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CAPTC secures CDC grant to continue supporting the HIV prevention workforce

New award marks third consecutive 5-year funding for CAPTC

Oakland, Calif. –The California Prevention Training Center (CAPTC) was awarded a highly competitive grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support its work building capacity for healthcare professionals to prevent and treat HIV. This is the third consecutive time the CAPTC's Capacity-Building Assistance program has been funded by the CDC for a 5-year grant cycle.

The CAPTC is one of only 17 organizations nationwide who secured funding to support the CDC's new skills-building program, known as the <u>Capacity Building Assistance</u> (CBA) for High Impact HIV Prevention Program Integration.

The advantage to this configuration is that CBA grantees provide technical assistance and skills-building services focused within one region of the United States – Northeast, South, Midwest or West. Previously, the CAPTC CBA team provided services to health departments throughout the U.S. and its territories.

The CAPTC CBA team, in partnership with the Denver Prevention Training Center and the City & County of San Francisco Department of Public Health, comprise the Western region CBA providers. The new regional approach provides the opportunity for CBAs to establish and facilitate long-term working relationships with the CDC-funded state and local health departments and community-based organizations (CBOs) within their region while creating and delivering CBA-related support tailored to the individual needs of those entities.

Grantees will support state and local health jurisdictions and CBOs through technical assistance and skills-building as they address the unique barriers to HIV care and prevention facing communities.

The new capacity-building program, which began on April 1, 2019, supports the proposed new federal initiative, <u>Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America</u>. The

program will work to strengthen the capacity of the HIV prevention workforce to support the nation's goal of no new HIV infections by:

- ensuring all people living with HIV are aware of their infection and successfully linked to medical care and treatment to achieve viral suppression and
- 2) expanding access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), condoms and other proven strategies for people at high risk of becoming infected.

For more details on the CDC's <u>Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) for High Impact HIV</u> <u>Prevention Program Integration</u> award and program offerings, <u>click here</u>.

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The California Prevention Training Center (CAPTC) is comprised of multidisciplinary experts in the fields of public health and medicine striving to realize health equity in communities throughout California and beyond. Since 1989, CAPTC has offered tailored technical assistance and trainings to support thousands of health professionals nationally and internationally in delivering high-quality, comprehensive, inclusive care related to STD/HIV and sexual and reproductive health. To learn more visit californiaptc.com.