

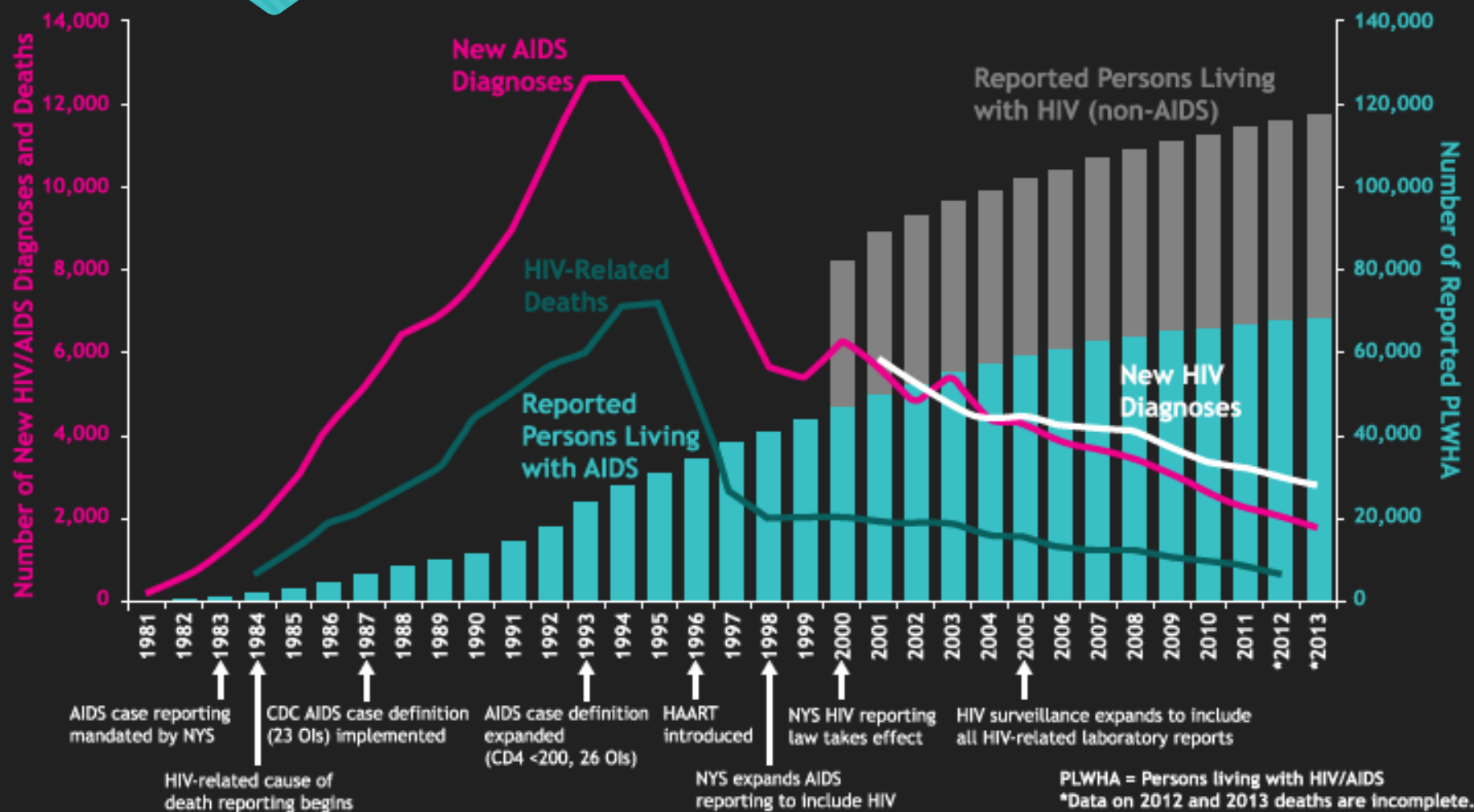
# Ending the Epidemic: It Takes a Village

New York City

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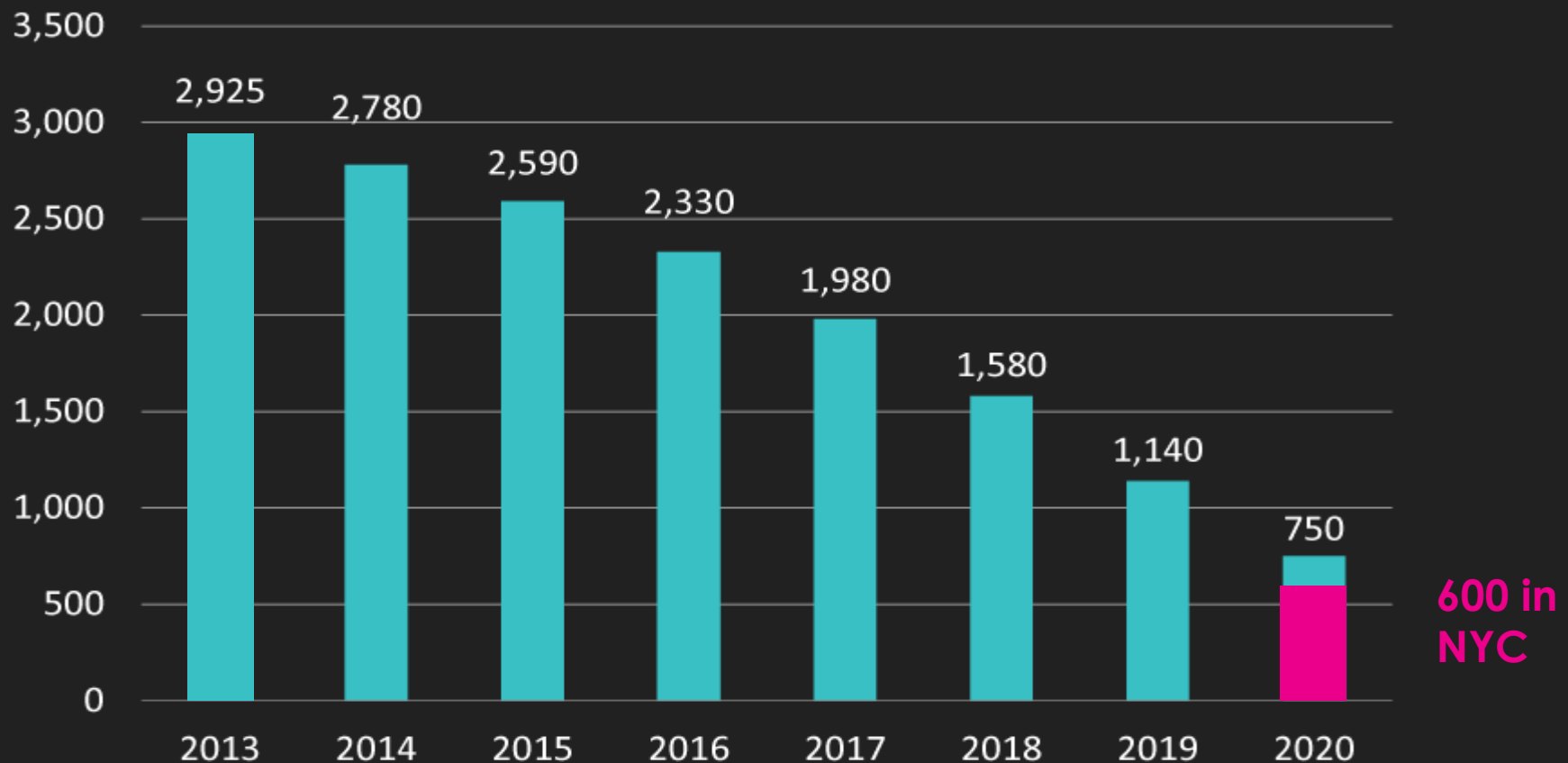
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# History of the HIV Epidemic in NYC



# Goal of Ending the Epidemic (ETE)

## Estimated New HIV Infections in New York State



# ETE in NYC: DOHMH, Partners & HASA

- Two sides of DOHMH's four-part strategy:
  - **External:** build partnerships to support the HIV prevention services of community-based clinics, organizations and coalitions across NYC
  - **Internal:** enhance and expand our STD clinics and HIV prevention services
- HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA)
  - Housing
  - Nutrition
  - Transportation

# ETE Funders and Supporters

- NYC City Hall
- NYC City Council
- NYS AIDS Institute (NYS Department of Health)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- MAC AIDS Fund

# ETE Preparation at DOHMH

- Convene a cross-divisional team to meet regularly
- Plan and track the implementation of initiatives, activities and evaluations
- Enhance facilities and hire 145 new staff
- Obtain materials and equipment
- Engage and consult with communities and other experts to inform our plans

# ETE Implementation Strategy

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2. Promote innovative, optimal treatment for HIV
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# ETE Strategy: Across NYC

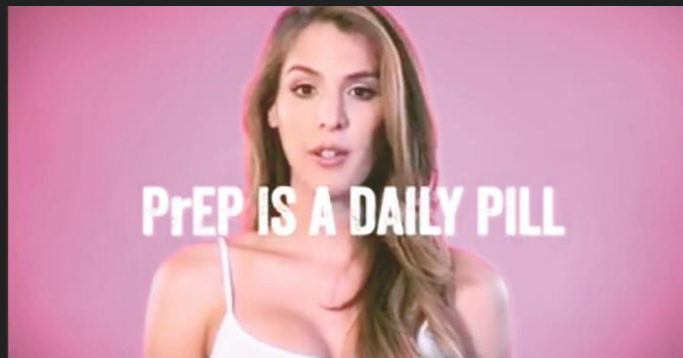
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# State of the “ART” HIV prevention

HIV antiretroviral therapy (ART) treatment can reduce transmission by up to 96%

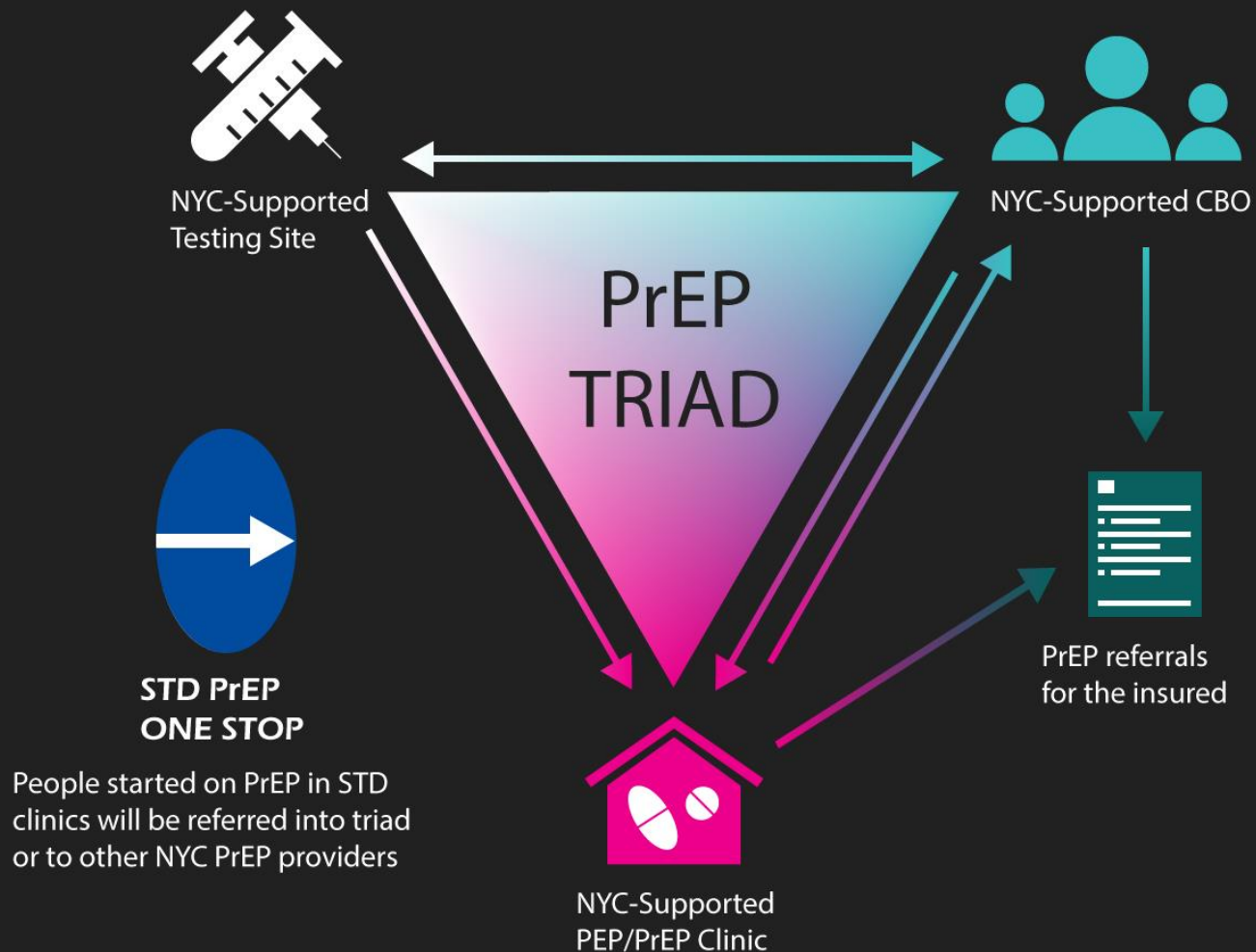
- Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)



# Access to PEP & PrEP Across NYC

- Open several PEP Centers of Excellence throughout NYC
- Launch a 24-hour PEP call center
- Provide status-neutral care coordination services
- Open PrEP pilot for adolescents
- Establish citywide PrEP network

# #PlaySure PrEP Triads in NYC



# Awareness of PEP & PrEP in NYC

- Scale up the #PlaySure campaign
- Scale up the existing provider detailing program to educate more providers about biomedical prevention strategies for HIV



# Conduct PrEP Surveillance in NYC

Collect data about:

- Individuals who are eligible for PrEP
- Patients who initiate PrEP

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# Support Viral Load Suppression

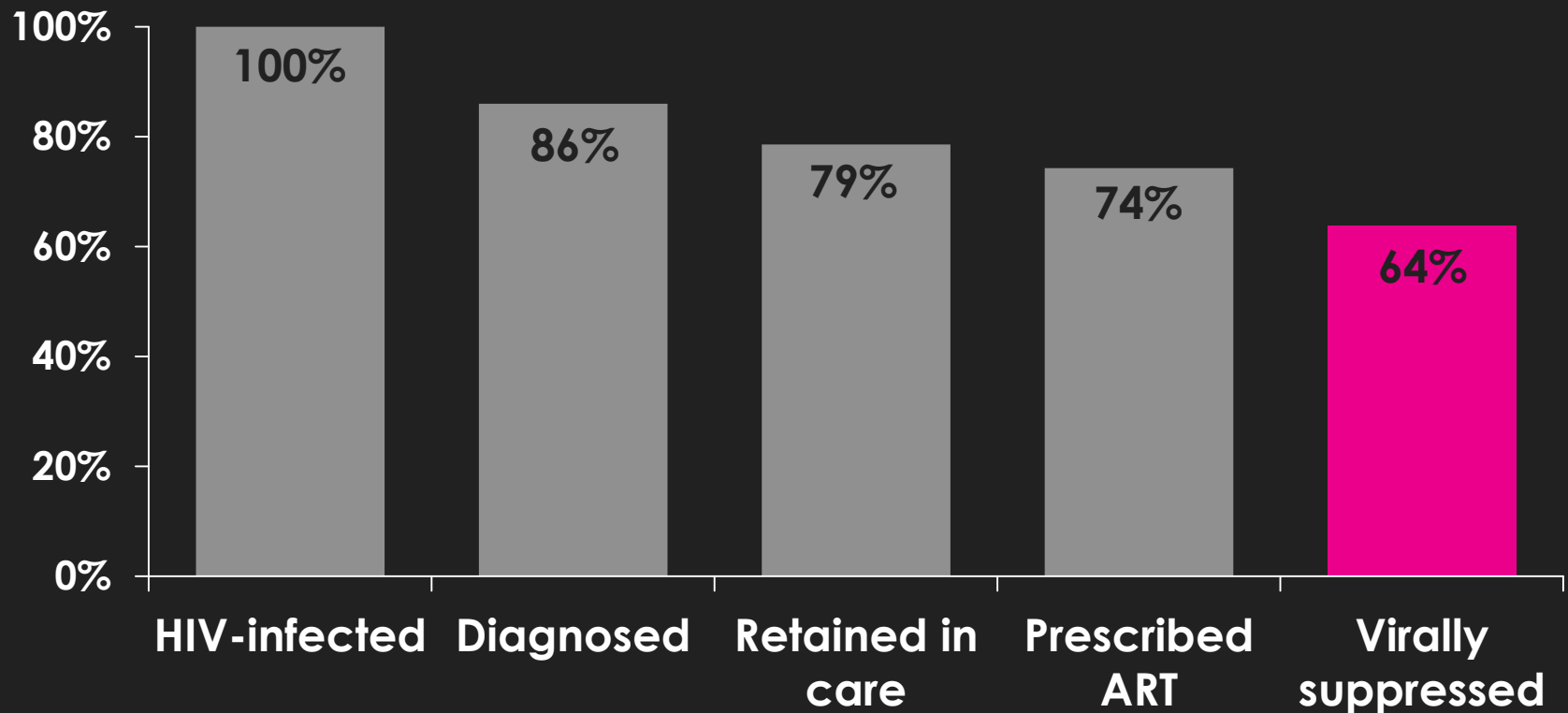
Contract with nonprofits to implement the “Undetectables” program, a viral load suppression model for HIV-positive persons



Housing Works

# Support Viral Load Suppression

People Living with HIV and the Continuum of Care  
New York City, 2013





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# Phylogenetic Testing

- Offer point-of-diagnosis genotype testing to providers caring for people newly diagnosed with HIV
- Use state-of-the-art scientific methods to “fingerprint” HIV strains in real time
- Map possible transmission networks and use information to provide timely partner notification and linkage to care services

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# Targeted Outreach and Support

- Provider trainings on sexual and gender-related health issues
- LGBTQ Patient Bill of Rights
- #BeHIVSure LGBTQ Coalition
- Trans-led and trans-focused organizations
- Programs for IV drug and crystal meth users

# ETE Strategy: DOHMH STD Clinics

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# Why Focus on the DOHMH STD Clinics?

- Attract persons at highest risk who may face obstacles to accessing needed services elsewhere
- Easy access for all
- Existing STI services dovetail with new biomedical interventions for HIV

# Enhancements to DOHMH STD Clinics

- Increased access to welcoming services
- Updated/renovated clinic facilities
- Expanded hours
- Expanded HIV services
- Expanded STI testing capacity
- Expanded prevention services
  - Navigational services
  - Reinstitution of screening visits
- Updated patient education materials
- Improved community engagement

# HIV Prevention at DOHMH STD Clinics

## HIV status-unknown patients

- Screen using the most rapid and sensitive methods available (4<sup>th</sup> generation rapid testing, testing for acute infection)

## HIV-uninfected patients at risk

- Offer full 28-day course of PEP
- Start PrEP and navigate to PrEP provider for continuation of therapy
- Connect to primary care provider



# HIV Treatment at DOHMH STD Clinics

## HIV-infected patients

- ‘JumpstART’ immediate antiretroviral treatment for newly diagnosed patients along with other supportive services
- Use community-informed social work and navigation services to link HIV-infected patients to care

**Thank you!**

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