

Ending the HIV Epidemic on the U.S./Mexico Border: an AETC-led Federal Training Center Collaborative

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Learning Objectives

- Discuss the special training and technical assistance needs of urban and rural providers on the United States/Mexico border, including for COVID-19.
- 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

Presenters

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Director, PAETC — Los Angeles Area
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

- **Pedro Coronado**

- Program Director, South Central AETC — Valley AIDS Council
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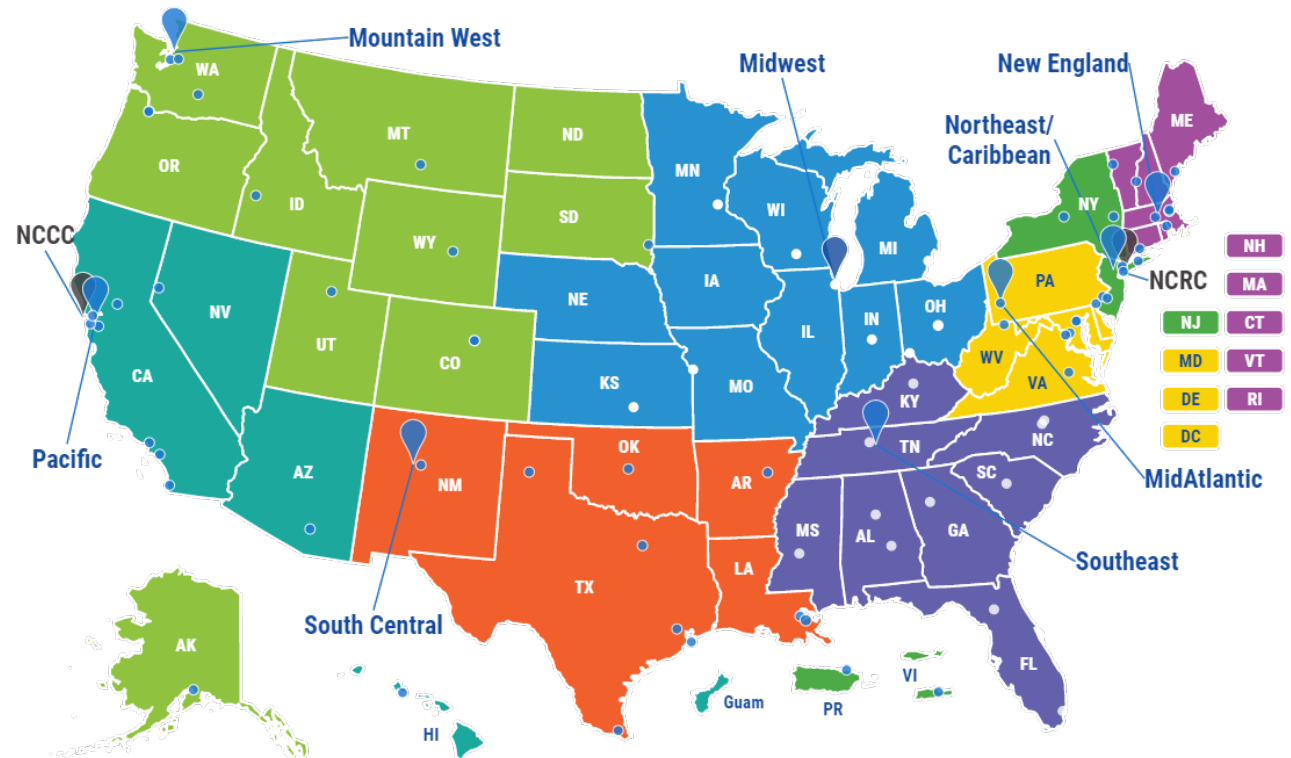
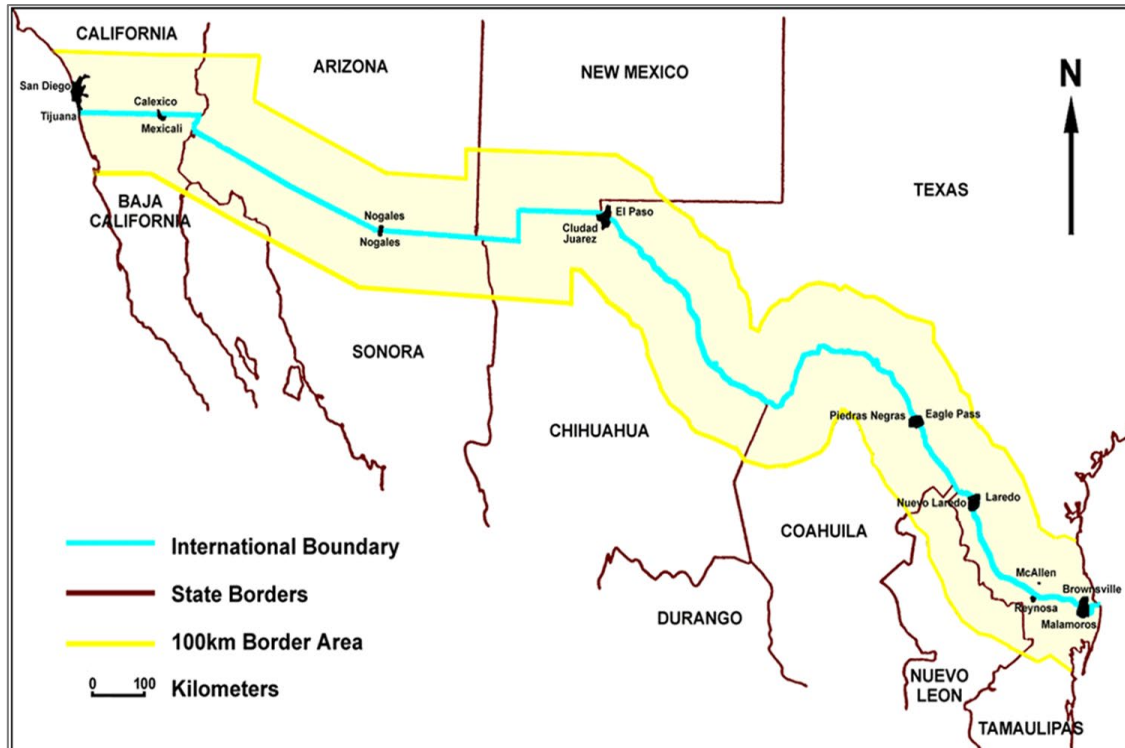
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Outline

- 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
- Recognitions
- Plans for the Future
- Questions and Answers

U.S./Mexico Border Region

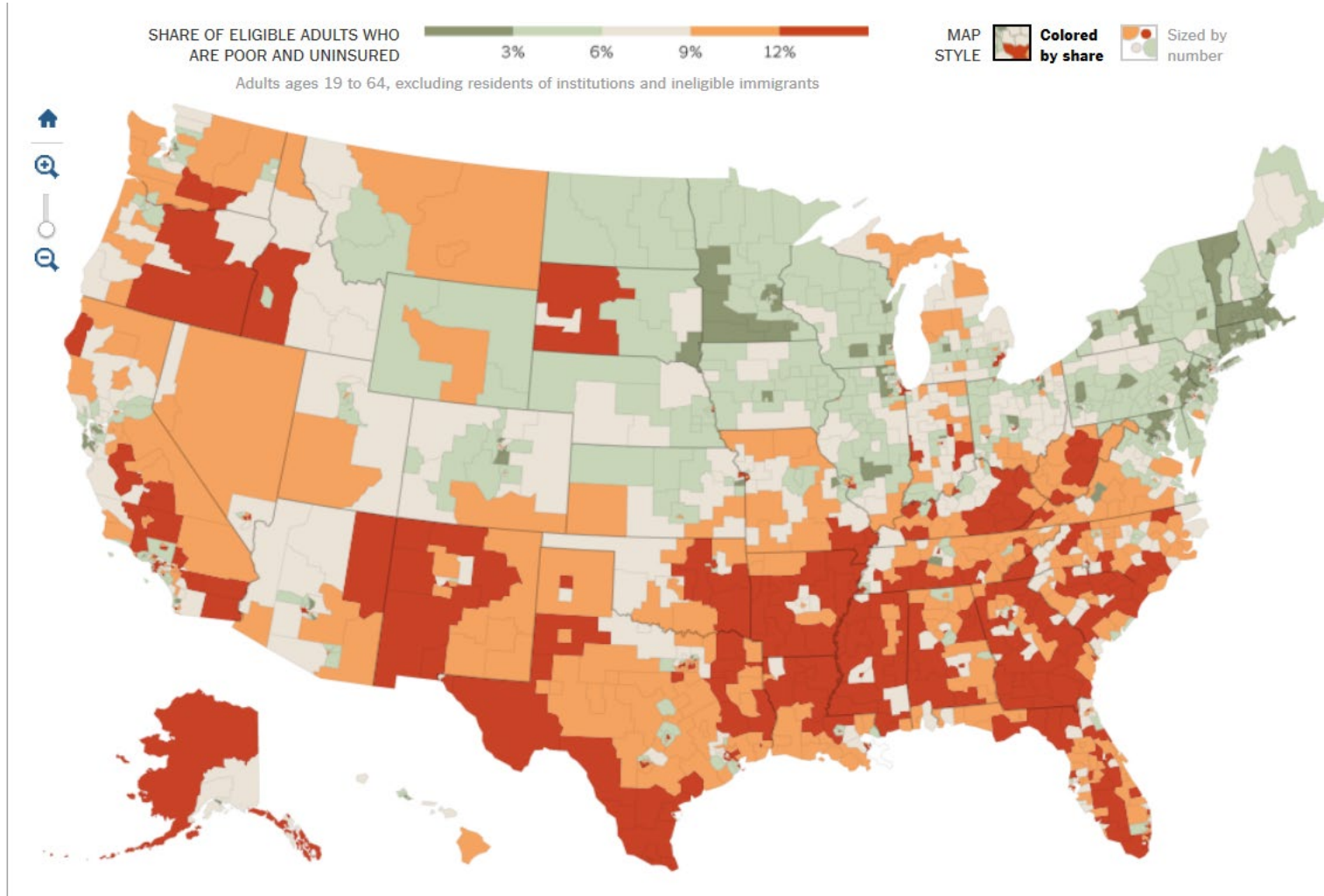


Border Challenges

- Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
- Higher incidence of infectious 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
El Centro	10.69	1,943
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

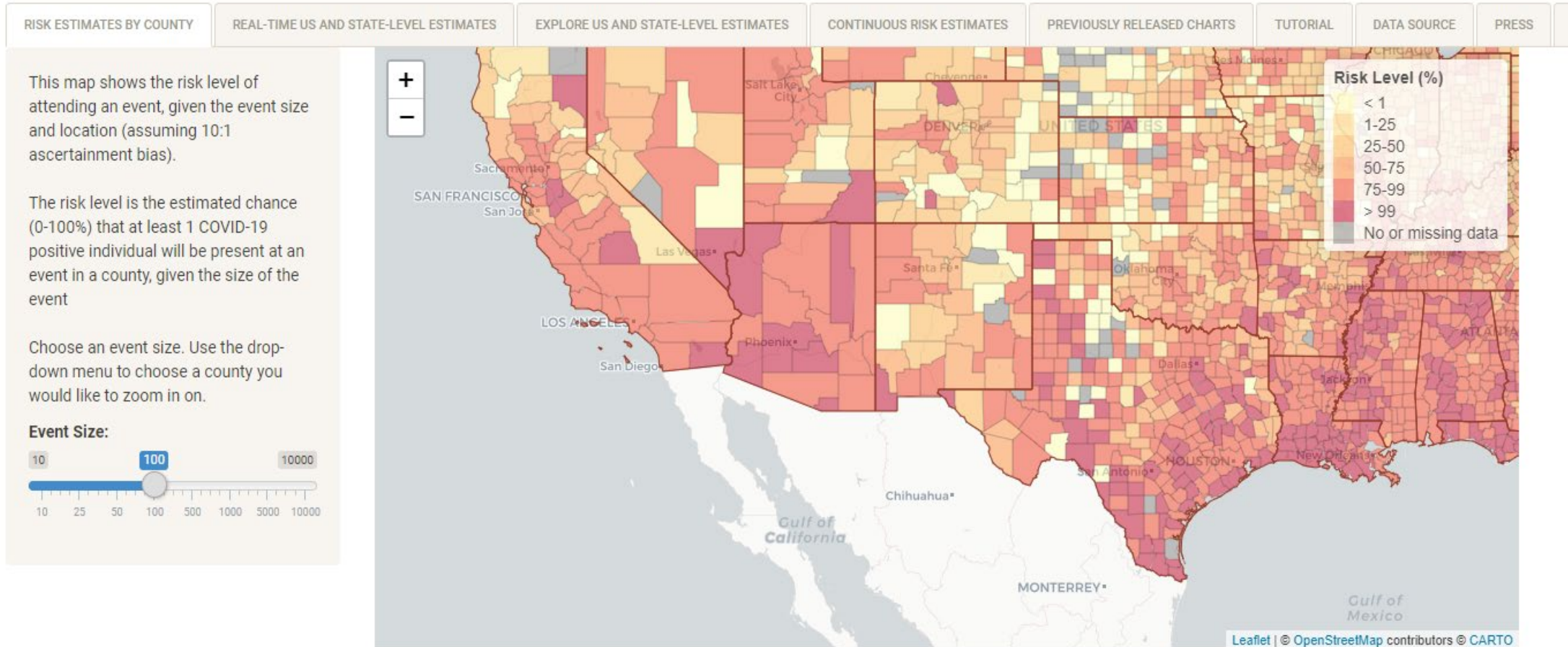
Methodology: The New York Times aggregates data from health agencies across the nation. Locations are cities with at least 50,000 people.

Comparing California counties

County	Cases per 1,000	Cases
Imperial	10.32	1,860
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

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.)

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



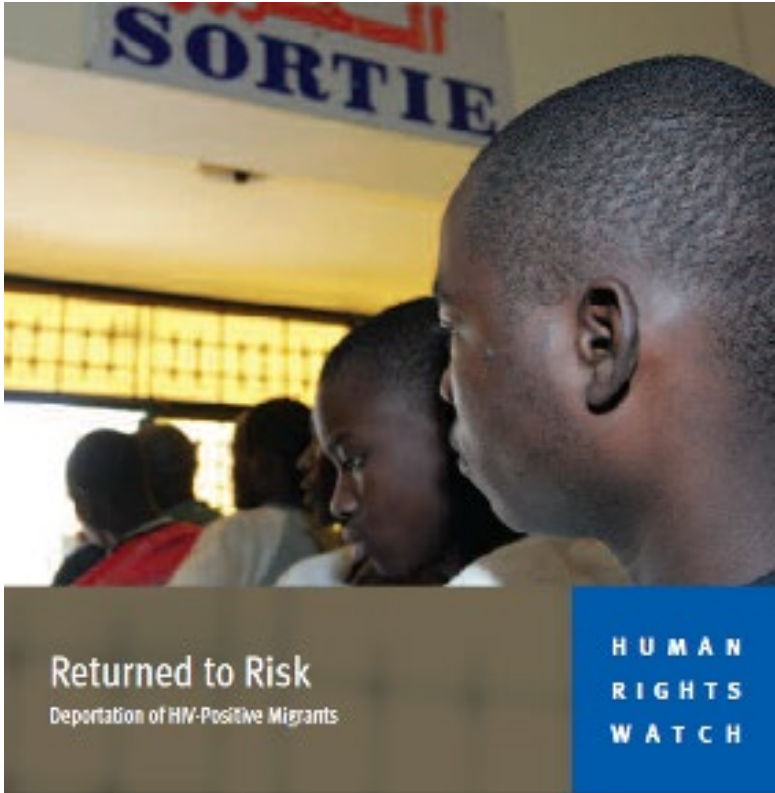
HIV Clinician UMBAST “Border Heroes”

Human Rights Watch

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



TEXAS/OKLAHOMA AETC



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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)

Sponsored by:

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May 17, 2013

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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

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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
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 - Online: 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

If you have any questions, please email Tom Donohoe at 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. 03/20

April 2022 US ICE training

- More than 200 ICE clinicians and Health Department personnel participated
- Included continuity of care for release to U.S. locations
- Included CAPASITS Director for Tijuana, Baja Norte
- Included data from ICE on HIV positive detainees returned to Mexico, Central America, U.S.
- Included goals for “warm handoffs” for U.S. and Mexico

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Continuity of HIV Care for Patients Releasing within the U.S. or Returning to Mexico or Central America

What Clinicians Need to Know!

A Multidisciplinary Panel with IHSC Clinicians & Special Guest, Dr. Valdez, from the Mexican CAPASITS Clinic System

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Via this link: [Webex Webinar](#)
 Meeting number: 2639 702 2193
 Password: grandrounds
 Join by phone
 +1-415-655-0002 Access code: 263 970 22193

Concurrent registration with the PAETC is required to receive CE credit.

At the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- Describe the demographics of people with HIV in IHSC-staffed facilities to better understand their linkage to care needs.

Sponsored

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Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps (IHSC)



Centro Nacional para la Prevención y el Control del VIH y el Sida (CAPASITS)

For more information regarding IHSC Grand Rounds, please contact: IHSC Grand Rounds Program Manager at IHSCMEDU@ice.dhs.gov

State Highlights: California

Tom Donohoe

Pacific AETC—Los Angeles Area



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)



FTCC U.S./Mexico Border Collaborative

Timely topics on HIV & border related issues.

Free CME/CE! Live webinars with Q/A period!

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



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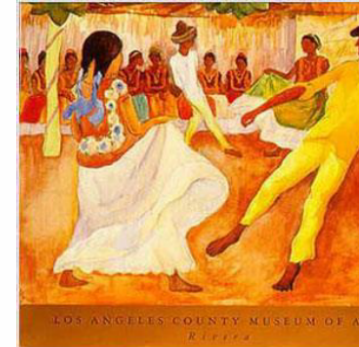
El Centro de Capacitación y Educación sobre el SIDA del Pacífico, el Centro Internacional Curry de la Tuberculosis, el Centro de Capacitación para la Prevención de las ITS/VIH de California, el Centro de Transferencia Tecnológica para la Adicción del Pacífico Suroccidental, Cardea Services, el Centro 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



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- ❖ Curry International Tuberculosis Center
- ❖ California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center
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- ❖ Clínicas de Salud del Pueblo
- ❖ U.S./Mexico Border Health Commission

State Highlights: Arizona

Britt Nigon

Pacific AETC—Arizona



Arizona: Enhancing Continuity of Care in Arizona and Sonora

Day 1: Tour of Sonoran Health Care Facilities



Nogales
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CAPASITS

Day 2: Binational Continuity of Care Symposium:



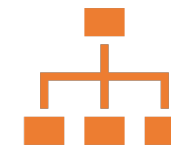
Reviewed TB & HIV
data in Sonora and
Arizona



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.

Arizona: 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.”



Arizona: HIV Training for Promotoras de Salud & Mexican Consulate Staff, 2018



Photo credit: Kelly Presnell / Arizona Daily Star 2015

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Sin Vergüenza

SEASON THREE



May 18, 2018: Promotoras de Salud

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.*

Arizona: HIV Training for Promotoras de Salud & Mexican Consulate Staff, 2019

- **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

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State Highlights: Texas

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South Central AETC



Texas: Promotora Training

Promotor de Salud/Community Health Worker Training Curriculum

- Utilize the Telenovela Sin Verguenza as a training modality
- Curriculum Certified for CHW Continuing Education Credits
- Audience: CHW/Promotores de Salud
 - Laredo, TX
 - Eagles Pass
 - Rio Grande Valley, TX
 - El Paso, TX
 - La Cruces, NM

UT El Paso Training



Texas: Bi-National Event

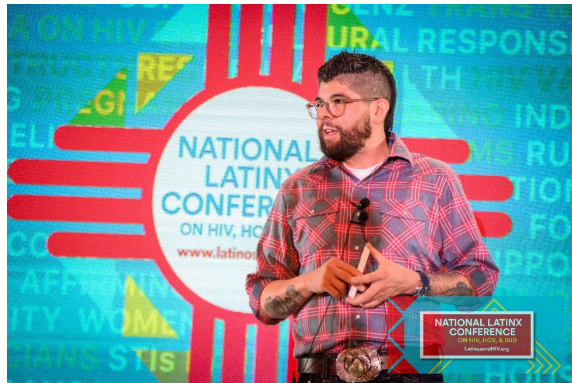
Bi-National Border Work – Texas & Tamaulipas

- 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)

2019 Bi-National WAD Delegates

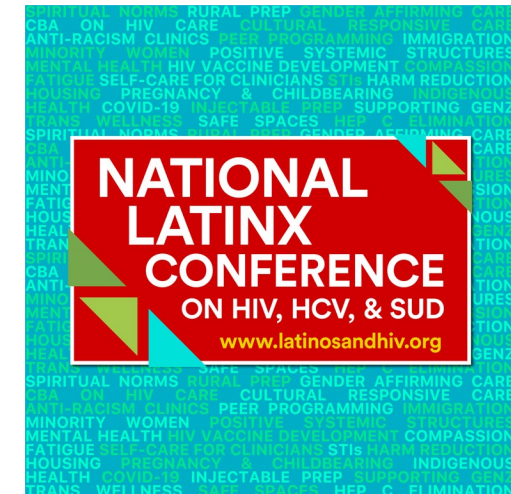


Texas: National Latinx Conference



National Latinx Conference on HIV/HCV/SUD

- 2 ½ Day Conference
- Focus on Latinx Health Disparities
- Audience:
 - Clinicians
 - Case Workers
 - CHW's
- 700 in person
- 350 virtual



State Highlights: New Mexico

Pedro Coronado

South Central AETC



New Mexico: 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.



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.

Finding Resources Online

Tom Donohoe for
Nicole Mandel, AETC National Coordinating Resource Center



Google “Patients Returning to...”



patients returning to mexico



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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.

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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 ...

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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 ...

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Fact Sheet Timeline

- Mexico launched August 2011
- Central America added 2013
- Belize added 2015
- ICE Tip Sheet added 2017
- Dominican Republic added 2020

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- Phoenix
- Tucson
- San Francisco
- Albuquerque
- Chicago
- Austin
- San Antonio
- Ashburn
- Washington
- Beijing
- Coffeyville
- McAllen
- Seattle
- Denver
- Yuma
- Boston
- El Centro
- Eagle Pass

Recognitions

- 2006 Ryan White AETC Leadership Award
- 2008 Border Heroes Mexico City IAC
- 2009 Human Rights Watch International “Best Practice”
- 2012 Border Heroes Washington DC IAC
- More recent profiles in ICE, TB, other periodicals?

Plans for Future

- Hopeful to return to in-person meetings/trainings 😊
- Longer term continuity of care and other border themes that support EHE
- Continued collaborations with our federal partners
- Working with US ICE for more coordinated continuity of care and warm handoffs where possible for people with HIV releasing to US or returning to Mexico, Central America, and the Dominican Republic

Questions and Answers

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