



**HRSA/SPNS INITIATIVE BUILDING
A MEDICAL HOME FOR MULTIPLY
DIAGNOSED HIV-POSITIVE
HOMELESS/UNSTABLY HOUSED
PERSONS**

Target Population



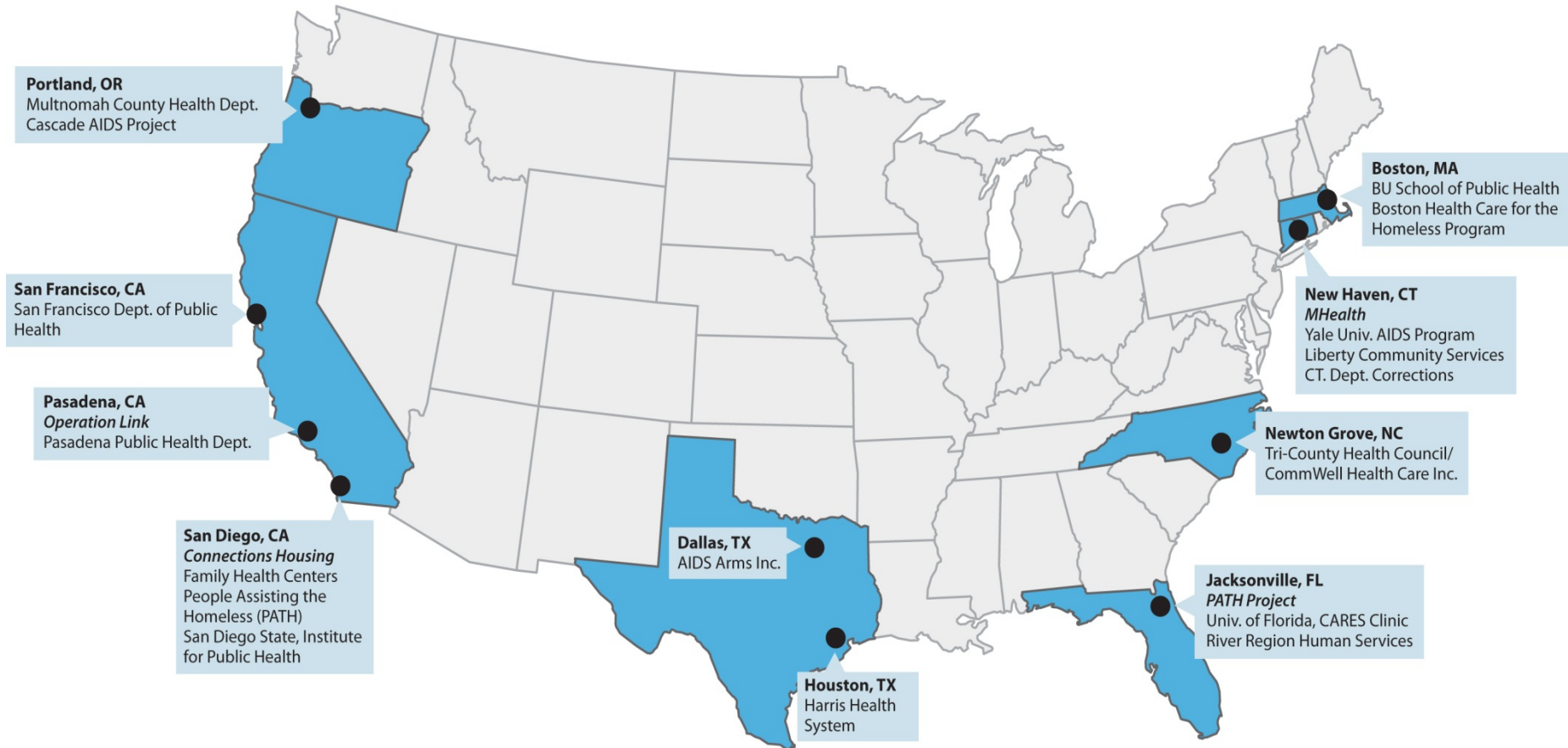
- **Persons living with HIV/AIDS who are 18 years of age or older**
- **Persons who are homeless or unstably housed**
 - Literally homeless;
 - Unstably housed
 - Fleeing domestic violence
- **Persons with one or more co-occurring mental health or substance use disorders**

The Sites



- **3 health departments**
- **1 family health clinic**
- **1 rural clinic**
- **1 stand alone AIDS clinic**
- **3 university affiliated HIV Clinics**

HRSA/SPNS Initiative: Building a Medical Home for HIV Homeless Populations



Goal: To engage homeless/unstably housed persons living with HIV who have mental illness and/or substance use disorders in HIV and behavioral health care and obtain stable housing

Common Threads



- **Care coordinators**
- **Partnering with housing agencies**
 - 2 sites actually share space with housing agencies
- **Medical Homes**
 - Need for behavioral health integration
 - ✦ Various approaches from housing medical care in Substance use/behavioral health clinic to outside referrals
 - Importance of team communication – often care coordinators are the key

Challenges Individual



- **Active/increased substance use**
- **Untreated mental illness**
- **Criminal/incarceration history**
- **Trauma**
- **Stigma**
- **No or limited income**
- **Medical comorbidities**
- **Communication issues**
- **Immigration Status**
- **Frequent ER visits**
- **Bad credit history**

Challenges - System



- Lack of housing stock
- Systemic stigma issues
- Lack of behavioral health care
- Fragmented system
- Poor coordination
 - Challenges around medical home
- Lack of funding for support after housing
- Complex city and state laws

Lessons Learned



- **Integration of BH, Medical and Case management is key**
 - Ongoing communication
- **Importance of supports after housing**
 - Maintain Health
 - Prevent relapse
 - Prevent loss of housing
- **Importance of Partnerships**
 - Housing, Medical, BH
- **Need for education around homeless health care**