The HIV Workforce Capacity Building Initiative provides HIV expert mentoring to clinicians in community health centers (CHCs). This free mentoring initiative matches physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants to HIV clinical experts who will provide one-on-one coaching, education, and training.

**Why Is This Initiative Needed?**

HIV has evolved into a chronic disease that can be managed in the primary care setting. With more people living with HIV accessing integrated care through CHCs, this initiative builds the clinician’s capacity to provide quality HIV care.

Demand for HIV care continues to increase as the number of HIV specialists decrease. The shortage in the HIV workforce and the rising HIV cases, building the capacity of clinicians in CHCs is critical. This initiative addresses the shortage of HIV specialists.

**What Do Mentors Provide?**

The program makes HIV expert coaching, education and training available to clinicians in community health center settings. It features:

- Personalized one-on-one mentorship
- Access to an HIV expert clinician
- Customized learning to interests
- Flexibility with time availability
- On-line video conferencing

**Who Is Mentored?**

Participants can be physicians, nurse practitioners, and/or physician assistants. Clinicians at all levels of HIV medical management knowledge can benefit.

**How Often Are They Mentored?**

Participants can choose to meet with their mentor either at their health center, or at the mentor’s practice/clinic. After an initial face-to-face meeting, participants decide how often they will meet with their mentor, as well as how those meetings will take place (examples include: face-to-face, telephone, on-line video conferencing).
Other Initiative Components

Educational resources are offered to complement mentorship. Participants will have access to a variety of peer-reviewed articles, literature, tools, and an on-line network of mentors and mentees.

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Getting Started

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