



# **UT Health San Antonio South Central AETC (AIDS Education Training Center)**

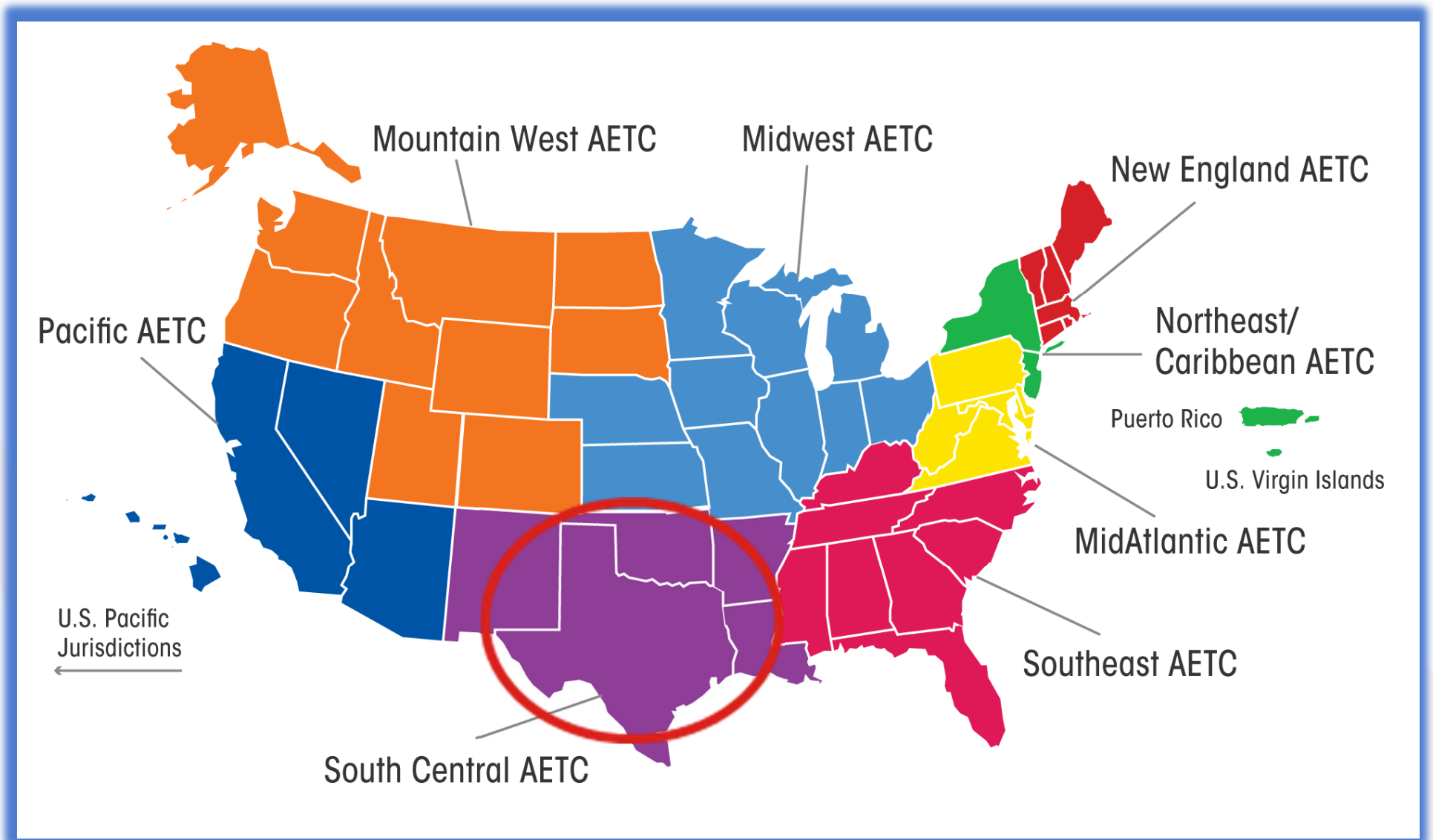
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# AETC Background

- AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program is the training arm of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)
- It is funded by the Health Resources & Services Administration – established in 1987
- It is a national network of **leading HIV experts** who provide locally-based, tailored education, **clinical consultation and technical assistance** to healthcare professionals and healthcare organizations

***AETC Program Mission:***  
***To improve the quality of life of***  
***persons with or at-risk of HIV through***  
***the provision of high-quality***  
***professional education and training***





The South Central AETC primary service area includes New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

# South Central AETC

- 5-year contract awarded 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to University of New Mexico ECHO Institute.
  - ECHO = Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes – a telementoring model

## Local Partners Sites:

- ARcare
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
- Panhandle AIDS Support Organization
- The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
- University of Oklahoma Health Science Center
- Valley AIDS Council
- The University of North Texas Health Science Center

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# Training modalities overview

| Training Modalities                           | Description  |
|---|--|
| Didactic Presentations                        | Didactic presentations, panel discussions, journal clubs, teleconferences and other formats  |
| Interactive Presentations                     | Interactive learning through discussion of cases supplied by a trainer, role play, simulated patients, and train-the-trainer and other skill building activities |
| Communities of Practice                       | Collaborative networks working together to improve organizational operations   |
| Self-study                                    | Self-instructional materials, web-based courses and curricula, videos  |
| Clinical Preceptorships                       | Preceptorships, "mini-residencies," or observation of clinical care at either the AETC training site or the trainee's workplace                                  |
| Clinical Consultation                         | Consultation, case-based discussion with cases supplied by trainee, or on-site clinical consultation at trainee's clinical setting                               |
| Coaching for Organizational Capacity Building | Organizational technical assistance and capacity building.   |



# UTHSA - SCAETC Trainings

- HIV and Spanish HIV ECHO
- Transgender Health ECHO
- Virtual ID & Medicine Grand Rounds- All HIV related topics
- ID Bug Club
- Annual HIV/SUD Virtual Symposium
- PrEP and PEP Care Institute
- Health Equity Workforce Institute
  - SDoH, Cultural Humility and Trauma Informed Care
  - Motivational Interviewing
- Sexual Health in Primary Care Lunch & Learn Series
- Fast Track Cities Workshop with San Antonio Metro Health Department
- HIV basics training for Texas providers – Done Quarterly, next session Nov. 2024
- Clinical Preceptorships and Consultations
- Practice Transformation- South Texas Rural Health Services - PrEP site





# HIV ECHO

The **HIV ECHO** runs twice monthly, approximately 22 sessions are held annually.

- Sessions include AETC approved guest speakers and new didactic topics suggested by participants.
- Average of 30 participants per session.



## HIV ECHO

By the end of 2018, over 94,000 Texans were living with HIV. However, advances in therapy mean that people who are on HIV treatment have lifespans almost as long as people who are not living with HIV. Now, more than ever, it is critical that health care teams have the skills, tools, and resources needed to offer best-practice HIV care to patients within their medical home.

To address this, we are hosting a twice monthly **HIV ECHO** in partnership with the UT Health San Antonio South Central AIDS Education & Training Center (AETC). Sessions include brief didactics on key topics in HIV and HIV/HCV co-infection care and offer participants the opportunity to present real-life, deidentified cases and receive mentorship from a multidisciplinary team of experts in infectious disease, hepatology, pharmacy, behavioral health, and community health work.

**Sessions are free and open to all members of any HIV care team**

**Continuing Education credits for physicians, nurses, pharmacists and psychologists are provided at no cost.**

**Interested in joining? Email: [echoadmin@uthscsa.edu](mailto:echoadmin@uthscsa.edu)**



## What is ECHO?

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes, ECHO®, uses videoconferencing to connect health professionals to a multi-disciplinary team of experts to share knowledge and build capacity for delivering best-practice care.

## Why join?

- Ongoing, case-based learning
- Engagement with a dynamic community of practice and learning
- Free continuing education credits
- Improve access to specialist care
- Capacity building for community-based clinics

**Patients get the right care at the right time, from the team they know and trust.**

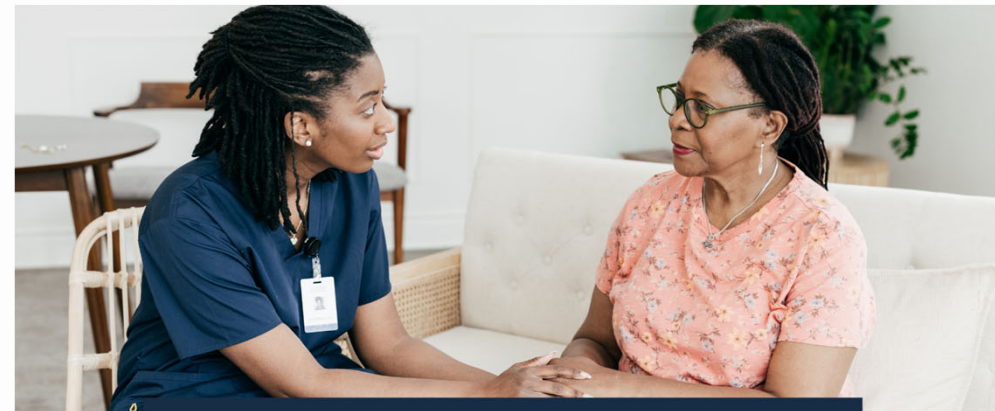
Learn more at: [uthscsa.edu/echo](http://uthscsa.edu/echo)



# Spanish HIV ECHO

The **Spanish HIV ECHO** with live simultaneous English interpretation includes Spanish speaking health care professionals in South Texas, the Dominican Republic, and other Spanish speaking countries

- Third cohort ended October 17, 2024, with the next cohort starting March 2025.
- Average of 30 participants per session.



## ECHO DE VIH

El ECHO de VIH apoya a los equipos de atención médica de habla español e inglés. Las sesiones incluyen didácticas en español de temas relacionados al VIH, seguidas por presentaciones de casos reales. Participantes reciben mentoría de un equipo multidisciplinario de expertos en enfermedades infecciosas, farmacia, salud mental y salud comunitaria.

Las sesiones son gratuitas y están abiertas a todos los miembros de atención médica.

### ¿Por qué unirse?

- Educación bilingüe y bicultural
- Participar con una comunidad dinámica de práctica y aprendizaje
- Mejora el acceso a la atención médica
- Creación de capacidad para clínicas comunitarias
- Certificados de participación



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# Hepatitis & HIV/Hepatitis Coinfection

## ECHO

- In partnership with ReACH Center, and UNT HSC AETC launched monthly ECHO.
- Session focus is on Viral Hepatitis or Hepatitis & HIV Coinfection with guidance from an expert panel of providers and community members.

## HEPATITIS & HIV/HEPATITIS COINFECTION

### ECHO



#### WHAT IS ECHO?

ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) uses videoconferencing to connect healthcare workers to a multi-disciplinary team of experts to share knowledge, build capacity for delivering best-practice care and create a virtual community of practice and learning.

#### HIV & VIRAL HEPATITIS

HIV, hepatitis B (HBV) and hepatitis C (HCV) share similar routes of transmission. Of those with HIV, approximately 6-14% also have HBV infection and 25% have HCV infection. The consequences of coinfection include quicker progression of liver disease, liver cirrhosis, end-stage liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma. Join these sessions to learn evidence-based strategies for fighting this syndemic, connect with health professionals, and become part of the solution.

#### WHY JOIN?



- Free, monthly sessions to learn about viral hepatitis and HIV/hepatitis coinfection management and treatment
- Networking and ongoing learning

SESSIONS ARE ON ALTERNATING THIRD MONDAYS (3-4 PM CT) AND WEDNESDAYS (12-1 PM CT) OF EACH MONTH

REGISTER AT: <https://www.unthsc.edu/take-on-hiv/events/>



LEARN MORE AT: [UTHSCSA.EDU/ECHO](http://UTHSCSA.EDU/ECHO)





# Transgender Health ECHO

- The Transgender Health ECHO is a 10-session series that will run from July 2024 to December 2024.
- Takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month from 12:00pm to 1:00pm CT.
- First session was July 19<sup>th</sup>.

## TRANSGENDER HEALTH ECHO



### What is ECHO?

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes, ECHO®, uses videoconferencing to connect health professionals to a multi-disciplinary team of experts to share knowledge and build capacity for delivering best-practice care.

### ABOUT THE TRANSGENDER HEALTH ECHO

- Empower yourself to be a catalyst for positive change and inclusive healthcare by joining the Transgender Health ECHO Series. Learn about essential topics to help you provide exceptional care to transgender and gender non-conforming individuals.
- Join us in building a healthcare system that embraces diversity, respects identities, and fosters a community of understanding.

### WHY JOIN?

- Ongoing, case-based learning
- Network with like-minded healthcare professionals
- Gain valuable insights from experts
- Elevate your practice to promote inclusivity
- Free continuing education credits

Sessions are free and open to all members of any healthcare team



Interested in joining?  
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## 2024 HIV & SUD Virtual Symposium



**Date**

November 13, 2024



**Time**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CT

All are invited to attend the 4th Annual HIV & SUD Virtual Symposium hosted by the UT Health San Antonio AETC.

Our presenters represent a wide range of professions and are experts in each of their respective fields!

### Topics Include:

- Current Texas HIV Data
- Self-Compassion in HIV Care
- Eating Disorders in Transgender Patients
- Street Medicine
- HIV and Intimate Partner Violence
- Managing Opioid Use Disorder in Birthing Patients



**REGISTER NOW**



# 2024 Texas HIV/STI Conference



## 2024 Texas HIV & STI Conference

December 2, 2024  
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

December 3, 2024  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

### About the Conference

The 2024 Texas HIV/STI Conference aims to create opportunities to share information and efforts around health disparities that impact communities at risk of and affected by HIV and STIs by bridging the varied disciplines of education, advocacy, and clinical care.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Double Tree  
6505 N Interstate Hwy 35  
Austin, Texas 78752

 [Reserve a Room](#)

### Featured Tracks

**HIV Care Services**  
Ensure that all people with HIV are engaged in care and achieve viral suppression.

**PrEP and harm reduction**  
Increasing equitable access to prevention resources.

**Sexually Transmitted Infections**  
Increase prevention and knowledge of STI clinical care.

**Viral Hepatitis**  
Improve health outcomes in HCV prevention and care for all.



# Practice Transformation

Practice Transformation (PT) is an innovative project for transforming primary care clinics/facilities care models to expand and improve HIV care services. This approach helps in reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes along the HIV care continuum.

- Partnered with South Texas Rural Health Services, a federally qualified health center in Cotulla, Texas.
  - Established extensive services in rural counties include 8 medical clinics, 4 dental clinics, 7 licensed substance abuse centers and 10 locations providing mental health services.
- Primary focus of work along the HIV Care Continuum include increasing HIV screening within medication assisted treatment program and universal screening for all eligible patients.
  - Increased screening from 1% to 38% this past year.
  - Currently working on revising goals- screen 45% of eligible population, provide HIV and PrEP training sessions.



# UTHSA South Central AETC Impact

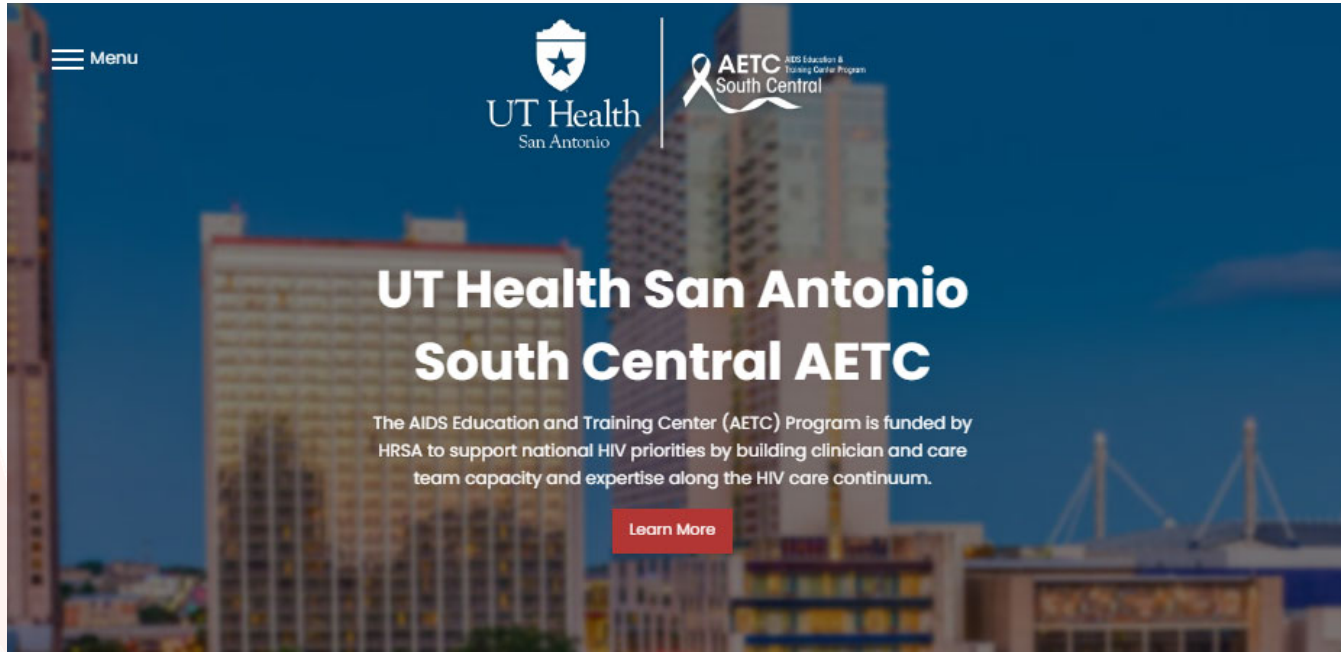
During the past year (7/1/23 – 6/30/24), UTHSA SCAETC held **161** events with a total of **2,224** participants.

- CE credits offered:
  - Continuing Medical Education
  - Continuing Nursing Education
  - Continuing Pharmacy Education
  - Continuing Dental Education
  - Social Work Continuing Education
  - Continuing Education for Psychologists

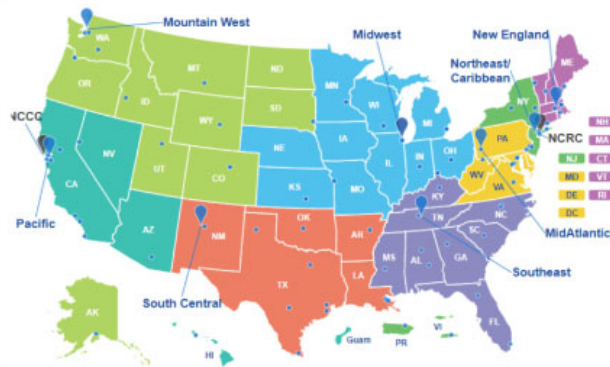
# Planned Trainings

- Clinical preceptorships rotations
- HIV Long-term Survivors Symposium
- Motivational Interviewing Training
  
- Additional trainings as requested

# UT Health San Antonio SCAETC website



## What is the AETC?



## Our Team



# Resources

- Clinical Consultation Center  
<http://nccc.ucsf.edu/>
  - HIV Management
  - Perinatal HIV
  - HIV PrEP
  - HIV PEP line
  - HCV Management
  - Substance Use Management
- Present case on ECHO  
[aetinfoa@uthscsa.edu](mailto:aetinfoa@uthscsa.edu)
- AETC National HIV Curriculum  
<https://aidsetc.org/nhc>
- AETC National Coordinating Resource Center  
<https://targethiv.org/library/aetc-national-coordinating-resource-center-0>
- Additional trainings  
[scaetcecho@salud.unm.edu](mailto:scaetcecho@salud.unm.edu)

# Questions?



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