

Improving HIV Health Outcomes through the Coordination of Supportive Employment and Housing Services

DEMONSTRATION SITE
PROGRAM NAME

AIDS Foundation of Chicago | Chicago, IL
Safe and Sound Return Partnership (SSRP)



GEOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPE

The urban Chicago metropolitan area, which is concentrated in segregated black and Hispanic communities with high rates of poverty, substance use, unemployment, and crime.



THE CHALLENGE

There is a lack of available and affordable housing units as well as employment opportunities and trainings, especially for registered sex offenders. Travel and client readiness are barriers to care, case management and other social services.



FOCUS POPULATION

People living with HIV (PLWH) recently released from Chicago's Cook County Jail and the Illinois Department of Corrections who are reentering Chicago's South and Westside neighborhoods and may encounter difficulties accessing community HIV treatment and care services.



THE MODEL

SSRP is a three-pronged intervention that works at the client, provider, and system levels to rapidly connect PLWH recently released from Cook County Jail and Illinois state prisons to medical, housing, and employment services using a Peer Community Reengagement Specialist model.



PARTNERS

Partners include Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center, Austin Community Health Center, Christian Community Health Center, the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago, HIV Housing Taskforce and the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership. We also partner with 30 community agencies that provide healthcare, mental health, substance use, legal and supportive services.



IMPACTS

- **Impact 1:** Connect PLWH to healthcare, employment and housing
- **Impact 2:** Build capacity through training and education to improve the provider system
- **Impact 3:** Convene a multi-sector coalition to create structural interventions that will address the reentry population's barriers to care