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**The Housing Cascade
Provider Prospective on Using
Supportive Housing Data
to Evaluate Health Outcomes for
PLWH/A**

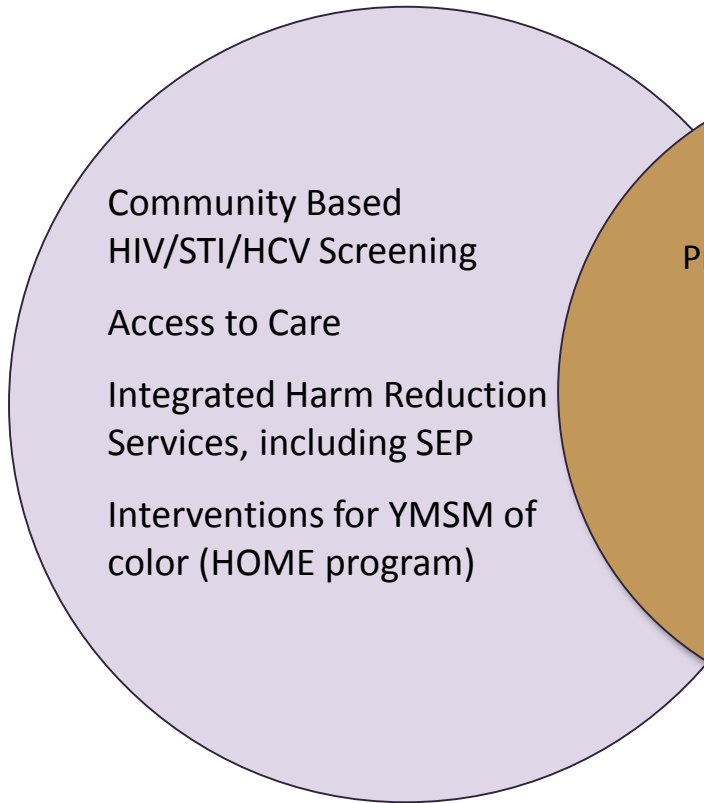
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Agency Mission

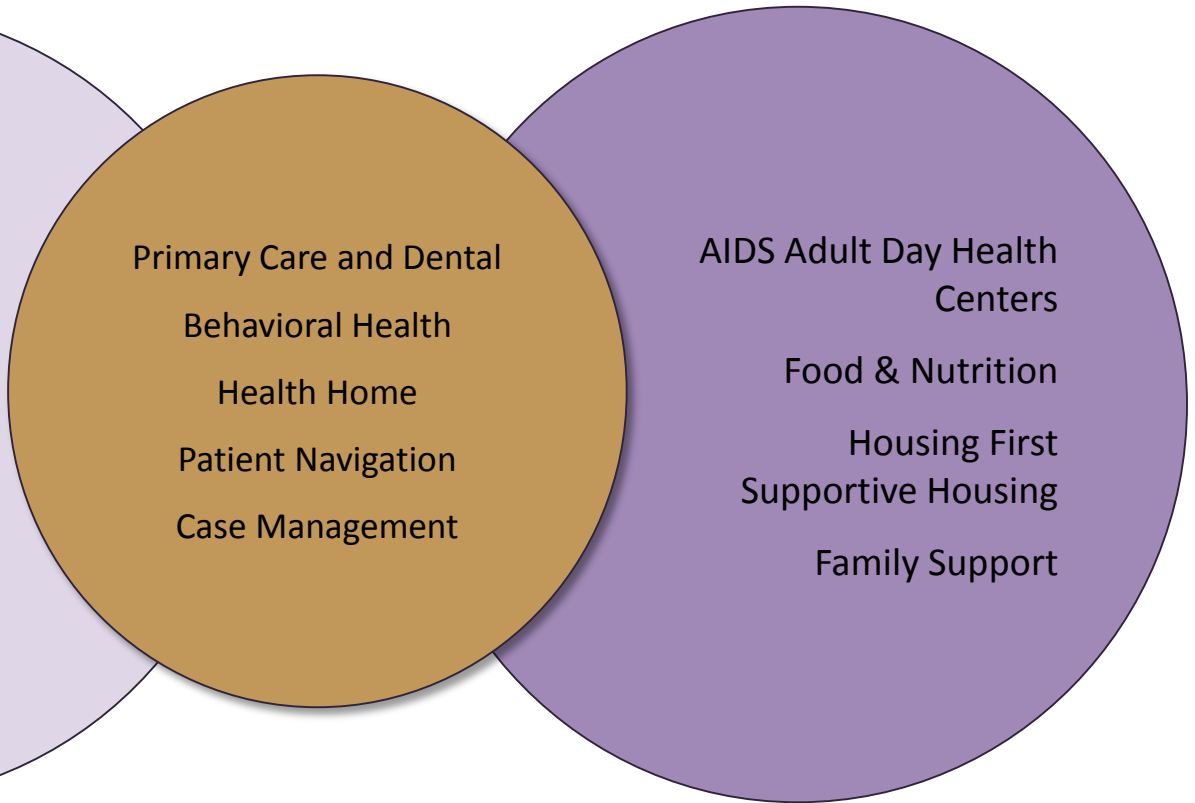
To provide 100% access to care with no disparities in health outcomes so that everyone—regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation—has an equal chance to be successfully treated.

Our Current Integrated Model

Community Health Services



Integrated HIV Services



Why Housing First?

Link Between Homelessness and HIV

- People coping with homelessness are at greater risk of becoming infected with HIV, and people living with HIV/AIDS experience high rates of housing loss and instability.
- People most at risk of HIV – men who have sex with men, persons of color, homeless youth, IV drug users, and impoverished women – are significantly more likely to become HIV infected over time if they lack stable housing.
- People who are homeless or unstably housed have HIV infection rates as much as 16 times higher than people who have a stable place to live.

Housing as a basic human right

- Housing is the greatest unmet need of Americans living with HIV/AIDS.
- For people with HIV/AIDS, housing is a matter of life or death.
- People with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or unstably housed have worse overall physical and mental health. Their CD4 counts are lower and their viral loads are higher. They are less likely to receive and adhere to antiretroviral therapy, and they are more likely to die prematurely.

HU's Housing Portfolio 2015

532 Units of Permanent Housing

- Majority is scatter site housing for single adults located in the Bronx
- 20% designated for families
- 2 congregate sites located in East and Central Harlem
- Most HU permanent housing requires open HASA case
- 24 scatter site units for adults with serious mental illness
- New scatter site program for Health Home clients who are homeless and HIV positive but *ineligible for HASA*

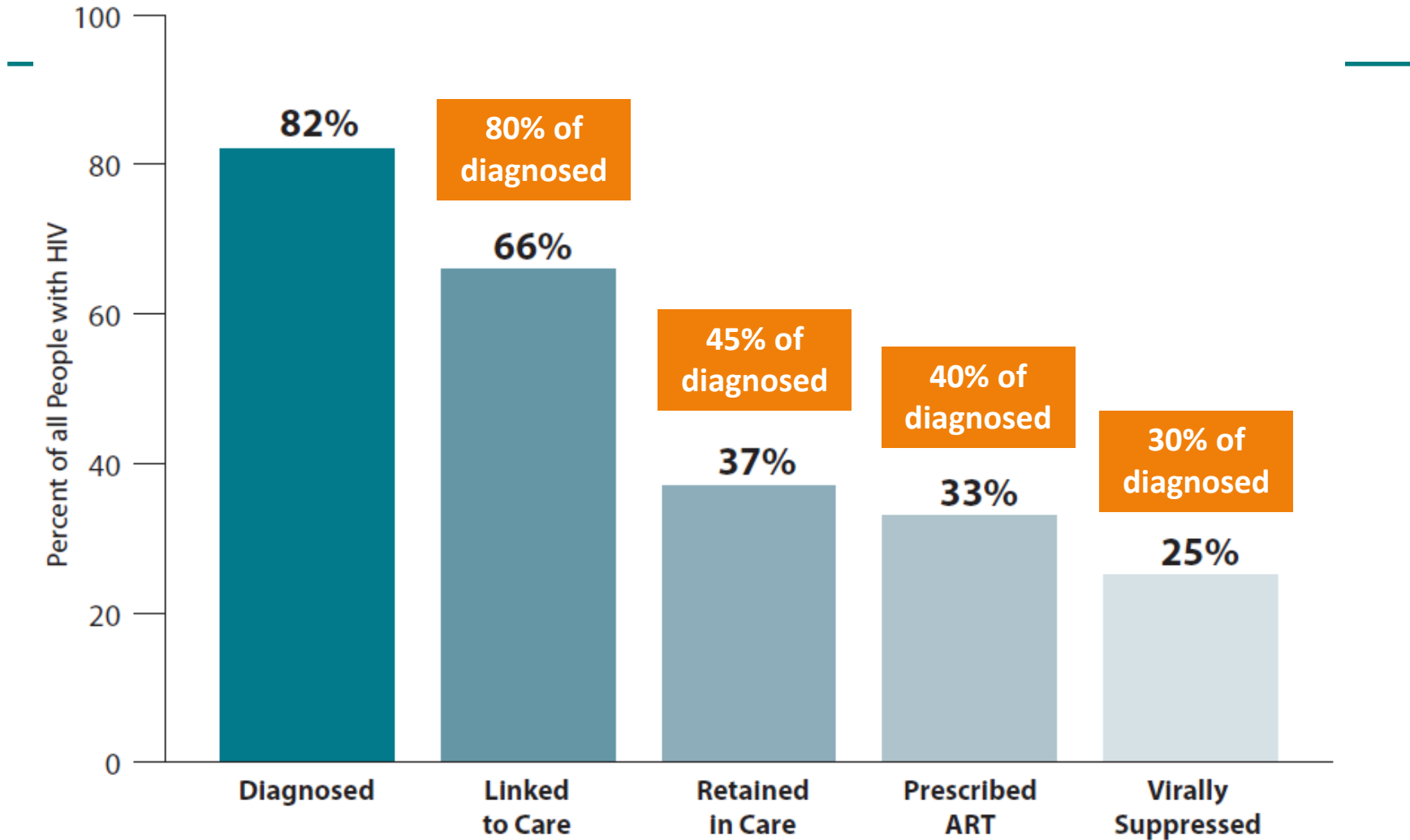
80 Units of Transitional Housing

- Single adults only (no families)
- Scatter site housing in Bronx; some in Brooklyn
- 1 emergency congregate site located in Upper Manhattan (6-month, short-term housing)

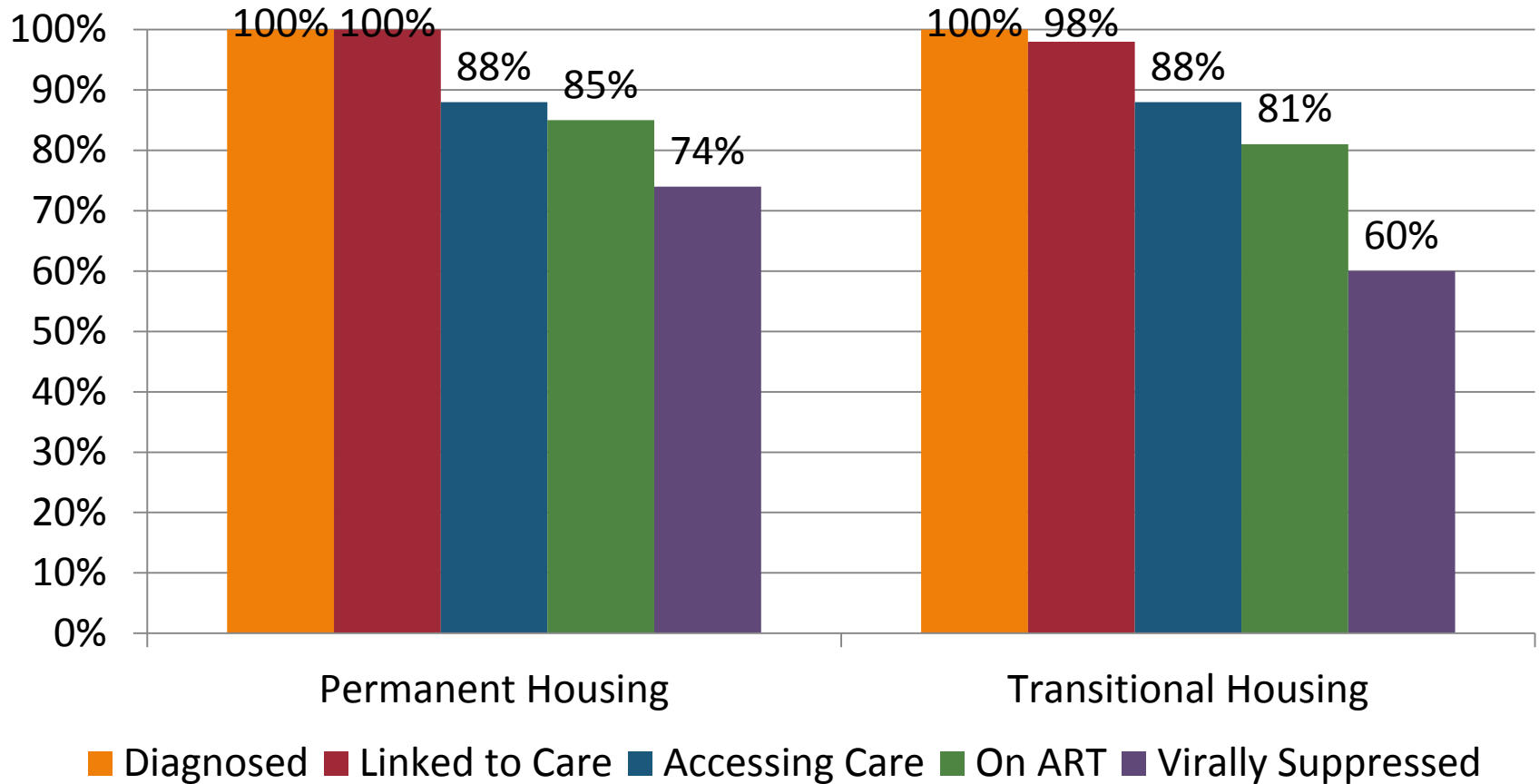
Housing Demographics

- **Gender**
 - **61% Male; 37% Female; 2% Transgender**
- **Race/Ethnicity**
 - **71% Black/African American**
 - **32% Hispanic/Latino**
- **Mean Age = 46.1**
- **Mental Health Diagnosis = 48%**
- **Substance Use Diagnosis = 83%**

US HIV Care Continuum, 2011



HU's Housing Cascade



Thank You

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