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Objectives

- Demystify Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services HIV Prevention and Surveillance Program
- Same-Day PrEP Pilot Program

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Demystifying DHHS



HIV Prevention And Surveillance

dhhs.ne.gov/pages/hiv-prevention.aspx

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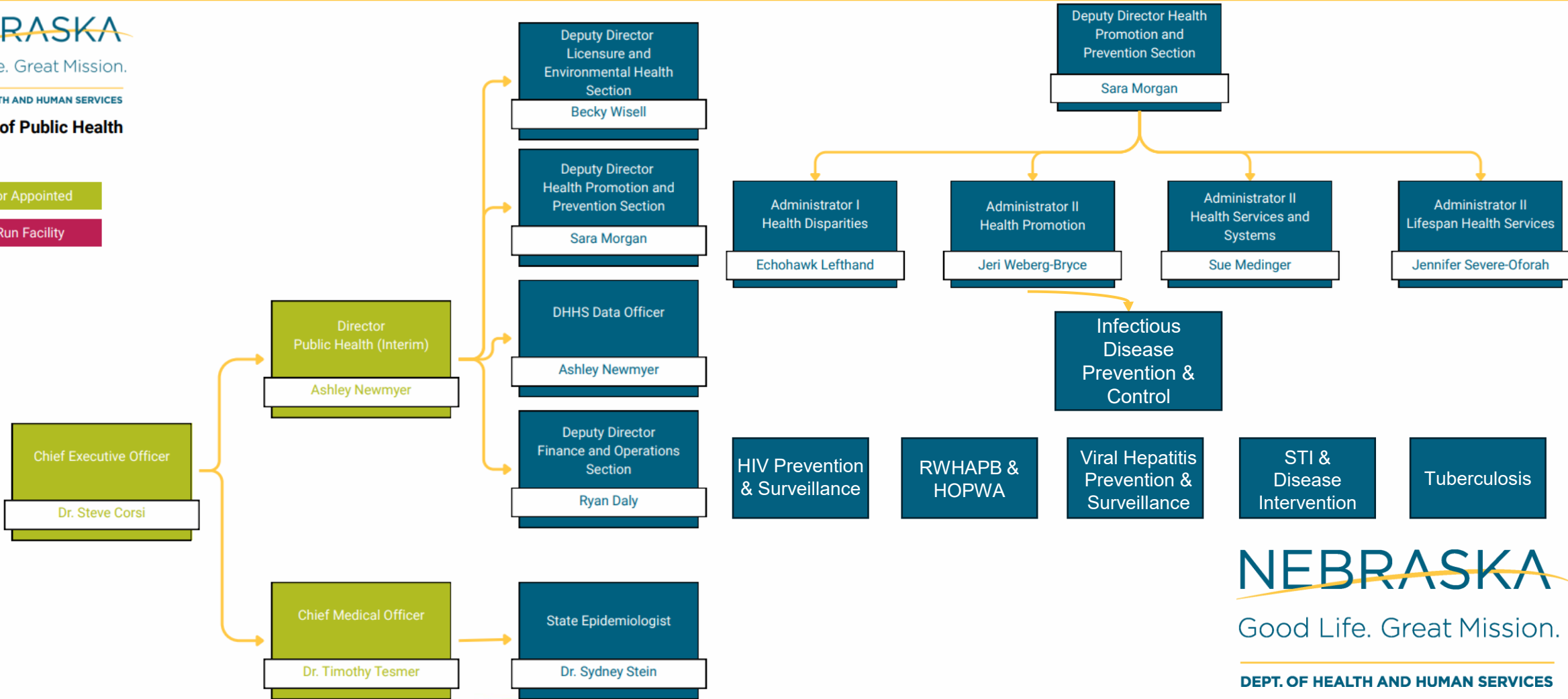
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Division of Public Health

- Governor Appointed
- State Run Facility



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Nebraska DHHS HIV Program Overview

FUNDING (100% federally-funded)

- **PS24-0047 (High-Impact HIV Prevention & Surveillance Programs)**
 - Year 2 – June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026
 - Notice of Award (NOA) issued on July 1, 2025
 - Prevention: \$1,088,850
 - Surveillance: \$290,337
- **Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG)**
 - October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026
 - \$130,000

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Nebraska DHHS HIV Program Overview

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- HIV prevention education and outreach
- HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral support
- HIV surveillance
- Disease intervention
- Linkage-to-Care
- Technical assistance



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Collaboration and Partnerships

NE DHHS collaborates with local health agencies to secure funding, testing resources, educational materials, and healthcare services for individuals who cannot afford them. This ensures that everyone, regardless of their financial situation, has access to essential health services, such as HIV testing and treatment.



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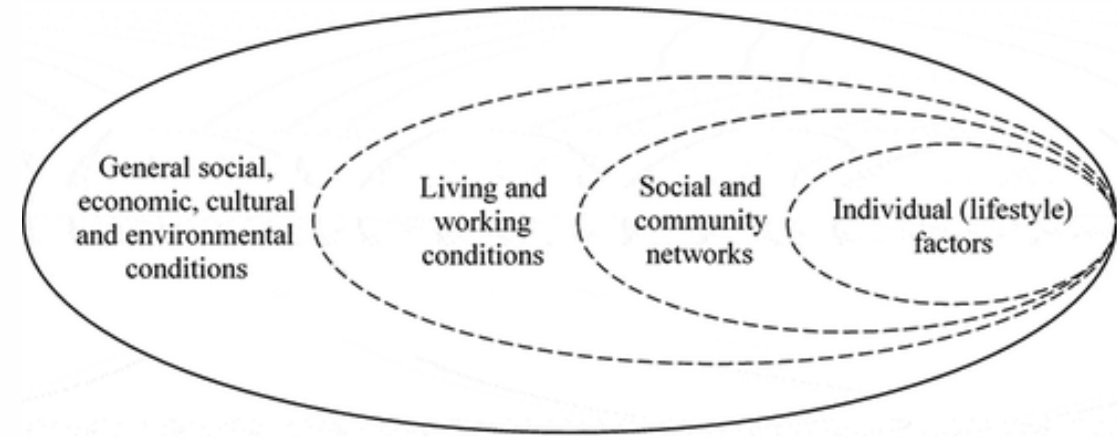
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Syndemic Approach

Syndemic care emphasizes the interconnectedness of various social, psychological, and physical factors that impact an individual's health. When it comes to sexual health, considering the broader context is crucial. By understanding the complex interplay of these factors, syndemic care supports a holistic approach to improving sexual health, addressing not just the physical but also the social, mental, and environmental determinants that shape health outcomes.



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Syndemic Approach

Substance Use

- Alcohol and drug use can impair judgment, leading to risky sexual behavior (e.g., condomless sex, multiple partners).
- Chronic substance use can interfere with access to care, treatment, and support, as well as complicate the management of sexual health issues.
- Substance use is often tied to social factors like homelessness or poverty, which further exacerbate sexual health risks.

Social and Economic Factors

- Poverty and financial insecurity limit access to health care, contraception, or sexual health services, leading to increased risk of negative sexual health outcomes.
- Structural inequalities, such as lack of access to education, employment, or healthcare, disproportionately affect marginalized groups, leading to higher rates of STIs and other sexual health concerns.

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NEBRASKA SYNDEMIC SYMPOSIUM



SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 | 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM



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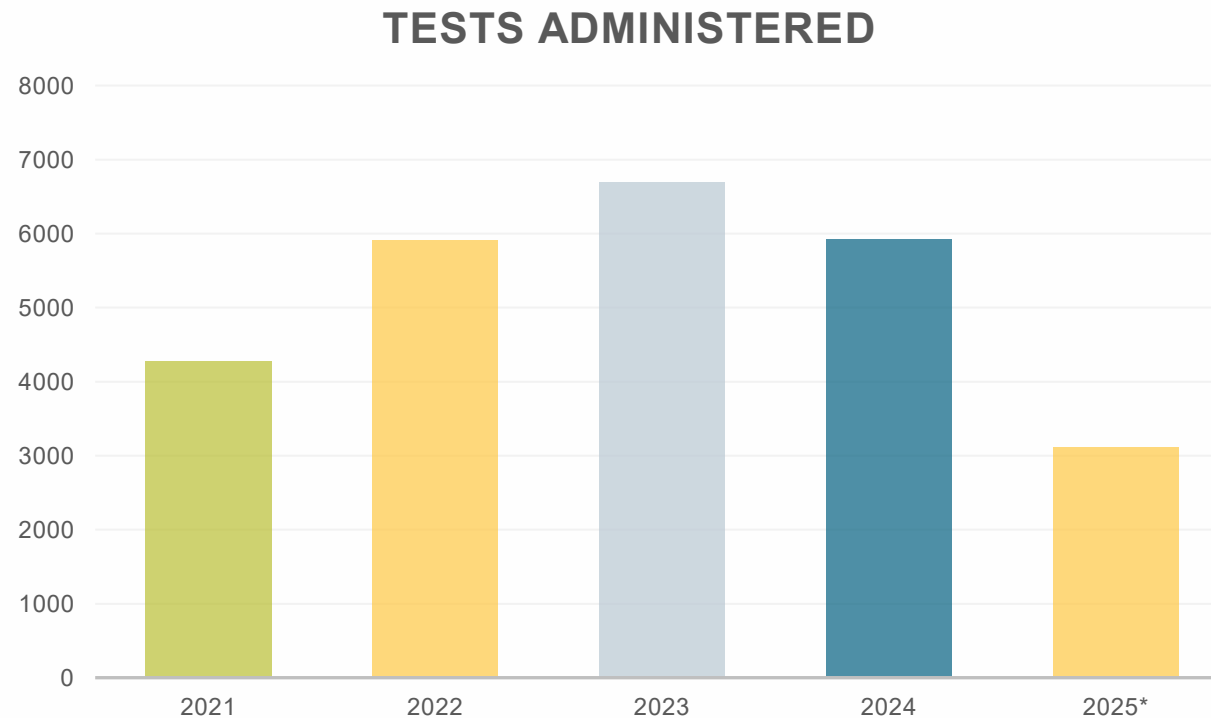
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Prevention Updates

► HIV Testing at CTR Sites

- January - June 2025 – 3,120 tests administered, 11 reactive tests



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Statewide Prevention Campaign



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Same-Day PrEP Pilot Program

PrEP Screening at CTR Sites

- Screened for PrEP referral
 - 2,691 (86.6%)
- Eligible for PrEP referral
 - 1,706 (54.9%)
- Referred for PrEP
 - 1,385 (44.6%)



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Same-Day PrEP Pilot Program

Increasing PrEP Access in Nebraska

- Collaboration with Gilead Sciences
- Five Pilot CTR Sites
 - Nebraska AIDS Project
 - North Omaha Area Health Clinic
 - Three Rivers Health Department
 - Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
 - Douglas County Health Department
- Support & Technical Assistance Provided



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