



COMPASS INITIATIVE®



Together We Can End the Southern HIV Epidemic

The South Faces the Greatest Burden of the HIV Epidemic — COMPASS is Leading the Way to Change!

The Gilead COMPASS Initiative® is tackling the HIV crisis in the Southern United States by partnering with local leaders, advocates, and community-based organizations to address the needs of people living with and affected by HIV. COMPASS is supported by its four Coordinating Centers at Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Southern AIDS Coalition, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work, and Wake Forest University School of Divinity.

“COMPASS saw our potential and that was all we needed... someone to take a chance on us. With the initial funding opportunity from COMPASS, we were able to build an infrastructure that more than tripled our budget within 2-3 years.”

Shakita Brooks Jones, Central Alabama Alliance Resource & Advocacy Center

Focus Areas



CAPACITY BUILDING



FAITH-BASED ADVOCACY



STIGMA REDUCTION



WELLBEING, TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Coordinating Centers' Impact



424
GRANTS AWARDED



253
PEER-TO-PEER TRAININGS



281
GRANTS AWARDED TO ORGS LED BY PRIORITY POPULATIONS

PRIORITY POPULATIONS:

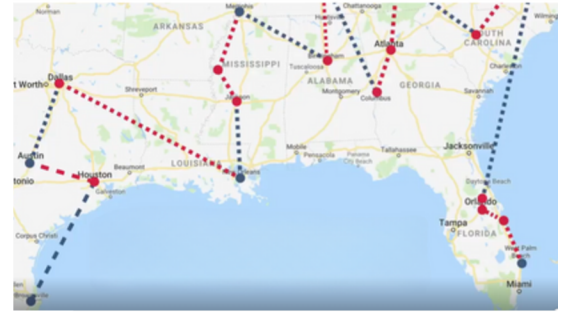
- PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS
- BIPOC IDENTIFYING PEOPLE

\$100+ million investment over 10 years to communities across the South!

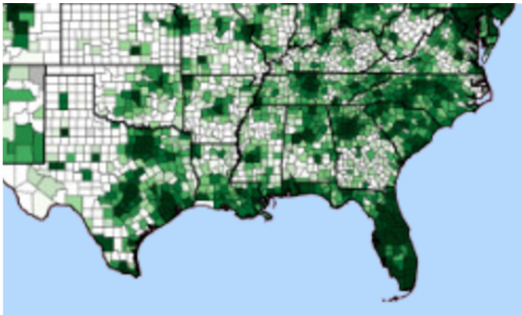


Grounded in Community and Guided by Data

From the beginning our programs and funding opportunities were informed by direct engagement and feedback from Southern communities ensuring our services addressed the priorities and needs identified by those impacted by the epidemic.



- 34 Listening Sessions
- 9 States (TX, LA, MS, TN, AL, GA, SC, NC, FL)
- 250 Individuals Reached
- 340 Individuals Completed Surveys



AIDSVu is an online mapping tool that visually shows the impact of the HIV epidemic across US communities using publicly available data from CDC, local health departments, and other high-quality sources. These maps, along with other data sources compiled by the Gilead COMPASS Initiative®, guided the Coordinating Centers' focus on the 12 Southern states we serve and our intentional investment in communities most impacted by the epidemic.

COMPASS Impact After 5 Years



462
ORGANIZATIONS
FUNDED



3,860
PARTNERSHIPS
CREATED



46,000
LEADERS
TRAINED



448,940
PEOPLE SERVED VIA
PARTNER PROGRAMS



\$92.6+ M
FUNDS LEVERAGED
BY PARTNERS



100+ M
PEOPLE REACHED
VIA CAMPAIGNS

Empowering Leaders. Transforming Communities. Investing in the South.

The South continues to be heavily impacted by HIV. Despite comprising 38% of the US population, nearly 50% of new HIV diagnoses were in the South in 2022 (CDC 2024). Join us in transforming communities and transforming the South - there's more work to do.

More Work to Do



HIV
ADVOCACY



NEXT GEN
LEADERSHIP



COMMUNITY-LED
GRANTMAKING



HIV STIGMA
REDUCTION



CAPACITY
BUILDING FUNDING

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