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PrEP at Project SHINE

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Elena is the PSR Coordinator at Project SHINE, a multilingual clinic within East Boston Neighborhood Health Center serving individuals across the Greater Boston area.

Elena and her team serve a caseload of over 300 patients, linking them to essential health care services such as primary care, HIV/STI testing and connection to treatment, harm reduction services, insurance navigation assistance, pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis adherence counseling and support, and comprehensive sexual health counseling and resources.





Project SHINE

- Linkage and retention, psychosocial support, medical care, and case management for patients living with HIV
- Counseling, testing, STI treatment, insurance navigation, and care coordination for patients on PrEP

EBNHC was recognized by HRSA in 2023 as National Quality Leader in HIV Care & Prevention.





Project SHINE PrEP Patient Demographics

From January 2023 to December 2023:

- Approximately 360 patients prescribed PrEP

2023 PrEP patient population:

- 78.39% Latinx
- 89.17% non-US born (including PR) – majority from Colombia, El Salvador, Brazil
- 93.91% MSM
- 97.78% male-identifying



Funding PrEP at Project SHINE

Pre-PCHP:

- DPH funding for PrEP provider and state lab testing

PCHP March 2020:

- Creation of PrEP Navigator role, increase in patient-centered care coordination, expansion into primary care

PCHP supplemental 2021:

- Increase in community outreach efforts and support groups



Expanding PrEP at Project SHINE

PrEP Navigators:

- Perform phlebotomy, specimen collection and testing
- Facilitate same-day PrEP, schedule follow-up appointments
- Follow-up on results, treatment, referrals
- Insurance navigation and copayment coverage assistance

Outreach Efforts:

- Expansion into primary care
- Community outreach events
- HIV testing and awareness days
- Educational programming at mobile units
- Support groups

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