

# NEW ENGLAND HIV IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE NETWORK *Spotlight*

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## *Developing a Comprehensive Model of the HIV Care Continuum in Nine Small Cities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island*

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The HIV Care Continuum (HCC) is a model used by local, state, and federal agencies and healthcare organizations to assess the delivery of treatment to people living with HIV. Little is known about the HCC in small U.S. cities. Using a mixed methods approach, we are gathering and assessing HCC-related data, in conjunction with geospatial and qualitative data, to create a more comprehensive HCC model for nine small cities in Southern New England that can be used to identify successes and challenges along the HCC and facilitate development and testing of city-specific HIV interventions to improve outcomes.

### **KEY INSIGHTS/PROGRESS:**

We have conducted 40 of the 45 planned in-depth key informant interviews with state health department staff and service providers at HIV service organizations in the nine cities. We are developing a coding schema and beginning the analysis of qualitative data. We have obtained HCC data from the state health departments in MA, RI, and CT. We have geocoded addresses of HCC service providers in all nine cities,

including HIV testing sites, agencies offering HIV Case management, Ryan White providers, pharmacies, community health clinics, mental health clinics, and syringe exchange programs. We have created descriptive maps depicting the locations of these services and HCC outcomes.

### **PROJECT TEAM AND PARTNERS:**

Thomas Stopka (Co-PI - Tufts); Laretta Grau (Co-PI - Yale); Robert Heimer (Co-I - Yale); Amy Nunn (Co-I - Brown). Staff: Marga Hutcheson (Tufts); Caitlin Towey (Brown); Abbie Kundishora (Yale). State Health Departments: MA (Dawn Fukuda, Linda Goldman, Betsey John); RI (Thomas Bertrand, Teddy Marak, Paul Loberti); CT (Suzanne Speers, Marianne Buchelli, Ramon Rodriguez-Santana). Numerous community based agencies and AIDS service organizations across the 9 cities.

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