

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

DEMONSTRATION SITE
PROGRAM NAME

Positive Impact Health Centers | Atlanta, GA
HOMES Project (Housing Opportunities
Medical Employment Services)



GEOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPE

Serving the Atlanta 20 County EMA. The service area spans from the immediate Atlanta Metro Community to the surrounding suburban and rural counties where housing and transportation services are often lacking.



THE CHALLENGE

In the state of Georgia, there is a limited focus on providing direct housing and employment opportunities to people living with HIV (PLWH). The lack of public funding and the presence of stigma have impeded AIDS service organizations from providing such services.



FOCUS POPULATION

PLWH who are out of care (or in danger of falling out of care) and who are seeking housing and employment opportunities in the Atlanta Metro Region. All demographic populations are welcome.



THE MODEL

Incorporating a housing first model helps PLWH to address their housing instability while working towards obtaining employment and maintaining consistent medical care. While other housing models require income before housing can be obtained, this plan allows patients to search for work while also being stably housed.



PARTNERS

- **Central Outreach:** Employment Services
- **The Living Room:** Housing Services and Housing Advocacy
- **Atlanta Workforce Development:** Employment and Vocational Services



IMPACTS

- **Impact 1:** Improve access to housing for PLWH previously denied housing
- **Impact 2:** Establish access to region wide employment services
- **Impact 3:** Improve access to quality HIV medical care and support services to improve health outcomes and decrease reliance on emergency medical services