the OA Voice

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This newsletter is organized to align with the six Social Determinants of Health found in the *Ending the Epidemics Integrated Statewide Strategic Plan*, addressing the syndemic of HIV, HCV, and STIs in California. More about the *Strategic Plan* is available on the Office of AIDS (OA) website.

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Tony Mixon

Please join OA in welcoming **Tony Mixon** to the ADAP Branch! Tony has accepted an Analyst II position, within the Client Services Unit.

Tony brings a strong and diverse fiscal background to our team. His experience includes leading an Accounts Payable unit for the County of Riverside, coordinating year-end closeout processes, and providing budgetary support to Local Health Jurisdictions. Throughout his work, Tony has consistently helped organizations maintain accurate, comprehensive fiscal information aligned with departmental standards.

Tony began his State service in March 2022 as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst, with OA. During that time, he led process improvement efforts, served as Contract Manager for HIV Prevention grant awardees, coordinated invoice payments, initiated contract amendments, and supported budget development for RFAs. He also ensured grantees met deliverables while offering fiscal and contractual guidance. Most recently, he served as a Contracts and Grants Specialist at the Richmond Campus, supporting the Center for Laboratory Sciences – Infectious Diseases Laboratory Division with contract development, administration, and budget-related projects. Fun fact: Tony enjoys exploring moderate-level

hiking trails at regional parks. Welcome back to OA, Tony!

Annie Zhou

In addition, please join us in welcoming **Annie Zhou** back to the CARE Branch. Annie will join the Care Business Unit, as an Analyst II. Annie has previously served in several capacities, including roles within the CDPH Financial Management Branch Accounting Section, the OA Support Branch, the OIDPR Finance and Contracts Unit, as well as financial services at other state agencies. Annie has

more than 30 years of experience in fiscal management, accounting, budgeting, and financial reporting across government, public, and private sectors, and will bring a broad and diverse background to the team.

Annie holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and economics and studied Finance at Harvard Business School. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, exercising, watching movies, TV shows, and sports, especially Golden State Warriors basketball games! Annie also loves traveling and exploring historic locations.

Join us in welcoming Annie back to OA!

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Sacramento Pride

On Sunday, June 14th, OA, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS), and other state departments marched in the Sacramento Pride parade. According to the California Natural Resources Agency, over 500 state workers, friends, and families from 31 offices, agencies, departments, and board and commissions participated in support of our LGBTQ+ communities. Each department/agency proudly displayed banners to show their support for the community and to celebrate Pride!

The parade provided an opportunity for OA to interact with the community and provide educational sexual health information. We distributed information for free HIV/STI test kits, passed out approximately 500 condoms, and 500 packets of lube. For the children, OA passed out beads, Pride flags, and stickers. In addition, we supplied the Sacramento LGBT Center with condoms and lube for the festival. We took pride in celebrating and fostering relationships with the community we serve and look forward to doing it again next year!

For a schedule of Pride events in California, check out our Celebrate Pride webpage.

GENERAL UPDATES

Mpox

OA continues its commitment to providing updated information related to mpox. We have

partnered with the Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC), a program within the Center of Infectious Diseases and have disseminated a number of documents in an effort to keep our clients and stakeholders informed.

Mpox digital assets continue to be available for LHJs and CBOs on DCDC's Campaign Toolkits website.

Also, please refer to the DCDC website to stay informed of mpox updates.

OA's HIV Laws Webpage

As mentioned before, OA has revamped its HIV Laws webpage. This page contains organized links to state laws and regulations, as well as associated fact sheets and letters, all relating to OA's programs on HIV prevention, treatment, care, surveillance, and harm reduction. The page will be updated as new items are identified.

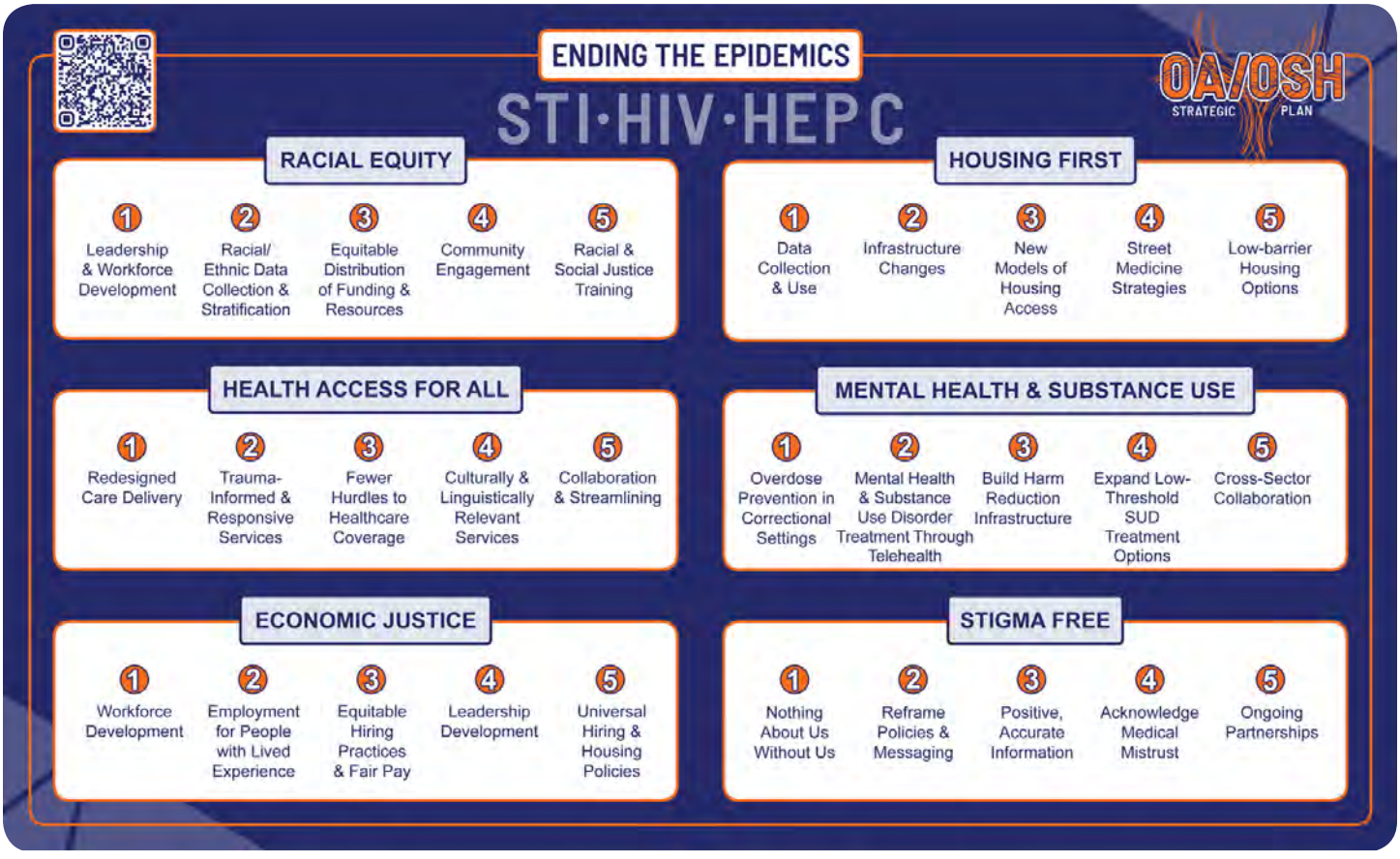
HIV/STI/HCV Integration

As we await word on the new Chief of the Division of HIV, HCV, and STIs position, we continue to align our services in a coordinated syndemic manner to better serve individuals at risk of acquiring HIV, STIs, and HCV. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

ENDING THE EPIDEMICS STRATEGIC PLAN OA/OSH

The **visual below** is a high-level summary of our *Strategic Plan* that organizes 30 Strategies across six Social Determinants of Health.

OA and OSH would like you to continue to use and share the *Strategic Plan* and the *Implementation Blueprint*. These documents address HIV as a syndemic with HCV and other STIs, through Social Determinants of Health.



For technical assistance in implementing the *Strategic Plan*, California LHJs and CBOs can vist Facente Consulting's webpage.

HEALTH ACCESS FOR ALL

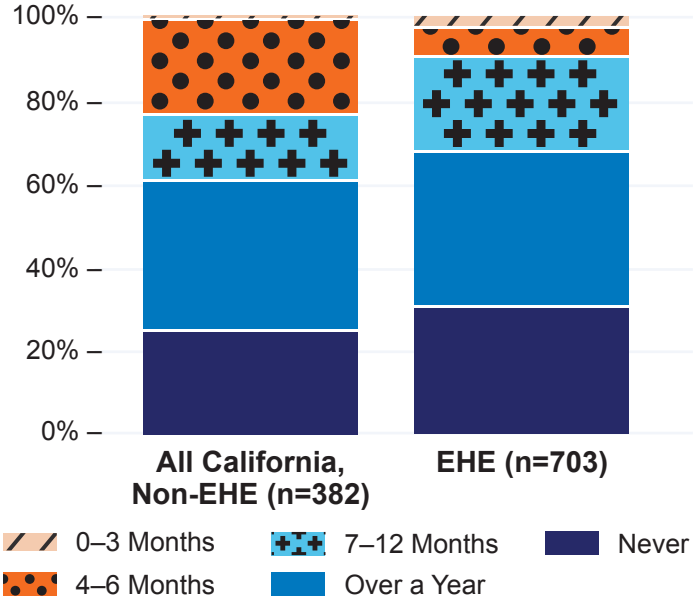
Strategy 1: Redesigned Care Delivery

OA continues to implement its **Building Healthy Online Communities (BHOC)** self-testing program to allow for rapid OraQuick test orders in all jurisdictions in California. The program, TakeMeHome (TMH) is advertised on gay dating apps, where users see an ad for home testing and are offered a free HIV-home test kit.

TAKEMEHOME

In May, 382 individuals in 39 counties ordered self-test kits, with 278 (72.8%) individuals ordering 2 tests. Additionally, OA's existing TakeMeHome Program continues in the six California Consortium Phase I Ending the HIV Epidemic in America counties. Between the program's initiation in September 1, 2020, and May 31, 2026, 24,041 tests have been distributed. This month, mail-in lab tests (including dried blood spot tests for syphilis, and Hepatitis C, as well as 3-site tests for gonorrhea and chlamydia) accounted for 410 (58.3%) of the 703 total tests distributed in EHE counties. Of those ordering rapid tests, 220 (75.1%) ordered 2 tests.

HIV Test History Among Individuals Who Ordered TakeMeHome Kits, May 2026



Additional Key Characteristics	EHE	All California, Non-EHE
Of those sharing their gender, were cisgender men	49.9%	56.9%
Of those sharing their race or ethnicity, identify as Hispanic or Latinx	39.8%	46.7%
Were 17-29 years old	44.5%	37.3%
Of those sharing their number of sex partners, reported 3 or more in the past year	44.4%	46.5%

Since September 2020, 2,479 test kit recipients have completed the anonymous follow up survey from EHE counties, and 1,121 responses from the California expansion since January 2023.

Take Me Home Survey Highlights	EHE	All California, Non-EHE
Would recommend TakeMeHome to a friend	95.3%	94.5%
Identify as a man who has sex with other men	44.3%	47.8%
Reported having been diagnosed with an STI in the past year	8.0%	9.1%

HEALTH ACCESS FOR ALL

Strategy 3: Fewer Hurdles to Healthcare Coverage

As of June 30, 2026, there are 335 PrEP-AP enrollment sites and 269 clinical provider sites that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider network.

Data on active PrEP-AP clients can be found in the three tables displayed on the last page.

As of June 30, 2026, the number of ADAP clients enrolled in each respective ADAP Insurance Assistance Program are shown in the **table below**.

RACIAL EQUITY

Strategy 4: Community Engagement

Volunteer Opportunity at the United States Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA)

Several Members of the California Planning Group (CPG) and OA staff have joined the Host Committee for this year's US Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA). The theme of the conference is *United and Unbreakable: The HIV Movement at 45*, and is scheduled for **September 17–20 in Anaheim, CA**.

The host committee is looking for 200 volunteers to assist in showing attendees why California is the place to be. Volunteers will help with activities including bag stuffing, registration, staffing various lounges, session monitors, and directional support. If selected to volunteer, the commitment is a total of 8 hours of time throughout the conference and volunteers will receive free registration to the conference (travel and accommodations will not be provided). Preference will be given to volunteers located in California.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, visit NMAC's webpage.

View the volunteer application.

For questions regarding *The OA Voice*, please send an e-mail to angelique.skinner@cdph.ca.gov.

ADAP Insurance Assistance Program	Number of Clients Enrolled	Percentage Change from May
Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program	576	-0.35%
Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program	6,233	-1.06%
Medicare Premium Payment Program (MPPP)	2,645	-0.45%
Total	**9,454**	**-1.86%**

Source: ADAP Enrollment System

Active PrEP-AP Clients by Age and Insurance Coverage:

Current Age	PrEP-AP Only		PrEP-AP With Medi-Cal		PrEP-AP With Medicare		PrEP-AP With Private Insurance		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
18 - 24	287	11%	---	---	---	---	5	0%	292	11%
25 - 34	863	33%	---	---	---	---	96	4%	959	36%
35 - 44	745	28%	1	0%	---	---	79	3%	825	31%
45 - 64	422	16%	---	---	2	0%	73	3%	497	19%
65+	18	1%	---	---	54	2%	6	0%	78	3%
TOTAL	**2,335**	**88%**	**1**	**0%**	**56**	**2%**	**259**	**10%**	**2,651**	**100%**

Active PrEP-AP Clients by Age and Race/Ethnicity:

Current Age	Latinx		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Asian		Black or African American		Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		White		More Than One Race Reported		Decline to Provide		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
18 - 24	157	6%	---	---	33	1%	21	1%	---	---	49	2%	5	0%	27	1%	292	11%
25 - 34	577	22%	3	0%	81	3%	60	2%	4	0%	170	6%	9	0%	55	2%	959	36%
35 - 44	553	21%	5	0%	48	2%	56	2%	2	0%	125	5%	3	0%	33	1%	825	31%
45 - 64	307	12%	1	0%	30	1%	19	1%	---	---	114	4%	3	0%	23	1%	497	19%
65+	13	0%	---	---	4	0%	3	0%	---	---	56	2%	---	---	2	0%	78	3%
TOTAL	**1,607**	**61%**	**9**	**0%**	**196**	**7%**	**159**	**6%**	**6**	**0%**	**514**	**19%**	**20**	**1%**	**140**	**5%**	**2,651**	**100%**

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	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Female	45	2%	1	0%	2	0%	8	0%	1	0%	18	1%	---	---	9	0%	84	3%
Male	1,478	56%	6	0%	177	7%	148	6%	5	0%	464	18%	17	1%	103	4%	2,398	90%
Trans	76	3%	1	0%	13	0%	3	0%	---	---	21	1%	2	0%	6	0%	122	5%
Unknown	8	0%	1	0%	4	0%	---	---	---	---	11	0%	1	0%	22	1%	47	2%
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