

STATUS NEUTRAL

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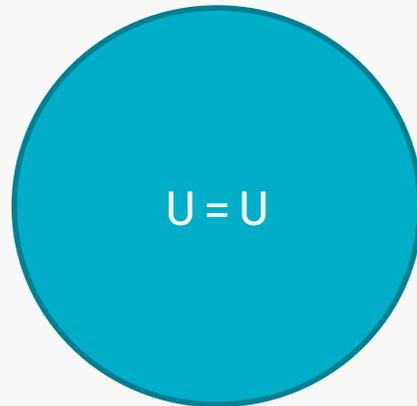
–Dr. Maya Angelou



Objectives

1. Define and discuss a status-neutral approach to HIV prevention and care as a public health strategy
2. Illustrate its relevance in care and prevention as evidenced by its effectiveness in the NYC health department
3. Explore how components of this approach are currently in use in the region and what methods can be employed to make them more effective

Redefining Prevention and Care



Status-Neutral

WHAT IS A STATUS-NEUTRAL APPROACH?

Barriers to HIV Prevention and Care

- HIV testing, treatment, and prevention are often offered separately
- HIV services are not consistently incorporated into other routine healthcare
- Securing supportive services that addresses social determinants of health

Barriers to HIV Prevention and Care: Systemic Stigma

- Systemic stigma is another barrier to prevention and care
- Providers may often convey implicit biases
- Quality of care may be impacted by these biases

Identified Systemic Challenges & Structural Barriers



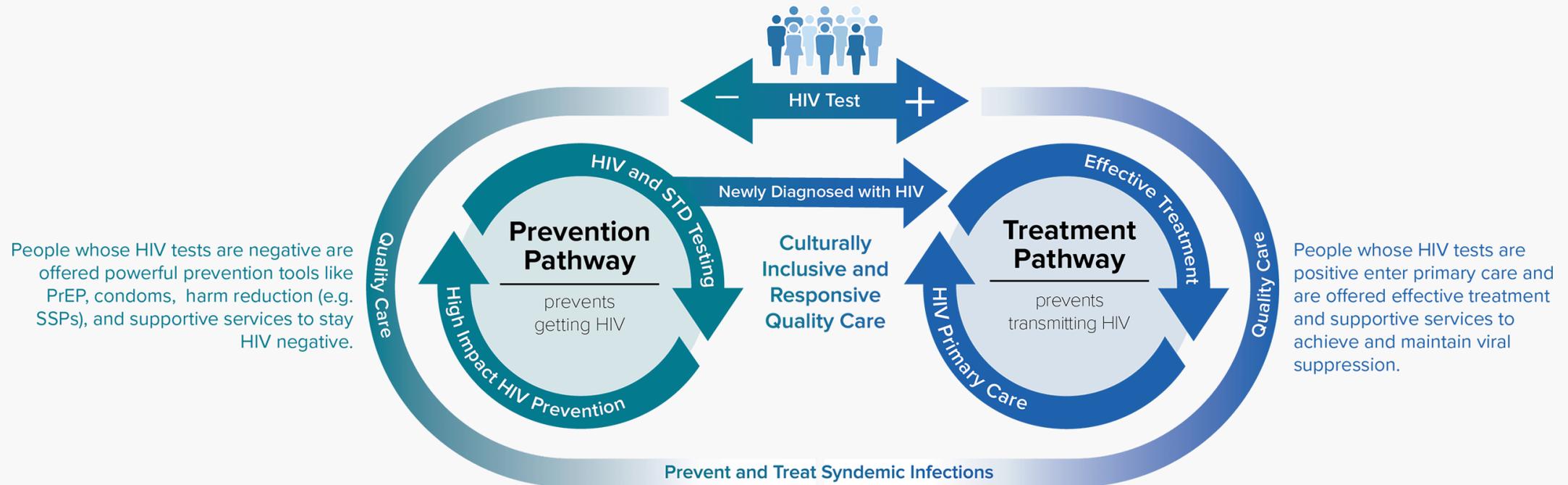
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“Whole Person Approach”

Status Neutral HIV Prevention and Care



Follow CDC guidelines to test people for HIV. Regardless of HIV status, quality care is the foundation of HIV prevention and effective treatment. Both pathways provide people with the tools they need to stay healthy and stop HIV.

(CDC, 2022)

Case Example

Meet Camden



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Preliminary Positive Result

Meet Kevin



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Negative Result

Camden

Preliminary Positive Result



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- Confirming diagnosis
- Linking him to a provider
- Conducting a comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment
- Securing referrals to services
- Establishing a service plan
- Continually reviewing the service plan

Kevin

Negative Result

- Given condoms
- Assessed for eligibility and readiness to engage in PrEP
- Given a list of PrEP providers

One year later:

- Receives a positive result
 - Unstably housed
 - Unable to navigate community resources
 - Engaging in sex for housing



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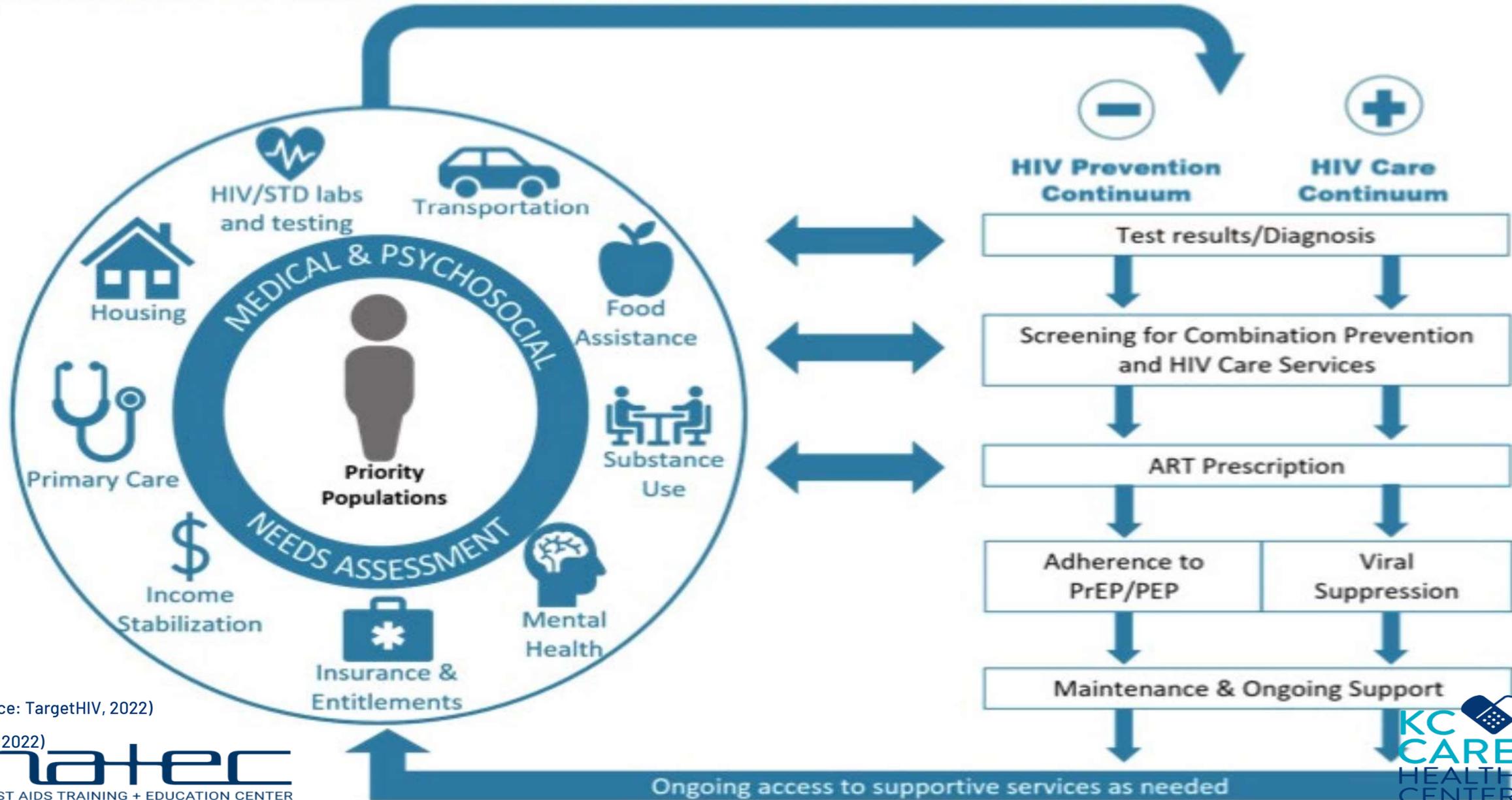
Key Elements of a Status-Neutral Approach

- Regardless of test results, clients should be fully assessed and linked to appropriate services
- Focuses on “one-door” comprehensive system of care, prevention and support services
- Modifies the traditional continuum from a condition specific approach to a holistic, needs based approach

Key Elements of a Status-Neutral Approach Continued

- Places a high priority on assessment and addressing social determinants of health
- Emphasizes the use of culturally inclusive and responsive quality care and prevention services
- Places a focus on the use of community health workers, navigators, and adherence coaches

STATUS NEUTRAL AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL



(Image Source: TargetHIV, 2022)

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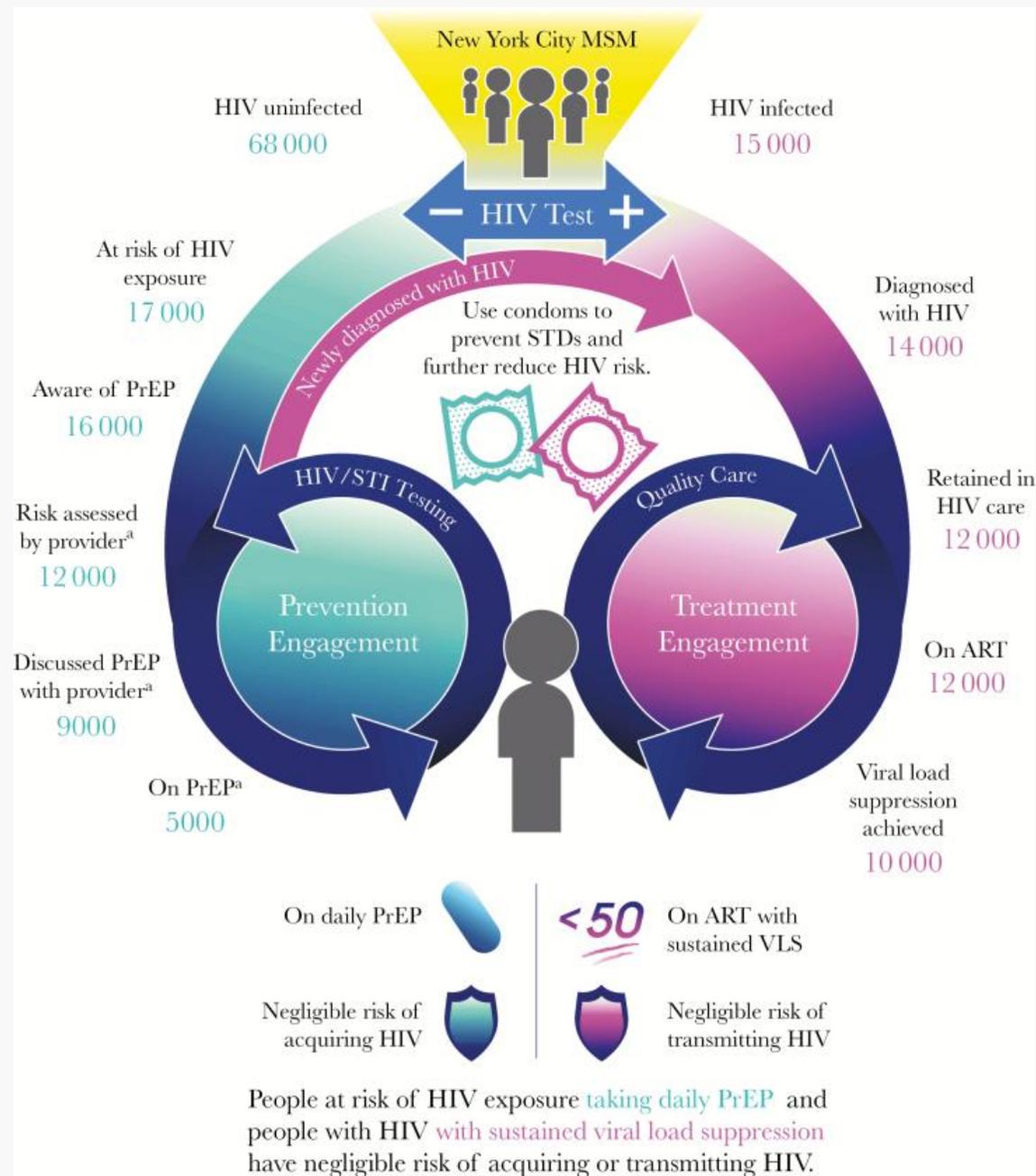
Benefits of a Status Neutral Approach

- Decrease the number of new HIV infections
- Increase opportunities to maximize effectiveness in service delivery by reducing duplication in efforts
- Improvements in health equity for populations accessing these services
- Supports and enables the achievement of optimal health outcomes
- Promotes collaboration between systems and organizations

Challenges to Implementing a Status Neutral Approach

- Limited resources and staff
- Lack of Coordination
- Condition-based funding
- Buy-in
- Aligned messaging and programming

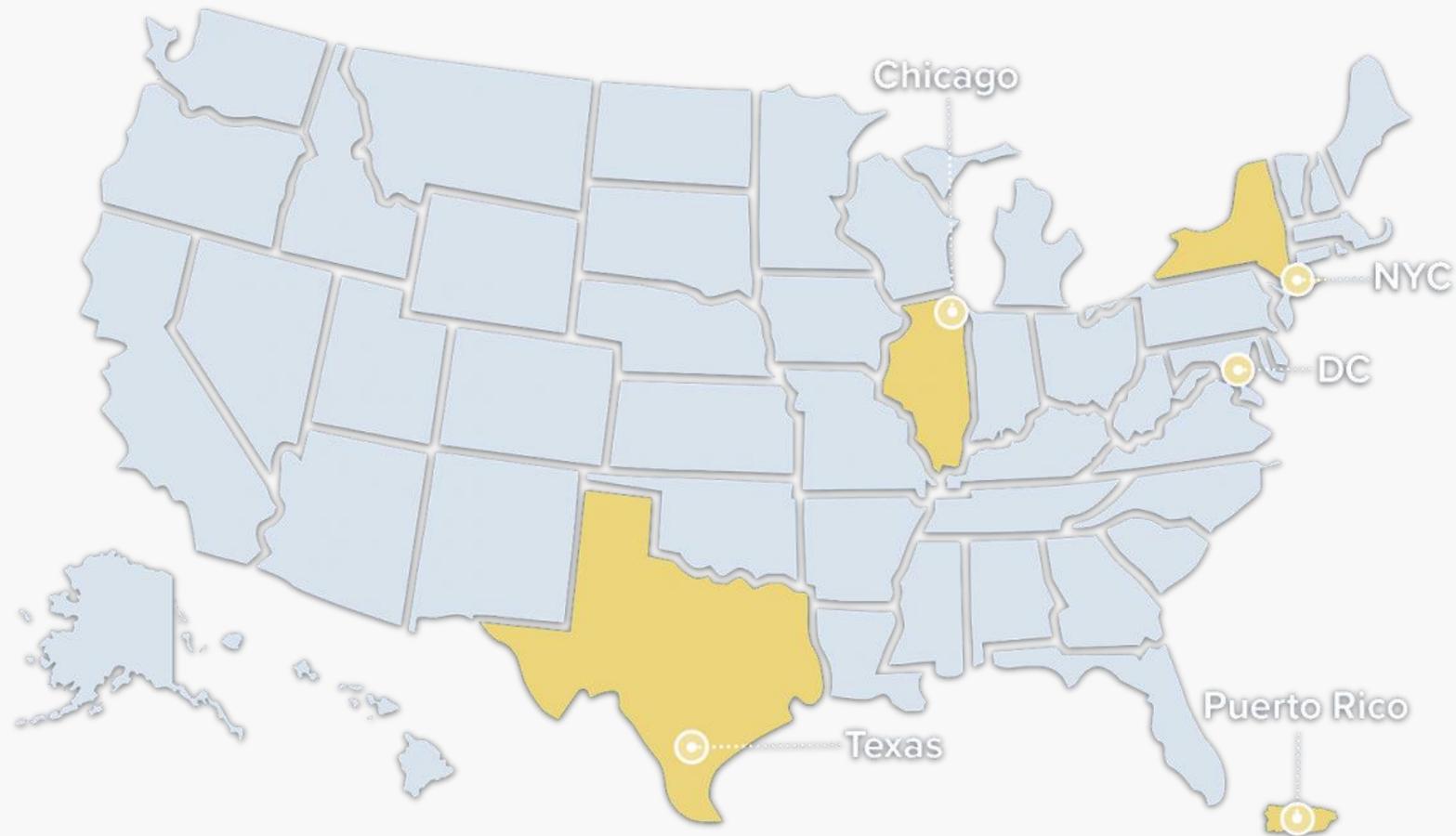
RELEVANCE/EFFECTIVENESS OF A STATUS NEUTRAL APPROACH



NEW YORK CITY'S HIV STATUS NEUTRAL PREVENTION & TREATMENT CYCLE



Status-Neutral HIV Care in Action Across the U.S.



STATUS NEUTRALITY IN OUR REGION

What's Happening in MO & KS

One-stop-shop

Ryan White
Case
Management

PrEP

Collaborations

Areas of Opportunity for MO & KS

Standardization
of tools

Services in the
prevention arm

Use of
Community
Health Workers/
Navigators

Intentional
collaboration

Continued
assessment

Conclusion

- Reviewed and discussed a status-neutral approach to HIV prevention and care
 - Including benefits and challenges
- Illustrated relevance as used by the NYC Health Department and other states
 - As well as other states that are integrating this approach
- Reviewed principles of status neutrality currently being used in our region

MATEC Resources

- National Clinician Consultation Center
<http://nccc.ucsf.edu/>
 - HIV Management
 - Perinatal HIV
 - HIV PrEP
 - HIV PEP line
 - HCV Management
 - Substance Use Management
- AETC National HIV Curriculum
<https://aidsetc.org/nhc>
- AETC National HIV-HCV Curriculum
<https://aidsetc.org/hivhcv>
- Hepatitis C Online
<https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu>
- AETC National Coordinating Resource Center
<https://aidsetc.org/>
- Additional Trainings <https://matec.info>

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