

# AL EHE DATA COLLECTION PLAN

SOURCE OF INFORMATION	METHOD	INSTRUMENT	NUMBER
PROVIDERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telephone interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview guide</li> </ul>	18
PWH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveys</li> <li>Focus groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PWH survey form</li> <li>Focus group guide</li> </ul>	200
PERSONS AT-RISK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveys</li> <li>Focus groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk survey form</li> <li>Focus group guide</li> </ul>	1,000
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus group guide</li> </ul>	TBD

## PROVIDER INTERVIEW GUIDE

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

We will be asking questions that elicit the following information:

- What exists now?
- What should be?
- What are the barriers to what should be?
- What could facilitate improved model?
- What suggestions do you have that would enable the state to achieve the EHE goals?

PROVIDER INTERVIEW GUIDE	
DIAGNOSE	
OUTCOME	QUESTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased routine opt-out HIV screening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you know about opt-out screening?</li> <li>Is opt-out screening a good idea?</li> <li>Would your agency favor opt-out screening? Why or why not?</li> <li>What would be barriers to implementing opt-out screening?</li> <li>What would allow agencies that are not in favor to adopt the practice?</li> <li>Is there an alternative to opt-out screening that would increase testing among those at risk for HIV?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased local availability of and accessibility to HIV testing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where do people in your community get HIV tests?</li> <li>How do people in your community find out about HIV test sites?</li> <li>Is there a coordinated campaign within the healthcare community that promotes HIV testing?</li> <li>Are there an adequate number of HIV test sites in your community?</li> <li>What information do people in your community need to know about HIV test sites?</li> <li>What prevents people from using the current HIV test sites?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased HIV screening and re-screening among persons at elevated risk for HIV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do people in your community determine if they should be tested for HIV? What prevents people from getting tested for HIV?</li> <li>Is there a stigma attached to HIV testing in your community? What do your patients tell you about accessing HIV tests?</li> <li>What do you suggest to increase HIV testing rates for those who need testing?</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased knowledge of HIV status</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In your opinion, what percentage of HIV positive persons know of their status? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>change over the past 12 months in the percentage of HIV positive persons in your locale who knows their HIV status?</li> </ul> </li> <li>What would make it easier for people to know their HIV status?</li> <li>What would motivate those at risk to be tested?</li> <li>What has been the most effective strategies to encourage people to get tested that you have seen?</li> <li>What strategies would be successful in getting your most resistant client to be tested?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced new HIV diagnoses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What would be the most effective interventions to reduce new HIV infections?</li> <li>What are the factors that are undermining efforts to reduce HIV infections?</li> <li>What populations are most at risk? Why?</li> <li>What have we not discussed that you would like to talk about?</li> </ul>

## TREAT

OUTCOME	QUESTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased rapid linkage to HIV medical care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On average, about how long does it take for most people newly-diagnosed with HIV to receive medical care?</li> <li>Where do newly-diagnosed people typically seek care for HIV?</li> <li>What are the barriers to accessing care?</li> <li>What helps people newly-diagnosed begin medical care for the infection?</li> <li>What other sites of medical care would you like to see offering services to people newly-diagnosed with HIV?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased early initiation of ART</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In your agency, what is the typical time interval between diagnosis and initiation of ART?</li> <li>What reactions to patients have to discussion of initiation of ART?</li> <li>How compliant are your patients typically to the ART regimen?</li> <li>What are the barriers, if any, that your agency encounters in initiating ART for patients?</li> <li>What barriers do clients face in initiating ART?</li> <li>What would make it easier for patients to access ART?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased immediate re-engagement to HIV prevention and treatment services for PWH who have disengaged from care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In general, what percentage of your patients are lost to care?</li> <li>What strategies does your or other agencies use to get those out of care, back into treatment?</li> <li>How successful are these strategies?</li> <li>What reasons do your patients give for suspending medical care?</li> <li>What patient factors predict for you who might disengage from medical care?</li> <li>Is there any strategy that you would like to implement that you believe would successfully get patients back into care?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased receipt of HIV medical care among PWH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does your agency have a specific system for tracking patients who may have disengaged in care?</li> <li>Does your agency have a formal process for following up with disengaged patients?</li> <li>What strategies have you employed or seen that are particularly successful?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased viral suppression among PWH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the most important components of medical care to assure viral suppression among your patients with HIV?</li> </ul>

## PREVENT

OUTCOME	QUESTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased screening for PrEP indications among HIV-negative clients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does your agency gain access to HIV-negative patients who might be eligible for PrEP?</li> <li>What additional strategies would you like to implement to gain access to HIV- negative patients who may be eligible for PrEP?</li> <li>What criteria do you use to determine who is PrEP eligible?</li> <li>How do your clients typically respond when PrEP is suggested?</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased referral and rapid linkage of persons with indications for PrEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does your agency provide prescriptions for PrEP?</li> <li>How effective is the referral network for persons with PrEP indications?</li> <li>What is the approximate percentage of people with PrEP indications that initiate treatment?</li> <li>Do patients tend to present for treatment, when referred?</li> <li>How successful are attempts to assure that patients on PrEP maintain compliance?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased access to SSPs</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased PrEP prescriptions among persons with indications for PrEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you believe that all of those who have indication for PrEP are offered prescriptions?</li> <li>If not, what is preventing them from being prescribed PrEP?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased knowledge about the evidence-base of SSPs in communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is your opinion of the Syringe Services Program?</li> <li>Do your patients request SSP?</li> <li>What are the objections raised in the community about SSP?</li> <li>What would make SSP acceptable to the community?</li> <li>What legislative efforts might be effective in adopting SSP?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased quality of evidence-based SSP service delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How might an SSP work in Alabama?</li> </ul>

## RESPOND

OUTCOME	QUESTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased health department and community engagement for cluster detection and response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What ADPH strategies would assist your community in identifying and responding to clusters?</li> <li>What community strategies could your community enact to assist ADPH in identifying and responding to clusters?</li> <li>What funding policies should be undertaken for response to clusters and outbreaks?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved surveillance data for real time cluster detection and response</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved policies and funding mechanisms to respond to and contain HIV clusters and outbreaks</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved response to HIV transmission clusters and outbreaks</li> </ul>	