ state health department, county health departments, HIV prevention, HIV surveillance, Ryan White Parts A, B, C, TB Control Program, Curry TB Center, PAETC.

# Enhancing Continuity of Care in Arizona and Sonora: Outcomes



Representatives from the Arizona Department of Health Services and Sonoran Ministry of Health created together:

- A **plan of action** to develop an HIV continuity of care pilot program based on the framework of the established tuberculosis Meet & Greet Protocol currently in use.
- A draft **protocol** to be used in the Meet & Greet pilot program for the continuity of HIV care for patients returning to Mexico.
- A **directory** to share contact information for all symposium attendees involved in this work so that partners can build upon collaborative efforts and maintain communication moving forward

*“Both days were an incredible learning experience. The direct observation and visitation of the Nogales hospital, clinic and CAPASITS were invaluable and critical to having a greater understanding of the continuity of HIV/TB care issues on Day 2.”*



# HIV Training: Promotoras de Salud



Photo credit: Kelly Presnell / Arizona Daily Star 2015

## May 18, 2018:

- 20 participants from:
  - Two community health centers
  - A local mobile health program
  - The Southern Arizona Community Food Bank
  - Pima Community College
  - University of Arizona's Cancer Center

## Response to, "how will you apply this information to your work?"

- *Share information related to the theme of HIV prevention and risk with the people I attend to every day.*
- *Share information that there is help for everyone.*
- *Refer people to their doctor for testing if it's possible for everyone.*
- *Share the information and education with patient and the community.*



# HIV Training: Consulate Staff



- **9 consulate staff:**
  - 7 information assistants/phone operators
  - 1 program coordinator from local community health center
  - 1 program coordinator from Head Start program.
- **Responses to, “How will you apply this information to your work?”**
  - *Educate the population, explaining what HIV is and how to prevent and treat cases of the virus.*
  - *With better management of situations involving HIV/AIDS.*
  - *Share information about healthcare services in Mexico and the U.S. for people with HIV*

## CAPACITACIÓN DE VIH

El entrenamiento del VIH se llevará a cabo de una manera culturalmente apropiada usando la telenovela de “Sin Vergüenza” como marco de referencia. En agradecimiento por su tiempo, recibirá almuerzo y un certificado de participación.

**VIERNES, 22 DE FEBRERO**  
**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**CONSULADO DE MÉXICO EN TUCSON**  
**3915 E. BROADWAY**  
**TUCSON, AZ 85711**

Por favor regístrese usando el siguiente enlace  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/4782492/CRIS-201810-20894-HIV-Immigration-Spanish>

*Para información adicional o para confirmar su participación, por favor contacte a Elizabeth Capaci al 941-587-6540 o [ecapaci@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ecapaci@email.arizona.edu)*

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# State Highlights: Texas

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# Promotores/CHW Trainings

## Promotores de Salud/Community Health Worker Training Curriculum

- Utilize the Telenovela Sin Verguenza as a training modality
- Audience: CHW/Promotores de Salud
  - Laredo, TX
  - Rio Grande Valley, TX
  - El Paso, TX
  - La Cruces, NM



**UT El Paso Training**

# Binational/National Events



## Bi-National Border Work – Texas & Tamaulipas

- Bi-National World AIDS Day Event
- Audience: CAPASITS Tamaulipas Mexico; Texas DSHS Region 11; Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Continuity of care for PWH; Data Presentations; ART Formularies
- Partnerships with:
  - Mexican Consulates
  - Migrant Clinicians Network (Medical Record Sharing)
  - CAPASITS (Centros Ambulatorios para la Prevencion y Atencion en SIDA e Infecciones de Transmision Sexual)

## National Latinx Conference on HIV/HCV/SUD

- 2 ½ Day Conference
- Focus on Latinx Health Disparities
- Audience:
  - Clinicians
  - Case Workers
  - CHW's
- 500 participants





# State Highlights: New Mexico

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# Practice Transformation



- University of New Mexico – AIDS Education and Training Center (UNM-AETC) Practice Transformation site [Centro San Vicente](#) in El Paso, Texas
- Practice Transformation refers to a process of change in the organization and delivery of primary care to advance quality improvement, patient-centered care, and characteristics of high performing primary care.
- The AETC Program implements projects to support and facilitate practice transformation in selected clinics in order to improve patient outcomes along the HIV care continuum by integrating principles of the patient-centered medical home model and integrated HIV care and behavioral health services.
- The practice transformation process involves goal-setting, leadership, practice facilitation, workflow changes, quality improvement and outcomes measurement, and adapting organizational tools and processes to support advances in models of team-based care.



# ID CHW Curriculum Development



## Infectious Disease Community Health Worker Curriculum Development

- UNM-AETC is working with regional South Central AIDS Education and Training Center (SCAETC) partners, UNM Project ECHO and UNM Office for Community Health to develop an infectious disease curriculum for Community Health Workers (CHW), *Promotores/as de Salud*, and Tribal Community Health Representatives (CHR).
- Curriculum will contribute to the certification efforts for CHWs, CHRs and *Promotores/as de Salud* by providing additional competencies in infectious disease.
- UNM-AETC will work with the [New Mexico Department of Health Office of Community Health Workers](#) to have infectious disease competencies endorsed for statewide certification purposes and work with SCAETC regional partners to provide similar endorsements pertinent in their states.
- This work will add to current HIV / infectious disease initiatives in the U.S. – Mexico Border region.





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# Finding Resources Online

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## Assisting HIV Patients Returning to Mexico and Central ...

Sep 20, 2018 - Assisting HIV **Patients Returning to Mexico** and Central America / Asistiendo a los Pacientes que Regresan a México y Centroamérica.

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov › pubmed

## Continuum of care for HIV patients returning to Mexico. - NCBI

J Assoc Nurses AIDS Care. 2008 Sep-Oct;19(5):335-7. doi: 10.1016/j.jana.2008.07.002.

Continuum of care for HIV **patients returning to Mexico**. Donohoe T ...

by T Donohoe - 2008 - Cited by 2 - Related articles

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### Assisting HIV Patients Returning to Mexico and Central America / Asistiendo a los Pacientes que Regresan a México y Centroamérica

who have patients leaving the United States for **Mexico** and Central ... que tienen pacientes que salen de Estados Unidos y regresan a **México** ... U.S.-**Mexico** Border Step 3: Connecting People with HIV to Quality HIV Care Step ...

Published 9/20/2018

### U.S.-Mexico Border Federal Training Center Collaborative

for patients **returning** to **Mexico** and Central America, working with patients ... This website features resources from the U.S.-**Mexico** Border AETC ... for clinicians working in the U.S.-**Mexico** border region. UMBAST is supported ...

Posted 12/19/2013, Updated 10/2/2019

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# Fact Sheet Timeline

- Mexico launched August 2007
- Central America added 2009
- Belize added 2015
- ICE Tip Sheet added 2017
- Dominican Republic added 2020



**Información para proveedores que asisten a pacientes con el VIH que regresan a México**

Lo que está disponible en México

**Information for Providers Assisting HIV Patients Returning to Mexico**

**What's Available in Mexico**  
Nearly all HIV medications available in the United States are now available to Mexican citizens in Mexico through a range of public and private programs. Access to HIV medications in Mexico has expanded greatly in the past decade.

**HIV Treatment in Mexico**  
Each state has an HIV/AIDS director responsible for coordinating treatment and prevention programs. You or your patient can contact this person to determine the availability of HIV diagnostic tests and HIV medications in the state to which your patient is returning. Patients are treated either in general hospitals or in CAPASITS (HIV specialty clinics – “Centro Ambulatorio para la Prevención y Atención en SIDA e ITS”). The CAPASITS network was introduced in Mexico in 2005 and is still expanding. As of 2018, it comprised 76 centers around the country. See below for a link to CAPASITS locations.

**What Patients Will Need**  
Patients must enroll for care and provide certain documents to be eligible to receive medications. To speed the process, encourage your patients to bring the following:

**Necessary**

- Positive HIV antibody test result
- Patient's CURP number (“Clave Única de Registro de Población,” Mexican federal I.D. number. Patients can look this up online (in Spanish) at: [consultas.curp.gob.mx/CurpSP/](http://consultas.curp.gob.mx/CurpSP/). All HIV-positive patients can be seen at CAPASITS for 3 months without a CURP number. If they don't have a CURP, they can present a birth certificate, or any government issued ID.

**Recommended**

- If available, a 3-month supply of their current HIV medications
- A recent CD4+ T-cell count
- A recent viral load test result
- A copy of their medical chart including complete antiretroviral treatment history

**Connecting to Care in Mexico**  
The following organizations can provide the most up to date information on gaining access to HIV treatment, the required paperwork, and linkage to care:

- A national toll-free hotline is operated by the Mexican federal agency in charge of HIV treatment and prevention, **CENSIDA**. Encourage patients to call when they are in Mexico to find the closest care provider.
  - **Phone:** 01-800-712-0886 or 01-800-712-0889
  - **Online:** [www.gob.mx/censida/](http://www.gob.mx/censida/) (in Spanish)
- The list of CAPASITS (outpatient multiservice care centers) is available (in Spanish) online: [www.gob.mx/censida/documentos/directorios-de-servicios-de-salud-centro-nacional-para-la-prevencion-y-el-control-del-vih-y-el-sida](http://www.gob.mx/censida/documentos/directorios-de-servicios-de-salud-centro-nacional-para-la-prevencion-y-el-control-del-vih-y-el-sida)

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# Plans for Future



- More collaborative virtual work in Covid19 Era
- Longer term continuity of care and other border themes that support EHE
- Continued collaborations with our Federal and other training/TA partners
- Sustain the project by continuing to collaborate and innovate

# Questions and Answers



Q/A