

NEW JERSEY'S HIV LANDSCAPE 2018

GAY MEN'S HIV AWARENESS DAY SUMMIT
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Division of HIV, STD and TB Services

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Despite significant declines in HIV infection since the early years of the epidemic, gay and bisexual men (GBM) continue to be the population at highest risk for HIV and many STDs in New Jersey.

As of 12/31/2017, there are 21,091 MSM (18,515 MSM, 2,576 MSM&IDU) cumulatively diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in NJ. Thirty-one percent of all people living with HIV/AIDS in the state are MSM.

Men in the MSM transmission category (MSM & MSM/IDU) accounted for 38% of the adult and adolescent HIV/AIDS cases reported in 2017 for NJ.

The epidemic disproportionately affects Black and Latino GBM.

The epidemic also disproportionately affects young Black and Latino GBM, ages 13 to 35 .

Please refer to your fact sheet for more information about age, race/ethnicity, and county.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

NEW JERSEY'S HIV PREVENTION INTERVENTION PORTFOLIO

➤ **BIOMEDICAL INTERVENTIONS**

- ✓ HIV Testing
- ✓ Treatment as Prevention (TasP)
- ✓ HIV Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

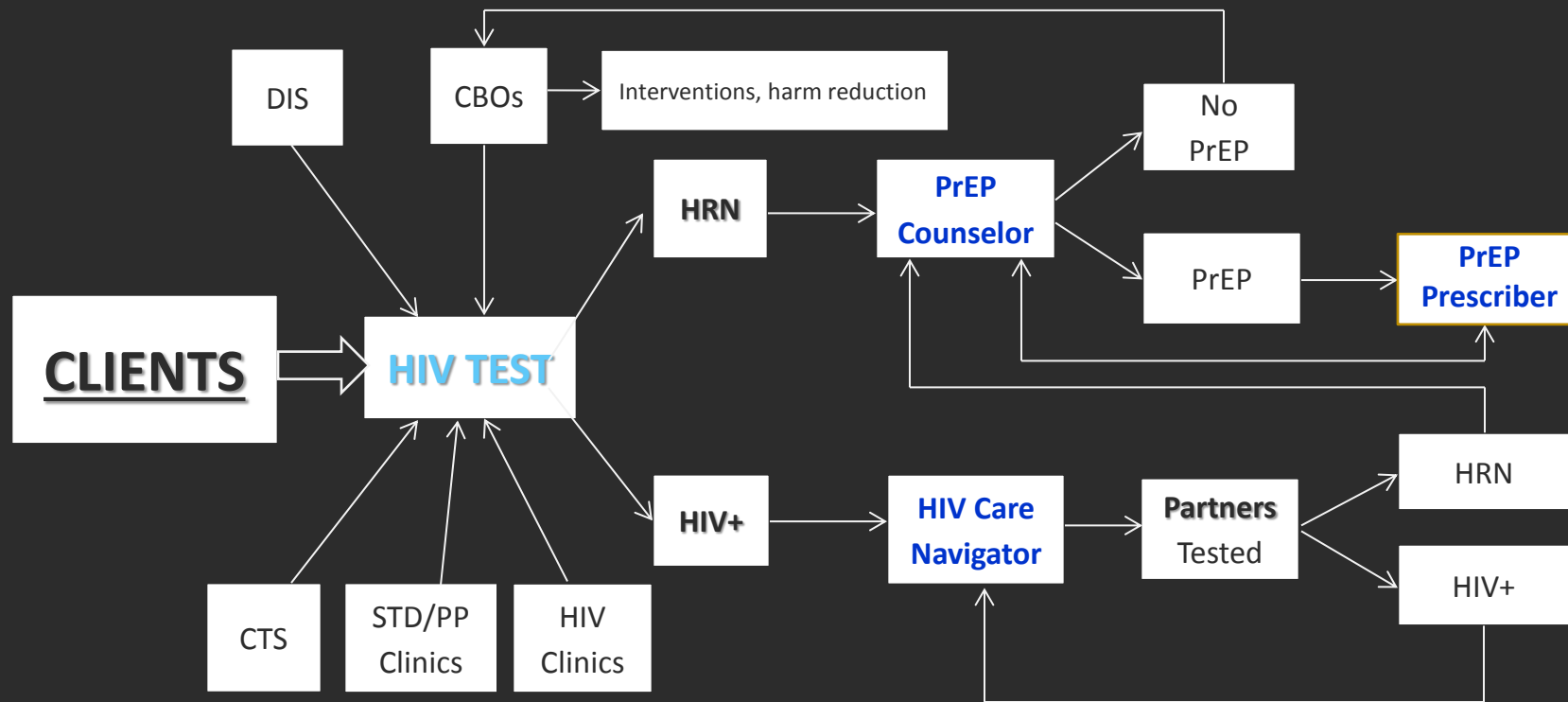
➤ **TARGETED BEHAVIORAL and STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS**

- ✓ Individual-level interventions
- ✓ Group-level interventions
- ✓ Harm reduction

➤ **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- ✓ NJ AIDS/STD Hotline 800.624.2377

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WORKFLOW



DIS = Disease Intervention Specialists (DHSTS Partner Services staff) **CBOs** = Community-based organizations
CTS = Counseling and testing sites **HRN** = High-risk negatives **STD/PP** = Sexually transmitted disease/Planned parenthood

TESTING

- In 2017, DHSTS-funded programs tested 80,000 individuals.
 - 7,547 of them were GBM.

INTERVENTIONS

- mPowerment: community-level intervention based on an empowerment model with a core group of young GBM; involves skills-building exercises.
 - 228 clients enrolled, 150 completed
- 3MV: group-level intervention for black GBM that addresses cultural, social, and religious norms, and identity.
 - 59 clients enrolled, 54 completed

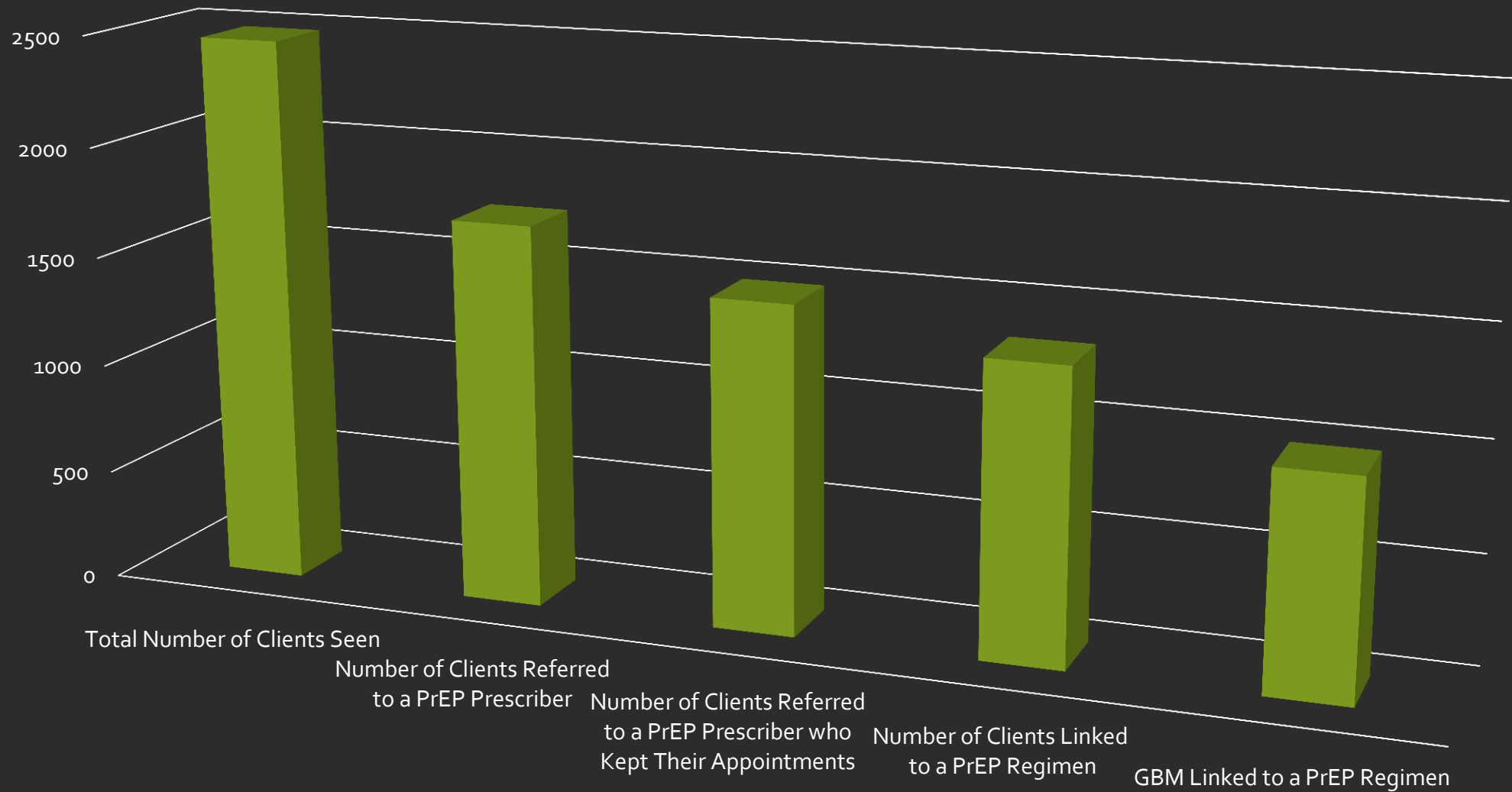
PrEP

- August 1, 2018: There are **32** funded PrEP Counselors in **31** programs across the state.
 - 14 are co-located with HIV prevention projects that serve GBM.
 - 12 are in HIV clinics.
 - 1 is an adolescent/young adult medicine clinic.
 - 1 is in an STD clinic.
 - 1 is women focused.
 - 2 are in Planned Parenthoods.
- What do PrEP Counselors do?
 - PrEP education and readiness, and risk reduction.
 - Assess client insurance, complete prior authorizations.
 - Refer client to PrEP prescriber.
 - Monitor and assist with PrEP adherence.
 - Provide supportive referrals.
 - Create community PrEP awareness.

And more!



PrEP DATA, 2016 – June 2018



WHAT'S NEXT?

U=U AND BIOMEDICAL PREVENTION

- What does this mean for the future of the epidemic?
 - Dismantling stigma in our communities.
 - Focusing on health, regardless of status.
 - Strong argument for increased access to screening/testing, treatment, and care.

EXPANDING ACCESS

- Increased departmental support for, and push for, more LGBTQ Health Centers.
 - LGBTQ Health Center of VNACJ Community Health Center, Asbury Park, August 2018

HARM REDUCTION EXPANSION

- Syringe Access Programs to become **Harm Reduction Centers**.
 - New CDC funding for expansion of the Harm Reduction Counselor role and services.
 - Increased emphasis on case management services.
- Pursuing the development of additional Harm Reduction Centers in NJ.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Please use this forum to help us better serve you and your community.

THANK YOU



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