

**ARTAS II
In South Carolina**

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Introduction

- **Background of HIV epidemic and HIV care system in South Carolina**
- **ARTAS II Implementation in South Carolina**
- **Linkage to Care implementation after the demonstration project**

AIDS in South Carolina

- **SC ranks 7th in the nation among states and the District of Columbia with an AIDS rate of 16.3 cases per 100,000 population (13,406 cumulative cases)**
- **Columbia ranks 11th in the nation among Metropolitan Statistical Areas with an AIDS rate of 28.0 per 100,000 population (3,298 cumulative cases)**

Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

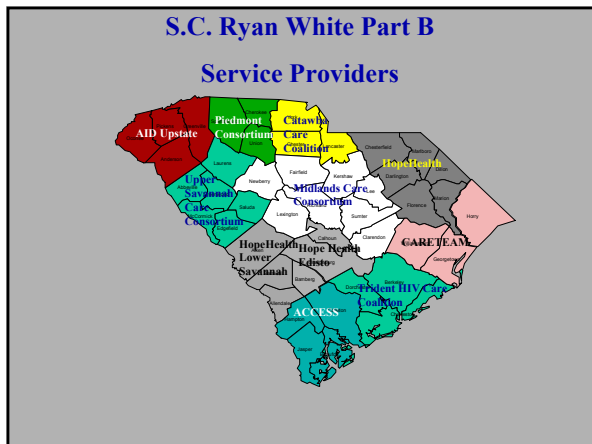
AIDS in South Carolina

- Greenville ranks 58th in the nation among Metropolitan Statistical Areas with an AIDS rate of 11.1 per 100,000 population (1,296 cumulative cases)

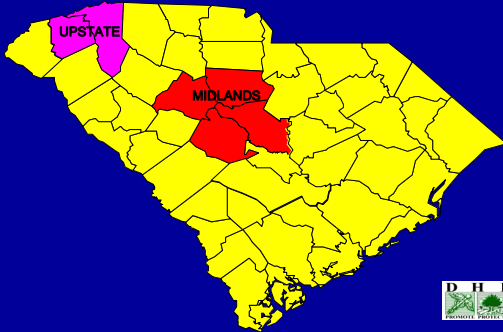
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SC HIV Care Organizational Structure

- State Health Department – STD/HIV Division
- Ryan White Parts B and D Grantee – fund 11 HIV Service Providers through Part B and 6 HIV Service Providers through Part D
- 10 directly funded Ryan White Part C Service Providers



Linkage to HIV Care Demonstration Project Regions
in South Carolina

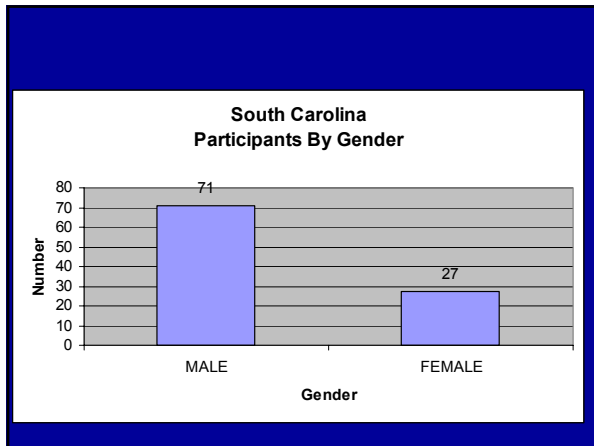


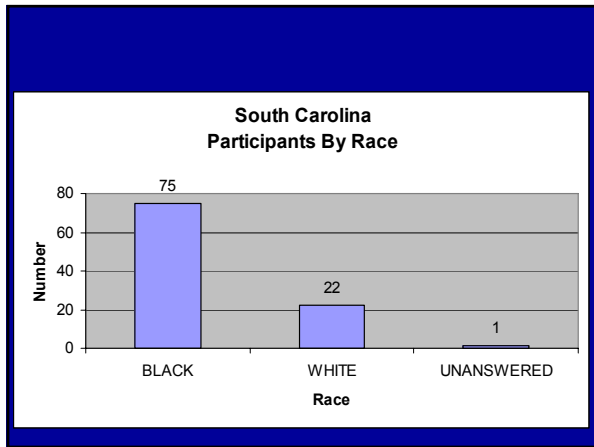
Project Implementation – Local
Partners

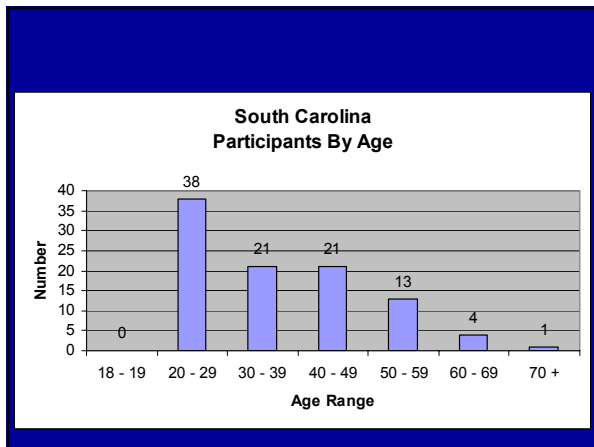
- Project was conducted in two regions of the state – Midlands and Upstate
- Local Partners in both regions
 - University of South Carolina Ryan White Clinic and Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) (Midlands)
 - AID Upstate (Upstate)

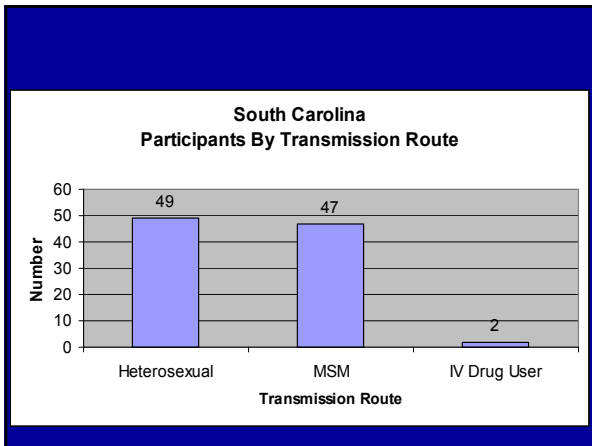
SC ARTAS II Client Demographics












Recruitment

- Primary recruitment sites in both regions
 - local health departments
- Additional recruitment sites
 - Hospitals
 - Community Based Organization counseling and testing sites



Relationships

- Local Health Departments
- CBOs
- Other Community Partners



Barriers to Implementation

- Communication between referring organizations (HD) and ARTAS II host sites
- Counseling/meeting space
- Follow up

Successes

- 98 clients recruited into the program
- Lasting relationships built, strengthened
- Clients linked!
- Transition to RW B CM

The cessation of ARTAS II in SC

- Unable to continue without additional funding after January 2007 completion of demonstration project
- High RW Part B caseloads
- ADAP crisis – wait list from June 2006 through September 2007

Reviving Linkage Case Management

- In September 2007 – Expanded HIV testing initiative
 - Routine HIV testing in Emergency Room settings
 - Three Hospitals in SC participating
 - Linkage to care services associated with each participating ER

Reviving Linkage Case Management in South Carolina

- 2007 Ryan White Part B MAI Grant
 - MAI funds were received from HRSA to specifically provide education and outreach services to racial and ethnic minority individuals who are living with HIV/AIDS focused on increasing access to the Ryan White Care Act Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) or other prescription drug programs.

Reviving Linkage Case Management in South Carolina

- MAI contractor implementing ARTAS II model as outreach activity

The Future of ARTAS II in South Carolina

- Funding
- Success of current activities
- Availability of training
- Uncertain
