This initiative supports a high impact approach to prevention efforts. Funded interventions and activities seek to decrease the spread of HIV/STD/HCV through the provision of interventions and services that seek to:

- Prevent new HIV/STD/HCV infections
- Focus high impact prevention efforts in communities where HIV is most heavily concentrated
- Expand targeted efforts to prevent HIV infection using a combination of effective, evidence-based approaches
- Increase HIV/STD/HCV testing and screening services
- Increase the number of women who know their HIV/STD/HCV status
- Identify HIV/STD/HCV infected individuals and ensure access to early, high quality medical care and prevention services
- Increase access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and risk reduction services
- Facilitate access to prevention services including PrEP linkage and support services
Priority Populations

Women, particularly women of color, who are at high risk for HIV/STD/HCV infection and women who are infected, including but not limited to the following:

- Women in sexual relationships with partners whose status is unknown; or who are in sero-discordant relationships
- Partners of men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Women who have been diagnosed with STDs
- Women with a history of trauma, sexual, emotional and physical abuse
- Sex workers
- Substance Users and their Partners;
- Women with a recent history of incarceration
- Women who are homeless or unstably housed
- Immigrant women, particularly those who have limited access to health and human services
- Pregnant woman and women of childbearing age
HIV/STD/HCV Prevention and Related Services for Women

Funding allows for the provision of:
- Targeted confidential HIV testing
- STD/HCV Screening
- Linkage and Navigation Services
- Comprehensive Behavioral Risk Reduction Education
- Prevention Counseling
- Linkage to PrEP and nPEP
- Condom Distribution
- Peer training, navigation, and support
- Treatment adherence support services, and other prevention and supportive services
To Achieve Initiative Goals:

Contracts Focus on High Impact HIV Prevention Programming
ETE and Women

Funded interventions in the initiative are intended to support achieving the State’s three-point plan to End the Epidemic. Key Blueprint Recommendations of importance for Ending the Epidemic in women include:

- **BPI**: Make Routine HIV Testing truly routine
- **BP2**: Expand targeted testing
- **BP3**: Address acute HIV infection
- **BP4**: Improve Referral and Engagement
- **BP8**: Enhance and streamline services to support the non-medical needs of all persons with HIV
- **BP12**: Include a variety of statewide programs for distribution and increased access to PrEP
- **BP13**: Create a coordinated statewide mechanism for persons to access PrEP and nPEP and prevention focused care
- **BP23**: Provide comprehensive sexual health education