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Legacy Awarded with 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) Grant

Legacy Community Health is one of 11 health centers in Texas to be awarded the funding.

MONTROSE, HOUSTON –The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded Legacy Community Health as one of this year's recipients of their Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) Award. The award is in the form of a grant to be used to combat the HIV epidemic.

HRSA awarded nearly \$54M to 195 health centers across the nation this year, with over \$3M of that funneled into health centers in Texas. Of the 11 in Texas to be recognized this year, Legacy received the largest grant, in the amount of \$360,794.

"We are committed to ending the HIV epidemic in Houston," says Legacy's Chief Medical Officer, Vian Nguyen. "Funding like this year's HRSA grant is imperative to the treatment and community outreach that we do in Houston's most vulnerable and at-risk communities. We are honored to have been recognized."

In Houston, Legacy Community Health has been at the forefront of HIV treatment and prevention since the beginning of the HIV crisis in the early 1980s. In 2019, Legacy launched its Ending HIV campaign, which resulted in a 52% increase in individuals linked to HIV treatment over the prior year. The campaign focused on the importance of knowing your HIV status and connecting community members to testing, prevention, and treatment at Legacy.

Legacy is proud to offer free HIV testing.

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About Legacy Community Health

Legacy Community Health (Legacy) is a full-service network of community medical clinics offering primary and specialty care to in the Texas Gulf Coast region. Services include adult primary care, pediatrics, dental care, vision services, behavioral health services, OB/GYN and maternity, vaccinations and immunizations, health promotion and community outreach, wellness and nutrition, and comprehensive HIV/AIDS care. With 36 locations across Houston, Baytown, Deer Park, and Beaumont, Legacy is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Texas. Legacy has been a United Way-affiliated agency since 1990. To learn more, visit www.legacycommunityhealth.org.