

INTRODUCTION

AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC), program entitled the **Safe and Sound Return Partnership (SSRP)** is a **HRSA funded** intervention is focused on retention in care and the expansion of housing and employment opportunities for PLWHA recently released from prison and jail.

- PLWHA recently released from prison and jail face many challenges which could include:

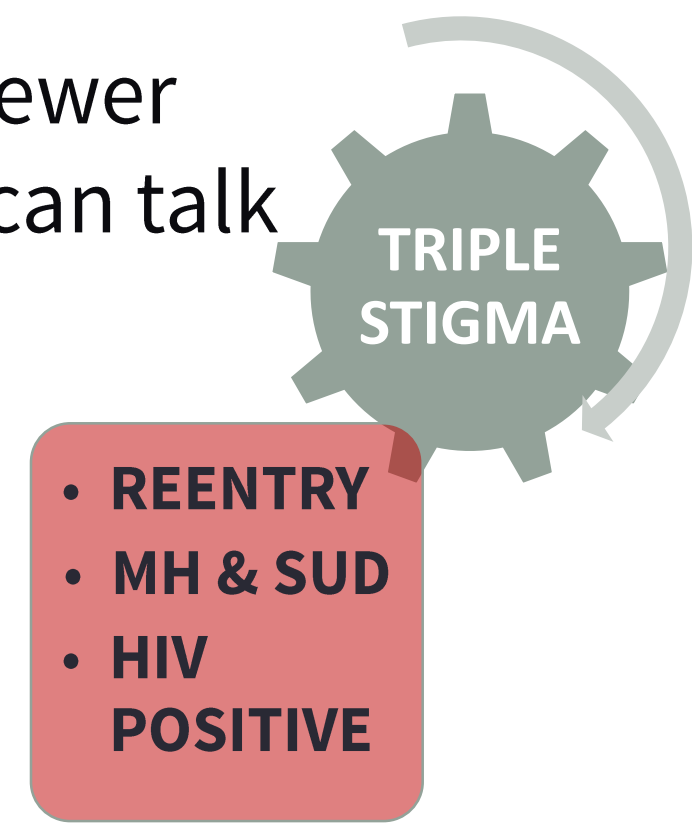


- SOCIAL ISOLATION** is increasingly recognized as a challenge for many PLWHA and may be experienced acutely by PLWHA of all ages returning from incarceration.

SOCIAL ISOLATION

Survey were administered to 109 participants

- 53.3% of respondents reported having fewer than three friends or relatives that they can talk to about private matters.
- 50.0% that were **not virally suppressed** reported they did not have someone to help with daily living if they were sick, compared to 39.7%.



PROGRAM MODEL



- SSRP is a three pronged level intervention
- Increase network of available housing and employment for PLWHA recently released
- Convene a SSRP coalition to help inform the development of an enhance HIV and Reentry training curriculum
- Conduct training/ cross trainings to increase capacity and cultural competency

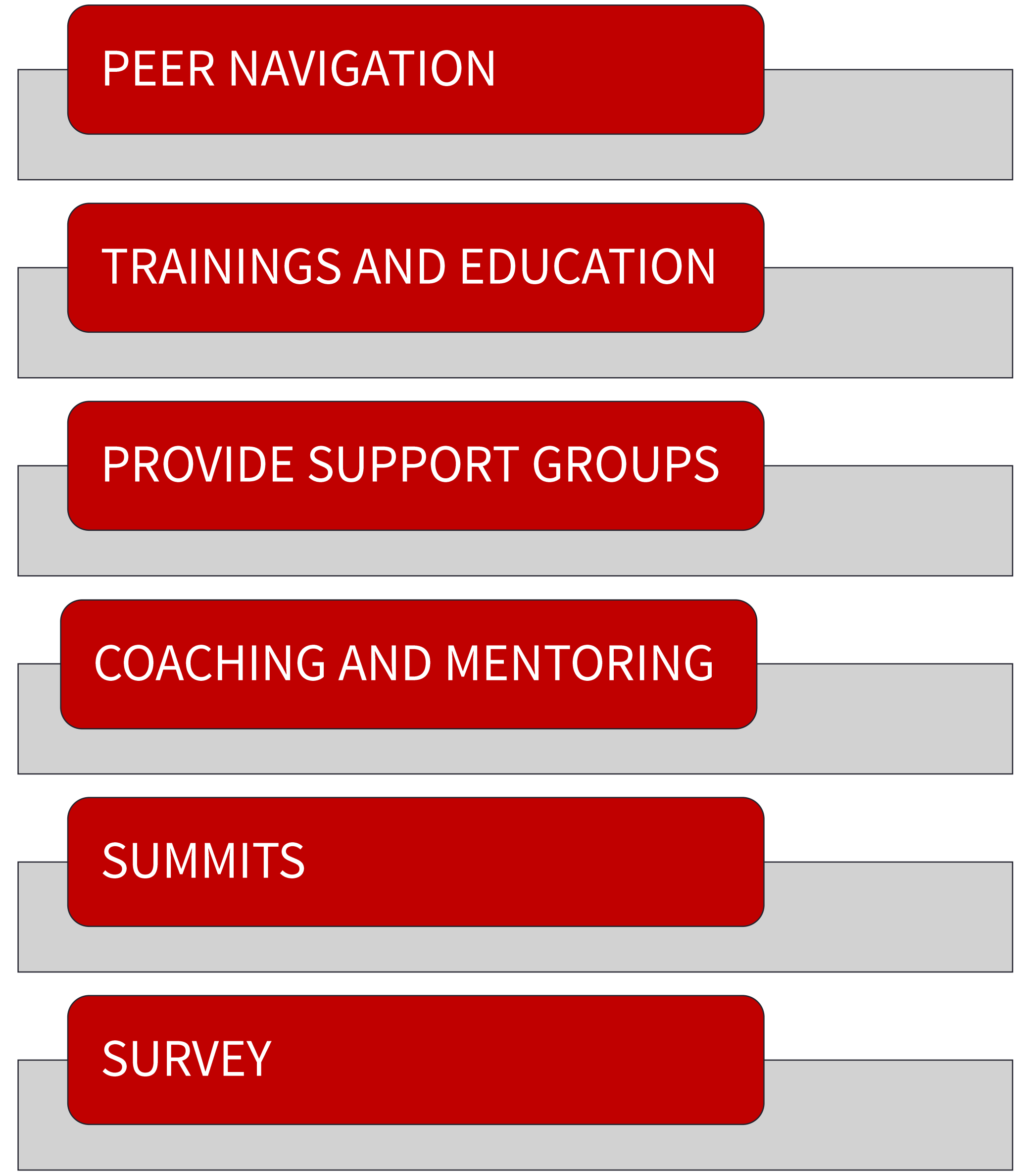
CONCLUSION

PLWHA upon return from incarceration face unique challenges such as:

- Lack of support from family and friends
- Living back in poverty areas
- Anxiety, loneliness, feeling alone
- Triple stigma
- New Technology

At the end of that these preliminary results suggest PLWHA should be in programs that support social isolation.

METHODS AND ACTIVITIES



LESSON LEARNED

- Social well being is important for PLWHA recently release from jail or prison.
- More programs should include support around social isolation.
- Not having the support could lead to a person not being engaged in care.