

Transitional Care Coordination: From Jail Intake to Community HIV Primary Care

DISSEMINATION OF
EVIDENCE-
INFORMED.
INTERVENTIONS



The Transitional Care Coordination intervention is designed to utilize transitional care coordinators to identify people with HIV in jail and support linkages to community HIV primary care and services post-release.

Find more intervention materials, including implementation and training manuals, on Target HIV: <https://targethiv.org/deii/deii-transitional-care>

The majority of people with HIV who pass through jail are released without being sentenced to prison. They return to the communities they left and the opportunity to make the linkage between jail-based and community-based HIV care, which is a crucial component of comprehensive HIV service delivery,^{1,2} is lost. This tailored intervention to engage people with HIV post-release in care is essential to reach the goal of Ending the HIV epidemic.



THE CHALLENGE



FOCUS POPULATION

People with HIV identified while in jail who are 18 years or older.



THE MODEL

This short-term intervention utilizes transitional care coordinators to work with clients to:

- Create individualized transitional care plans to implement upon release;
 - Provide continuous intensive case management while clients are in jails and for 90 days post-release; and
 - Support linkage to community HIV primary care within 30 days post-release.
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 - Southern Nevada Health District, Las Vegas, NV
 - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC



DEMONSTRATION SITES

Over the course of this project, a total of 249 clients were served by the sites implementing the intervention. Of those, 232 were released into the community, from 2016-2019:

- 27% of clients were linked to care within 30 days post-release.
- 52% of clients were linked to care within 120 days post-release.
- 80% were virally suppressed 120 days post-release.



IMPACTS

1 Spaulding AC, Seals RM, Page MJ, et al. HIV/AIDS among inmates of, and releasees from, U.S. correctional facilities, 2006: declining share of epidemic but persistent public health opportunity. *PLoS One*. 2009;4(11):1-8

2 Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. Enhancing linkages to HIV primary care and services in jail settings initiative: linkage to social support services. *Policy Brief*. Spring 2010.