

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT SYSTEM OF CARE

Contra Costa Health Services Department receives funding to provide services through Part A of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act (now the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009) as a grantee under the Oakland Transitional Grant area (TGA). In the two decades since the Act was originally passed (1990), four reauthorizations of the Act have reflected the evolution of HIV/AIDS into a chronic disease that is generally manageable with appropriate treatment and high quality health care. The 2006 reauthorization changed how these Ryan White funds could be used, with an emphasis on providing life-saving and life-extending services for people living with HIV/AIDS across this country. The emphasis was on more money being spent on direct health care for people living with HIV or AIDS. **The most recent reauthorization, in 2009, created new incentives to find HIV-infected persons and link them into care.**

