



THE KEY STEPS TO PREVENTING MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION

THROUGH RESEARCH, ADVOCACY, AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, THE ELIZABETH GLASER PEDIATRIC AIDS FOUNDATION IS WORKING TO MANIFEST THESE KEY STEPS IN THE PREVENTION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV.



TESTING is the first and most critical step in reducing mother-to-child transmission. Knowing her status, an expectant mother can receive the essential treatment that will protect her health and the health of her baby.



SAFE BREASTFEEDING can greatly reduce the risk of transmission from mothers to children through breast milk. Exclusive breastfeeding and antiretroviral (ARV) medicines can protect infants from infection.



PRENATAL TREATMENT for HIV-positive expectant mothers can protect their babies from HIV by drastically reducing the risk of mother-to-child transmission. Antiretroviral therapy and education services have been proven to significantly reduce the risk of transmission to their infants.



EARLY INFANT TESTING can measure a child's HIV status in the first few months of life. As a result, HIV-positive children can have early access to the treatment they need to support their long-term healthy survival.



SAFE CHILDBIRTH is an important consideration for any expectant mother, yet many women lack access to proper facilities. We're working to ensure that more women have access to prenatal care and to the adequate health care facilities they need to have a safe place for their delivery.



CARE AND TREATMENT IF A CHILD IS HIV+ is incredibly important. Without treatment, the statistics are bleak — half of HIV infected infants won't make it to their second birthday. Those receiving treatment however, can thrive and remain healthy well into adulthood.



CHILD HEALTH VISITS are critical in the first few months of a newborn's life. We help provide access to comprehensive routine checkups that can help identify infections and put an HIV-positive child on the path to treatment and stronger health.

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WHY CHILDREN MATTER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV

IN 2012

35 MILLION
people in the world
LIVE WITH HIV*



3.2 MILLION
of those infected
ARE CHILDREN

More than



700 CHILDREN are **INFECTED** with
HIV EVERY DAY

Almost **50% DIE BEFORE** their



2ND BIRTHDAYS
without diagnosis and treatment



90% of child infections are from
MOTHER > CHILD
transmission

100%
are preventable

*UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic 2013