

# Safe & Sound Return Partnership

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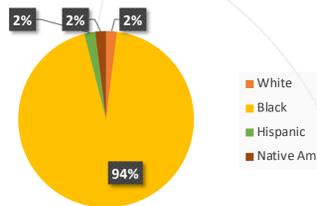
## Introduction

### Geographic Landscape

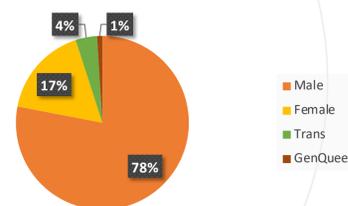
#### Brief description of local HIV epidemic

Urban reentry in the Chicagoland area, concentrated within segregated black and Hispanic communities with high rates of poverty, substance use, unemployment, crime and other challenges.

#### HIV Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity



#### HIV Prevalence by Risk



**86%** Viral suppression  
**87%** homeless or unstably housed  
**96%** unemployed or underemployed

### The Challenge

Lack of available, appropriate, and affordable transitional, supportive and permanent housing units, especially for registered sex offenders.

Stigma, barriers to care, and movement challenges to enter case management, behavioral health services and other social services.

Lower level of employment availability, opportunity jobs, training, readiness and professional development programs.

*An SSRP Client recently stated: "I would just like to be at peace. Of all the things that I've had to go through, my biggest challenge is finding a place to stay."*

### Key Partnerships

### Focus population

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**  
Christian Community Health Center

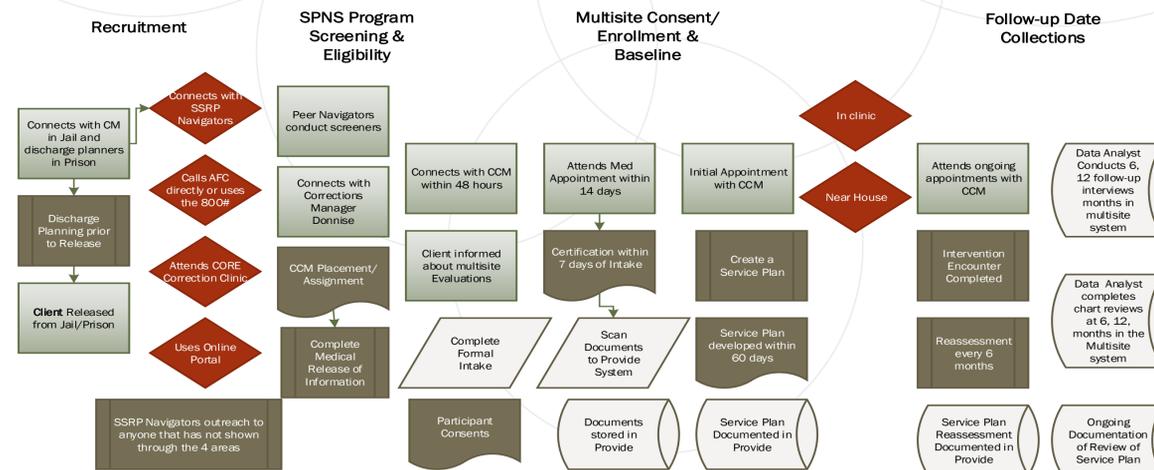
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Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center

**SSRP**  
Safe and Sound Return Partnership  
EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING

Reentry Community with HIV/AIDS recently released from Chicago's Cook County Jail, and those that feed into the Illinois Prisons who are returning to Chicago. Correctional facilities provide concentrated settings populated by persons with HIV and in HIV high-risk groups who may encounter difficulties accessing community HIV treatment and care services.

## The Program Model

SSRP is a three-pronged intervention that works at the client, provider, and system levels to rapidly connect individuals recently released from Cook County Jail and Illinois prisons that are HIV positive to an expanded range of medical, housing, and employment services as well as behavioral health treatment through Peer Community Reengagement Specialist.



## Lessons Learned

Utilization of a long-term contact sheet for the recruitment phase of the program.

- Alternate Contact
- Alternate Address
- Alternate Phone
- Alternate Email
- Social Media Contact

Increase in employment and housing providers at the taskforce level.

- Diversity
- Increased Numbers
- Employers with opportunity jobs

Increase in program activities and incentives for the clients.

- Engagement
- Empowerment
- Show Appreciation
- Valued
- Snacks for appointments

Partnerships has been a vital key in connecting participants to care, housing, and employment.

- Host recruitment meetings
- Increase partner service overview
- Hold taskforce meetings at site

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## Key Innovation

### Peer Reengagement Specialist

- Connect individuals to healthcare, employment and Housing
- Increase capacity for a better provider system through training and education
- Convene a multi-sector coalition that includes the population, DOL and AIDS Housing Providers to create structural interventions that will address barriers of the reentry population

## Preliminary Outcomes

### Individual level

#### Connect 215 Individuals

- 86 clients connected to Care
- 15 SSRP clients Employed
- 10 SSRP clients Housed

### System level

#### Collaborative multidisciplinary taskforce

- 20 MOUs with housing/employment agencies
- 6 Transitional Correction case managers trained
- 1 Summit held with 45 vendors