

Building a linkage and retention collaborative learning network to impact patient outcomes

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Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

1. Review the background data and impact of linkage and retention in care on the HIV/AIDS care continuum and client outcomes.
2. Analyze the process of building a linkage and retention collaborative learning network, tools developed, and its impact on linkage rates.
3. Generate a plan on how you would like to develop a linkage and retention learning collaborative and/or apply the strategies shared.



Objective

Connect with folks and leave this session with a new idea or contact person to help implement a collaborative linkage and retention strategy at your workplace.

Objective



Agenda

Why linkage & retention matters



How collaboration can help



**Connect with folks:
share ideas & experiences**





“It’s the personal touch...”



Why does linkage & retention matter?

UNAIDS | 2016–2021 Strategy

THE TREATMENT TARGET



diagnosed



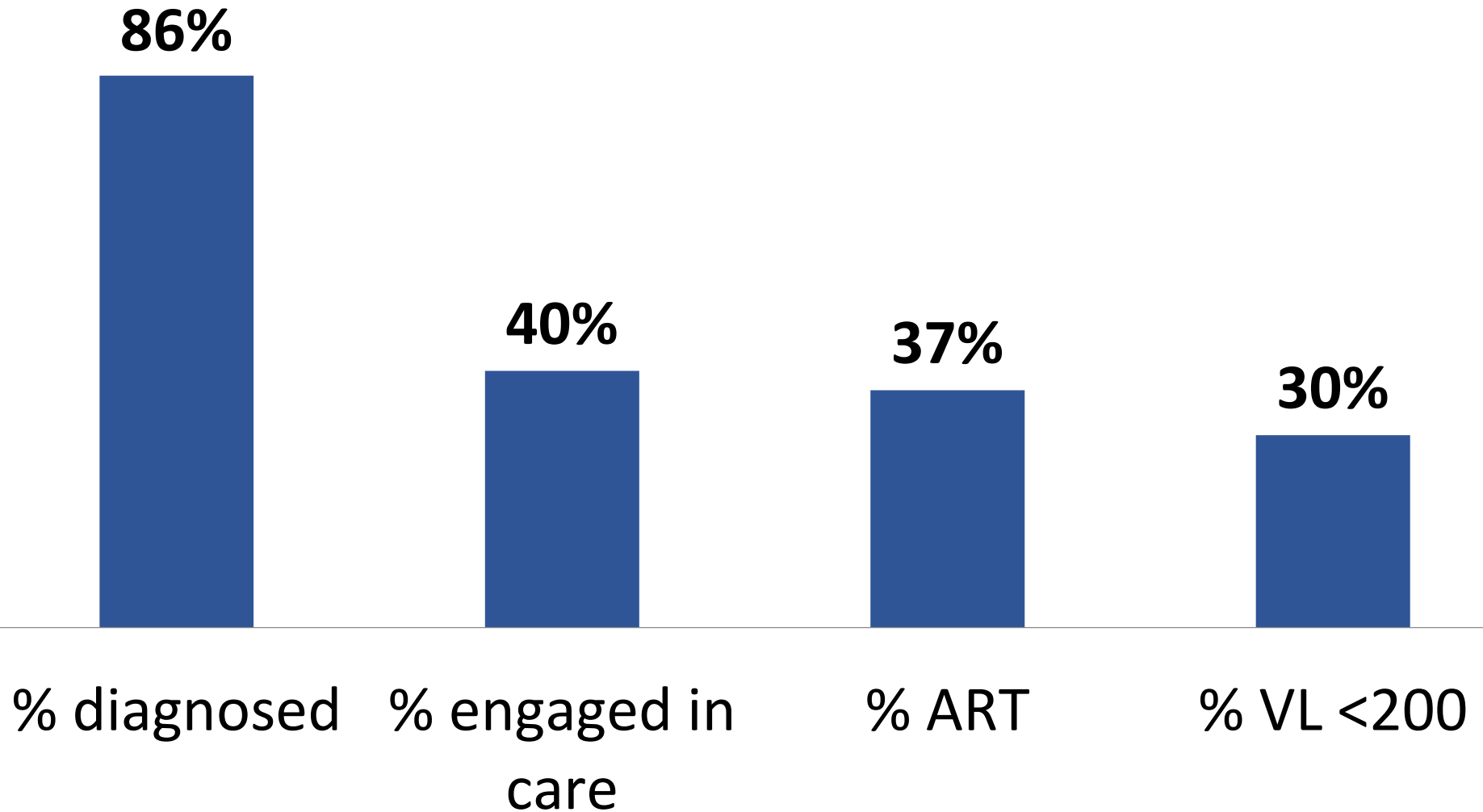
on treatment



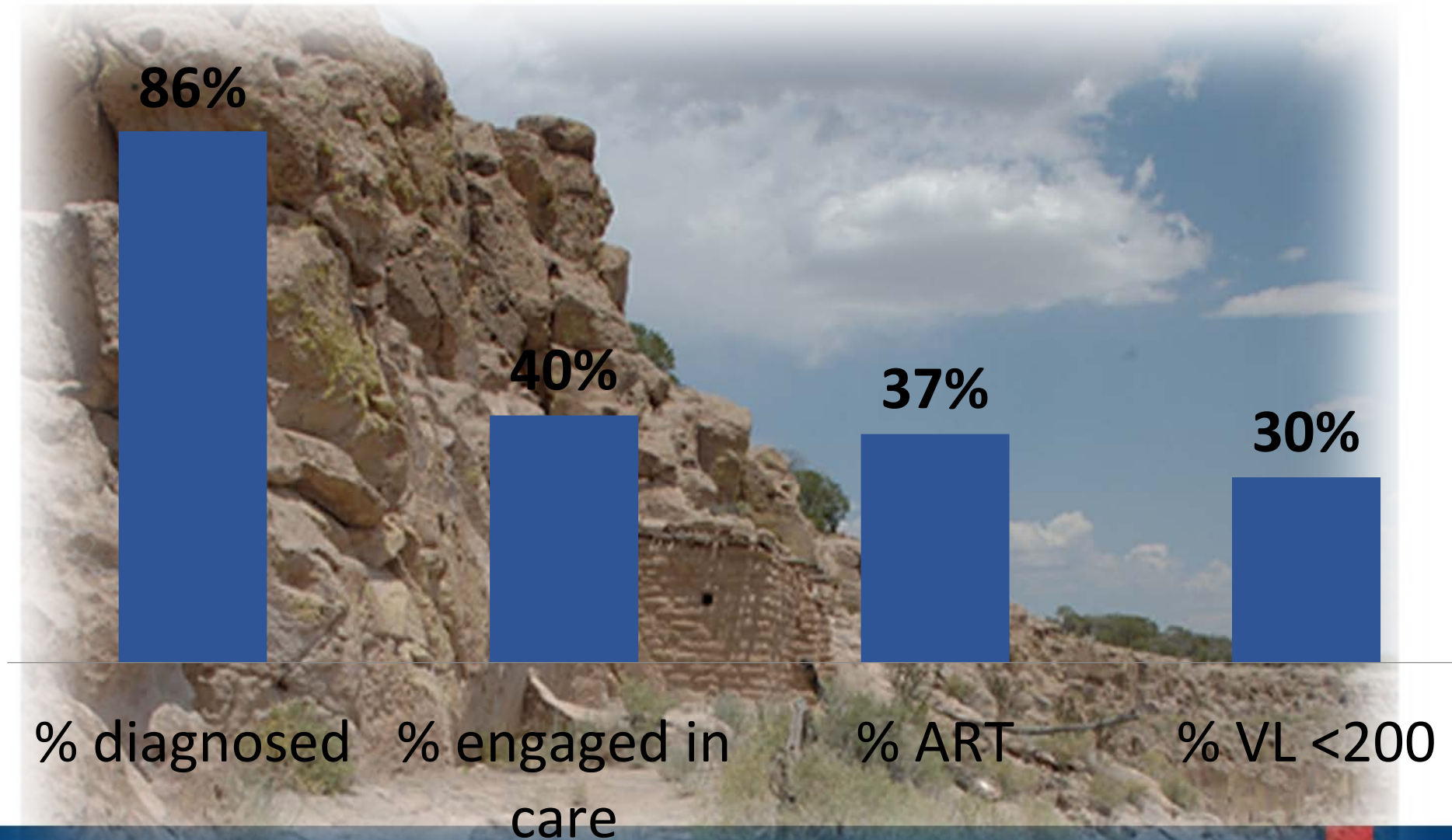
virally suppressed

ZERO new infections
ZERO AIDS-related deaths
ZERO discrimination

US HIV care continuum



US HIV care cliff





How much is baseline $CD4 < 50$
associated with dying?

2.4x

2014 CID, Mugavero et. al.



Is lack of retention associated with dying?

2.4x

2014 CID, Mugavero et. al.



Are >2 missed visits associated with dying?

3.2x

2014 CID, Mugavero et. al.



Among people retained in care, are >2 missed visits associated with dying?

3.6x

2014 CID, Mugavero et. al.



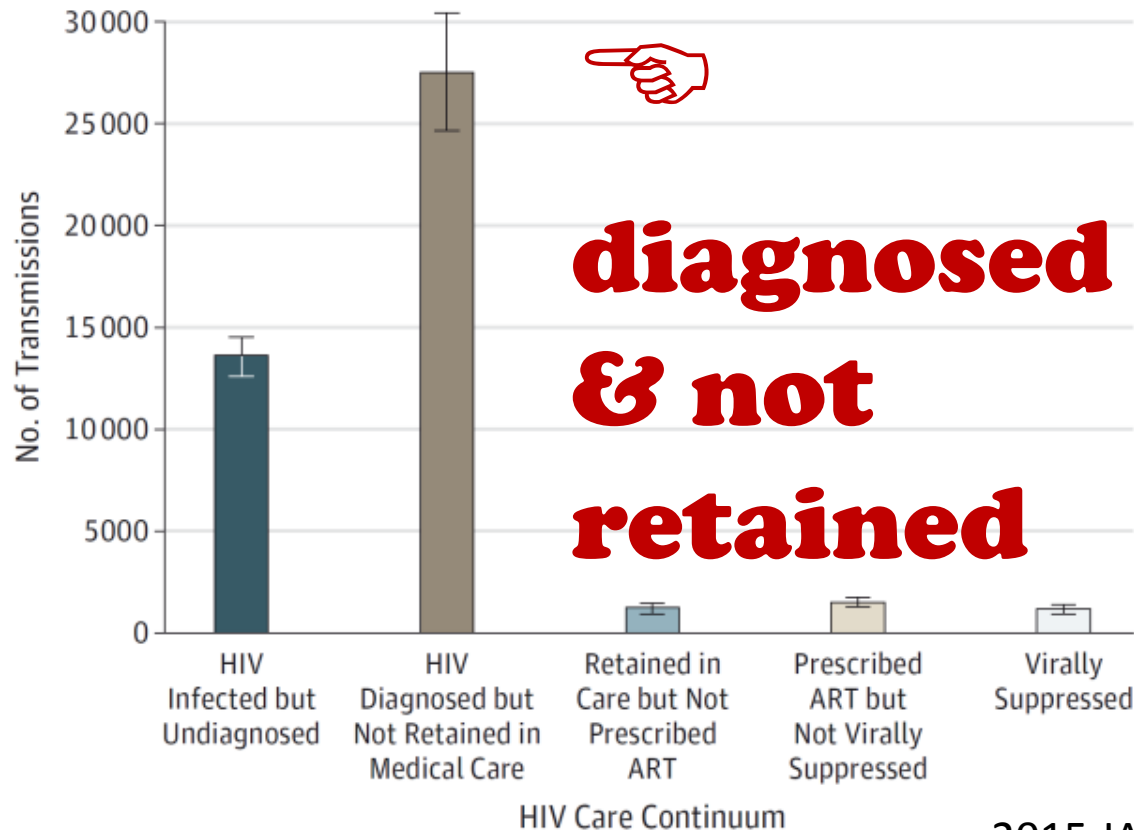
PLWHA not in care are responsible for
what % of HIV transmissions?

92%

2015 JAMA, Skarbinski et. al.

Where are new infections coming from?

A United States, 2009



2015 JAMA, Skarbinski et. al.

Treatment reduces transmission by

93-96%

HPTN 052 study: Cohen MS et al, NEJM 2011: 365 and CROI 2015




Hot off the press: Rapid ART!

- reduce mortality at 12 months in Haiti
- increase uptake of ART by 36% in South Africa and from 85% to 100% in SF
- increase viral load suppression rates in South Africa by 26%
- increase retention in care at 6 months from 85% to 90% in SF

Koenig, AIDS 2016; Rosen 2016, CROI abstract 28; Pilcher, JAIDS 2016

How do we improve linkage & retention?

3 steps & 3 levels:

	Pick low-hanging fruit. 	Level-up! 	Master it. 
① Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ act on missed visits ★ track gaps in care >6 months ★ ask about adherence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ track those not retained in care ★ track missed refills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ track >2 missed visits ● use public health surveillance data to monitor new diagnoses and those lost to care
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3 steps :

① Track patients

② Follow-up

③ Connect







Who we serve:

Over 200,000 collective patients

51% Latino/Hispanic

22% Asian

18% Black

12% Non-Hispanic white

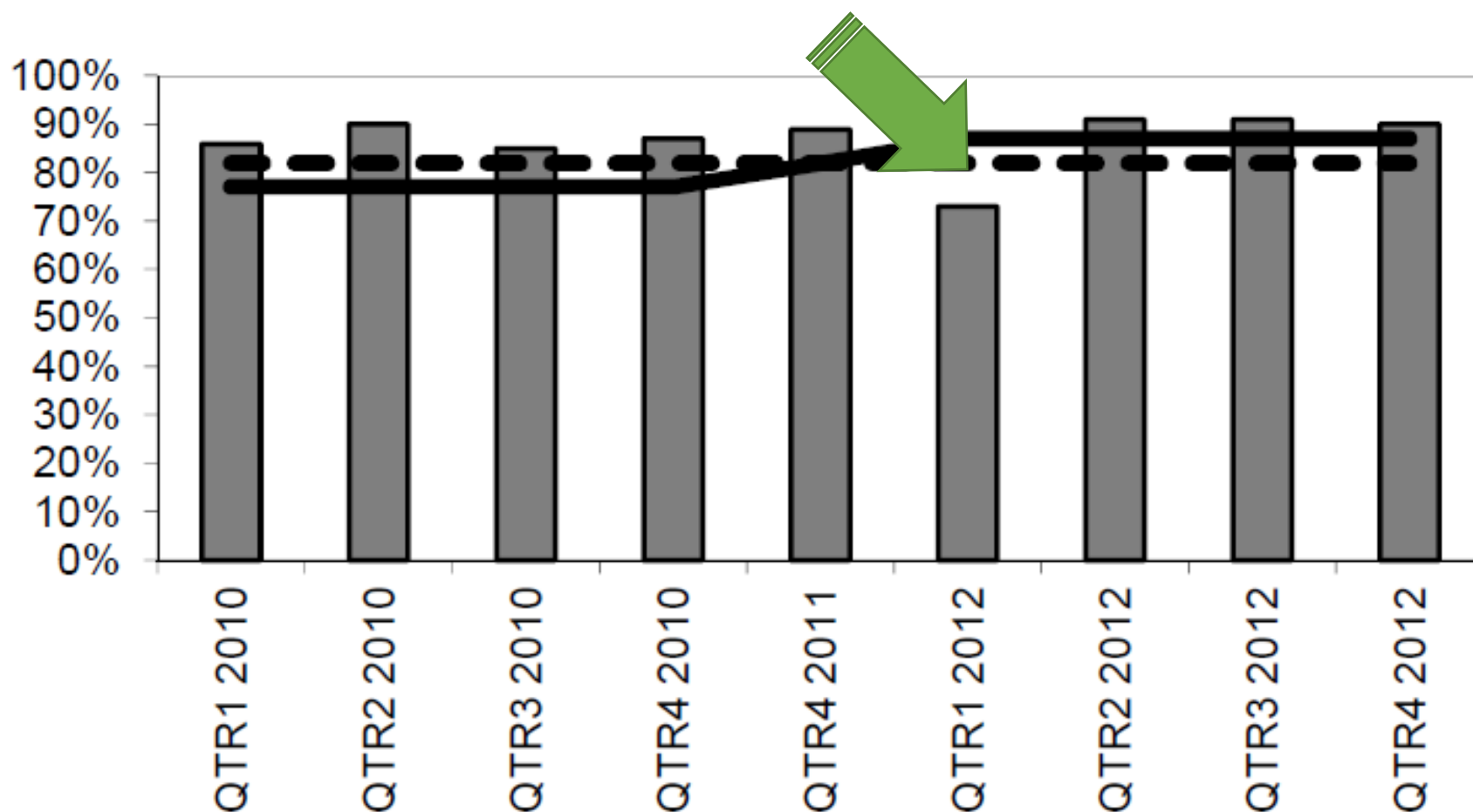
56% ages 18-64

95% at or below 200% FPL

45% best served in a language other than English



HIV ACCESS retention trends: 2010-2012





Who in the US is least likely to be retained or VL suppressed?

Young people

- Ages 19-24
- 76% vs. 83% retention
- 52% vs. 75% suppression



Who in the US is less likely to be virally suppressed?

African Americans: 70%

Transgender people: 69%

(vs. 75% for all)

2012 RSR data

East Bay linkage & retention network



Updated Google doc contact list



East Bay HIV Care Clinics (Updated March 2016)



Clinic contacts listed and confirmed, in alphabetical order:

1. Alameda County Office of AIDS (Funder & Linkage and Partner Services)
2. Alameda Health Systems (Highland Hospital, Oakland and Fairmont HIV Clinics, San Leandro)
3. AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Oakland
4. AIDS Project of the East Bay (APEB), Oakland
5. Asian Health Services, Oakland
6. CAL-PEP
7. Contra Costa County Health Services
8. Corizon Health (Santa Rita Jail & Glenn Dyer Detention Center), Dublin
9. East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC), Oakland
10. EBAC's Downtown Youth Clinic (DYC), Oakland
11. Kaiser (Oakland & San Leandro/Hayward/Fremont & Martinez)
 - a. La Clínica de la Raza, Oakland
12. Lifelong Medical Care
 - a. Ashby Health Center (formerly **BERKELEY PRIMARY CARE**)
 - b. East Oakland
13. Tri-City Health Center, Fremont
14. Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases (WORLD)
15. Solano County HIV Services

Updated Google doc contact list



Asian Medical Center
818 Webster St. Oakland, CA 94607
HIV Clinic Days & Hours - Tuesday 9-4:30pm

Frank Kiang Medical Center
250 East 18th Street Oakland, CA 94606
HIV Clinic Days & Hours - Wednesday to Friday 9-4:30pm

Asian Resource Center
817 Harrison Street Oakland, CA 94607
HIV Clinic Days & Hours - Tuesday 9-4:30pm

Information about services

Services prioritized for Asian and Pacific Islanders, especially with limited English proficiency

- Accepting: uninsured; undocumented; Medi-Cal: plain, Alameda Alliance, Blue Cross; MediCare; limited HMO and PPO plans
- New patient intake appointments within 2 weeks
- New patient provider appointments within 4 weeks
- Additional services: API language on-site interpretation, dental clinic and limited API-language behavioral health counseling, ADAP enrollment and OAHIPP, HIV rapid testing and counseling
- Case management.

Contact information

between 8th and 9th St. in Oakland Chinatown

<http://www.asianhealthservices.org/handler.php?p=services-HIVAIDS>

Main contact for linkage and access:

Koji Sakakibara, HIV Program Manager

Phone (direct work cell): 510-984-

Warm hand-off protocol



East Bay HIV Linkage & Retention Advisory Group Warm Hand-off and Retention Protocols



client
identified

•When a client is identified to be

- newly diagnosed and not yet engaged in HIV primary care
- transferring from one provider to another or recently moved to area
- transferring from the jail, and/or
- out of care
- For clients with a preliminary positive rapid test, proceed with linkage process on the same day and if possible, obtain and process a confirmatory test specimen.
- Obtain a release of information for the agencies you will be coordinating care with.

phone
contact

- Referring worker discusses and decides on HIV care site with client, based on client preferences.
- Referring worker may consult the East Bay HIV Clinic List via Google document: <http://tinyurl.com/alcohiv> or <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qooJV5cH12OH8jZoPMDsE6GxCK8lDZroqlj4EmRPMig/edit?usp=sharing>
- Referring worker calls the receiving worker and/or clinic to obtain intake appointment time. Ideally the phone number is one that can be answered immediately or responded to within an hour.
- If a message is left, the receiving worker is expected to respond to the message within 3 business days.
- Referring worker gets a current and reliable phone number and address for client (when possible) and shares the contact with receiving worker.

Pay-for-Performance (P4P) project

Detailed Guidance for Process Deliverables				
Category		Required Elements		Value
Quality Plan Review and update written quality plan and all processes (from existing documents)	Does the quality plan contain:	<input type="checkbox"/> A quality statement?		2
		<input type="checkbox"/> A description of the quality infrastructure? (Include team members, roles and responsibilities, communication structure, meetings, and timelines)		5
		<input type="checkbox"/> Quality Measures and goals (HIV ACCESS and site-specific)?		1
		<input type="checkbox"/> A process for involving consumers in the quality management program?		2
	Do processes include:	Retention	<input type="checkbox"/> Step-by-step guidelines?	1 point each (20 total)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Person(s) responsible for each step?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule and/or timeline for completing the process?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Screenshots showing documentation process?	
		Linkage	<input type="checkbox"/> Step-by-step guidelines?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Person(s) responsible for each step?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule and/or timeline for completing the process?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Screenshots showing documentation process?	
		Adherence counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Step-by-step guidelines?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Person(s) responsible for each step?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule and/or timeline for completing the process?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Screenshots showing documentation process?	

Pay-for-Performance (P4P) project

2014: Protocols

2015: Team involvement

2016: Client involvement

& Retention projects

?2017: rapid ART, pharmacy





Alameda County Linkage-to-care 2012

70%

before warm hand-off



Alameda County Linkage-to-care 2013

73%


**mid-2013: launched
warm hand-off protocol**



Alameda County HIV ACCESS 2014

83%

**after warm hand-off
& P4P launch**



Alameda County HIV ACCESS 2015

94%

**after P4P & linkage
system strengthening**





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Thank you! Questions?






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Objective



Now let's share...

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What level are you at?

Pick low-hanging fruit.



Level-up!



Master it.



In small groups:

Each person ~2 minutes:

1. name, agency, role
2. Are you part of a linkage & retention collaborative?
3. A linkage & retention strategy you have used that works or a strategy you want to try

Discussion questions (~15 mins total):

1. How can collaborations across cadres, teams, agencies, regions help you implement your linkage & retention strategies?
2. What challenges do you face with these collaborations?
3. In what ways can you tackle these challenges?
4. What is the one key thing your group got out of your discussion you want to share with the larger group?