# RYAN WHITE SERVICES & RESOURCES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER: FY 2025 - Q1



# 30 YEARS OF RYAN WHITE: HONORING THE LEGACY, IGNITING THE FUTURE

On June 5, RWSR proudly hosted a powerful event marking the 30th Anniversary of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program in New Orleans. Held in honor of Long-Term HIV Survivors Awareness Day, the event brought together community members, providers, and public health leaders, to celebrate decades of progress and reaffirm our collective commitment to ending the epidemic. The program included a press conference, intergenerational storytelling, a panel with voices of lived experience, and interactive exhibits designed to educate, reflect, and inspire.

A proclamation recognizing the impact of the Ryan White Program in New Orleans was issued to the New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council from the Mayor. This milestone event not only honored our past—it also reenergized our future efforts under Bounce to Zero and EHE.

#### **FISCAL TEAM**

FY 2024 grant year has been closed out with 99.9% of RW Part A funds expended. FY25 awards are in progress, and invoices being processed with partial funding received to ensure service continuity.

#### **UPCOMING**

Jail Parish Health Collab: July 17

Zero Stigma Day video screening: July 21

Register to attend here

Fast Track Cities: Aug 15

Quarterly Provider Meeting: Aug 28

U.S. Fast Track Cities Summit: Sep 15-17

By the Numbers...

**Q1 Unduplicated Clients Served** 

Part A/MAI: 3,274 PLWH

3.310 Total Clients

**EHE: 667 PLWH** 

813 Total Clients

Total Clients Served: 3,379 PLWH

3.560 Total Clients

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### **QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

Quality Improvement projects focused on improving client care and outcomes initiated by agencies in this quarter:

- Client Satisfaction Surveys 3 agencies
- Retention in Care 2 agencies
- Viral Load Suppression 4 agencies
- Housing Stability for Retention 2 agencies
- Health Education to Address Barriers 1 agency

#### **Service Category Outcomes:**

Improvement in viral suppression from FY24 to FY25:

- Health Education/Risk Reduction: from 75% to 81%
- Psychosocial Support: from 87% to 92%

We did it! NOEMA clients have reached viral suppression of 90%!

## WELCOMING OUR YOUTHFORCE NOLA INTERN - JON'QUILL BUTLER

We are excited to welcome Jon'Quill Butler, our summer intern through the YouthForce NOLA program! Jon'Quill will support youth-focused programming and play a key role in pilot testing the new Stigma Busters curriculum, aimed at empowering young people to lead conversations around HIV, equity, and stigma reduction. Her creativity, passion, and fresh perspective are already making an impact. We are proud to invest in the next generation of public health leaders.

## (EHE) UPDATES Hosted EHE Triannual Meeting on April 10

**ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC** 

- Hosted EHE Triannual Meeting on April 10, providing in-person TA to subrecipients
- Revised campaign materials using focus group feedback
- Began Bounce to Zero website overhaul for improved service access and online linkage tools
- Planning July 21 Zero HIV Stigma Day video screening and legal Q&A at Gallier Hall
- Expanding access to care through new avenues with Central Linkage Coordinator

## OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Community Health Workers hosted 18 outreach events this quarter and served 111 individuals, including 88 PLWH.

The CHW team promoted Bounce to Zero, distributed free at-home test kits, and offered real-time linkage to supportive services across the city. Skills training and agency expansion efforts continue to broaden reach and improve care navigation.

### **NORAPC UPDATES**

Committees are actively preparing for FY26 priority setting, continuing to emphasize community voice, trauma-informed outreach, and equity.

Highlights include:

- Launch of the NORAPC AI tool to support meeting facilitation and resource development
- Priorities Setting Week: July 21 25
- Resource Allocation Week: Aug 18-22
- Community Coalition coordination of targeted Pride and National HIV Testing Day outreach
- 30th Anniversary contributions: exhibit creation, interactive QR displays
- Vice-Chair election scheduled for July
- Proactive recruitment to fill demographic gaps in membership







