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RAIN empowers persons living with HIV and those at risk to be healthy and stigma free.

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RAIN is one of the largest HIV nonprofits in the Carolinas providing direct client services and is widely recognized for its unique model and expertise in working with persons living with HIV and AIDS. RAIN has received a number of national and state awards for accomplishments and innovative practices. RAIN integrates the wisdom and voices of those infected with HIV in the planning and delivery of services. As a result of their work, they inspire and empower more people to live, open more minds, and help break stigma of HIV.

RAIN educates and advocates for all people living with HIV and to work for a greater understanding of how it affects everyone regardless of race, gender, immigration status, and sexual orientation. RAIN's services enable individuals to live to their fullest potential and include:

-  Medical Case Management *
-  Empowering Positive Youth (EPY) *
-  Early Intervention Services (EIS) *
-  Health Insurance Assistance *
-  PrEP Program *
-  Counseling Services *
-  CREW (Community Resources for Empowerment & Wellness)
-  HIV/STI Testing *
-  Research Studies
-  Support Groups
-  Awareness, Education & Prevention *

** Services provided in Spanish.*

2021 Client and Community Services

RAIN served a total of 767 individuals

-  **MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT** **106 clients served**
Assisting adults living with HIV (ages 25 and older) in obtaining community resources necessary for maintaining good health and eliminating barriers to effective treatment.
-  **EMPOWERING POSITIVE YOUTH (EPY)** **68 clients served**
Providing compassionate care to youth living with HIV (ages 13 to 24) with peer counseling, referrals to support services, medical case management, education on HIV/STI prevention and support in learning to live with HIV.
-  **EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES (EIS)** **116 clients served**
Linking individuals who have fallen out of care or newly diagnosed and face the most barriers to effective treatment, adherence and viral suppression.
-  **HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE** **280 individuals connected**
Assisting Ryan White eligible individuals in successfully navigating the health insurance options to meet their unique medical needs, along with providing financial assistance for premiums and other out of pocket costs.
-  **PrEP PROGRAM** **94 clients served**
Connecting HIV negative people to a prescribing physician to obtain medication and implementing risk reduction techniques to reduce the risk of exposure to HIV.
-  **COUNSELING SERVICES** **52 clients served**
Providing on-site mental health support to clients as they work through issues related to a HIV diagnosis, anxiety, depression, trauma and substance abuse.
-  **HIV/STI TESTING** **383 individuals tested**
Offering free and confidential testing through community events, by appointment and Wednesday evenings in our Uptown office (5 to 7 PM) in partnership with the Health Department.
-  **RESEARCH STUDIES** **13 individuals enrolled**
Studying HIV ART (Anti-Retroviral Therapy) usage and adherence, viral load, maintenance, mental health and wellness, substance use, sexual health, stigma, disclosure, HIV wellness and the use of PrEP.
-  **CREW (COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR EMPOWERMENT & WELLNESS)** **10 clients served**
Helping individuals decide if they are ready for treatment through a holistic program that focuses on harm reduction based one-on-one counseling, group support and substance use treatment.



A New Initiative

MISSION:

The Havens provides access to safe and affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness who are living with HIV or other disabilities.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Havens provides safe and affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness who are living with HIV or other disabilities. The 25-unit complex consists of one, two, and three bedroom apartments. In addition to administrative office space, there are common areas for onsite supportive services provided by community organizations.

INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Housing IS healthcare. Multiple studies show housing stability plays an important role in optimal health outcomes. RAIN and The Havens' initiative provides safe, affordable housing for individuals living with HIV or other disabilities. The Havens is an important facet of Charlotte's scarce affordable housing network.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided funding in 1995 to build affordable housing for people living with disabilities. The complex operates with oversight from a board of directors under The Havens' 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. In 2020, The Havens' board requested RAIN's expertise in support services, management, and fundraising to insure the apartment complex's availability for people living with HIV and/or disabilities.

On March 1, 2021, The Havens expanded its board of directors to strengthen its mission. Debbie Warren, retired Founder, President & CEO of RAIN, leads the board, with additional support from RAIN board members. An advisory committee of community members provides extensive professional experience from multiple sectors. The Havens operates under its 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation; RAIN provides programmatic and fundraising support.