Beyond the Walls: Building a Foundation for Jail Linkage Programs

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Strengthen & support implementation of jurisdiction Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plans to contribute to achievement of reduction in new reported HIV cases by 75% by 2025



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TAP-in Partnership Structure

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Objectives

- 1. Review incarceration statistics and disparities of people with HIV/AIDS.
- 2. Review characteristics of effective programs to improve linkage to care for people with HIV released from jail or prison.
- 3. Demonstrate the use of process mapping, establishing outcome measures, and enhancing data monitoring systems to strengthen jail linkage program implementation.
- 4. Articulate common challenges with jail focused programs and strategic solutions.



Agenda

- I. Introduction of Panelists
- II. Overview of Incarceration among People with HIV
- III. Jurisdictional Highlight-Maricopa County Jail Project and JumpStart Program
- IV. Jurisdictional Highlight-Orlando County Jail Linkage Program
- V. Question and Answer
- VI. Opportunities for Technical Assistance





Panelists



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Incarcerated People with HIV

- At the end of 2015 there were 15,287 people with HIV incarcerated in state and federal prisons.
- At the end of 2015, there were 35 states with fewer than 15,200 people with HIV.
 Only 15 states have more people with HIV in their population.



HIV Prevalence and Disparities

The prevalence of incarcerated people with HIV/AIDS (PWH) is five times the prevalence of the general population.

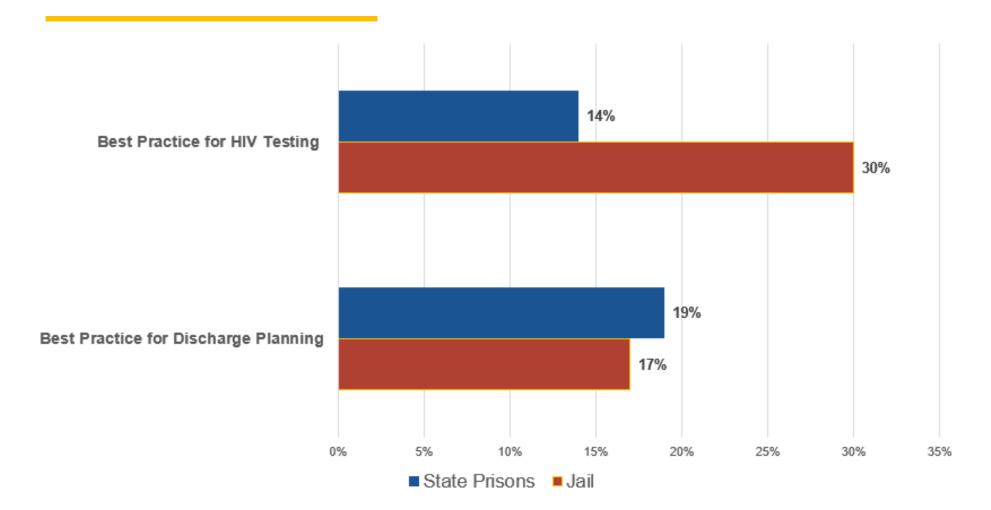
Incarceration Disparities (2015)

- 1 in every 106 White men was justice involved.
- 1 in every 36 Hispanic/Latinx men was justice involved.
- 1 in every 15 African
 American men was justice involved.
- 1 in every 7 People with HIV was justice involved.





Opportunities to Implement Best Practices







Characteristics of Jail Linkage Programming

- Pre-Release
- Comprehensive Prerelease Assessment
- Community Provider Pre-Screening
- Post-release Follow-up

- Peers as Messengers and Navigators
- Integrate Medical Treatment Plan into Reentry Plan
- Behavioral Interventions
- Harm Reduction Approach







What are the top three challenges of jail linkage programs?

- Buy in of Judicial facility coordination with Sheriff's office and Correctional Health.
- Lack of institutional policies or protocols that guide providers
- Medication cost
- Cost for medical staffing
- HIV tests
- Confidentiality
- Education





MARICOPA COUNTY JAIL PROJECT AND JUMPSTART PROGRAM



MARICOPA COUNTY JAIL PROJECT OVERVIEW

- HIV linkage to medical care for people who are incarcerated.
- Maricopa County Jails started the HIV Opt-out Jail testing project in 2011.
- Expanded to include a Nurse Practitioner after HRSA release of PCN 18-02
- Funding
 - HIV Tests and Nurse Case Manager: Ryan White Part A
 - Labs Drawn: Correctional Health Services
 - Process HIV Tests: Phoenix Public Health





BOOKING AND DISCHARGE PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HIV

Pre-intake

Health assessment

HIV medical case manager visit

Continuation of care while incarcerated

Discharge planning

In 2020 there were 5562 tests completed in Opt-out HIV testing.

Opt-out testing identified 48 HIV positive individuals in 2020.

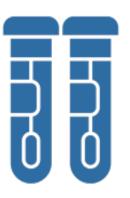
In 2021 there were 5722 tests completed in Opt-out HIV testing.

Opt-out testing identified 55 HIV positive individuals in 2021.





Opt-out HIV Testing



HIV Opt-out Testing

HIV Opt-out testing

Preliminary Test result

- Medical Case manager visit
- Early Intervention education initiated

Final Test results

Notification

Plan of Care

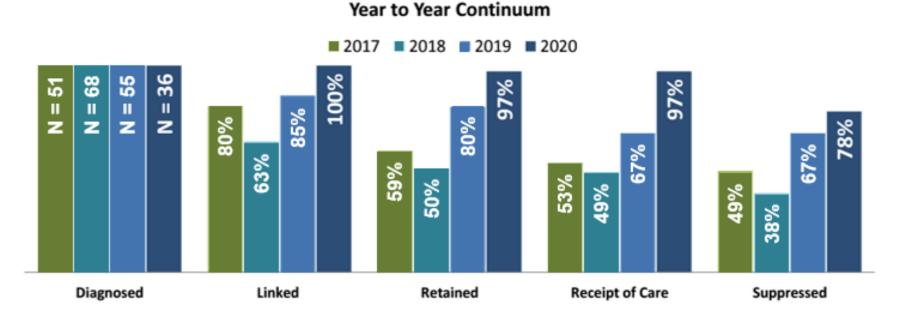
- Safety Labs
- Initiation of ART





Viral Suppression Progress

2020 Continuum Data



2020 Core Service Category Goal

EIS Linkage

Goal: 88% Actual: 100%





"Thank you so much for all of your help, as you switched my medication... my health has been great!"

"I am attempting to plan a successful path to be a productive civilian in society."

-Former inmate at Maricopa Fourth Ave. Jail





Jump Start Program



Maricopa Department of Public Health Clinical Services - Jump Start Program

Mission

To support immediate linkages to care and supportive services upon client release

Target Population

HIV+ clients returning to the community post-release

Program Duration

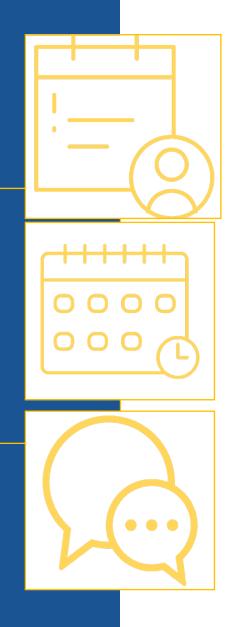
6-months

First Visit: 2-months pre-release





Jump Start Specialist



Referral List Received from Medical Provider

Schedule Jump Start Initial Introduction at Jail

Act as a liaison on behalf of the client





Jump Start Success



- ✓ Expedited Eligibility
- ✓ Medical Appointments
- ✓ Emergency Housing
- ✓ Case Management



Jump Start Success Story



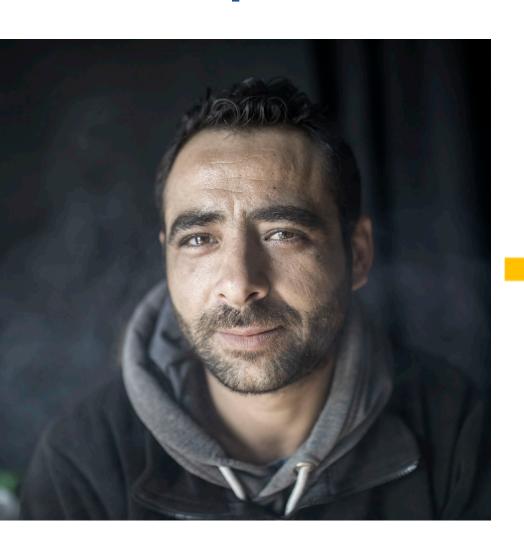
Jump Start Client Referred from Maricopa County Jail Project



Client is released without notice on unscheduled date



Jump Start Success Story

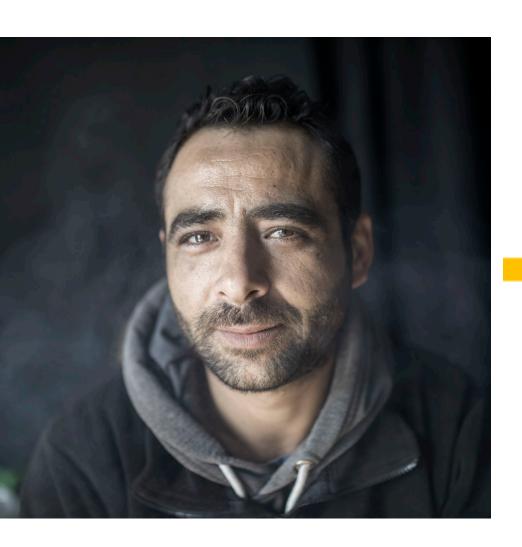


Jump Start
Client reconnects with
Jump Start
Specialist by
reporting to
the clinic
seeking
support

Jump Start
Specialist
reviews initial
intake –
Develops
Plan of Action
with Client

Jump Start Specialist Schedules Immediate RW Client Eligibility Office Visit

Jump Start Success Story



Specialist
competes the
AHCCCS
public
assistance
and EBT
benefits.
*Client
approved*



Client completed 1st appointment and started ART





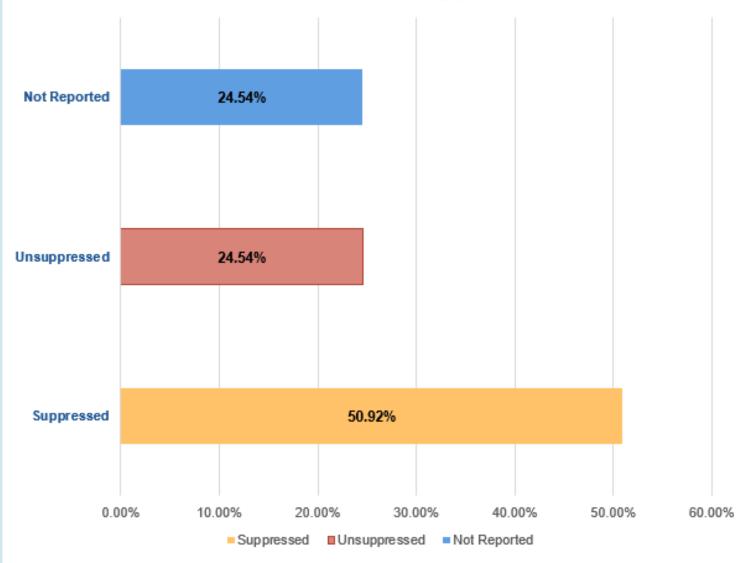
Jump Start Success Story Outcomes

- Virally Suppressed
- Connection to treatment program
- Stably housed



2021 Jump Start Program Outcome

Client Viral Load Suppression

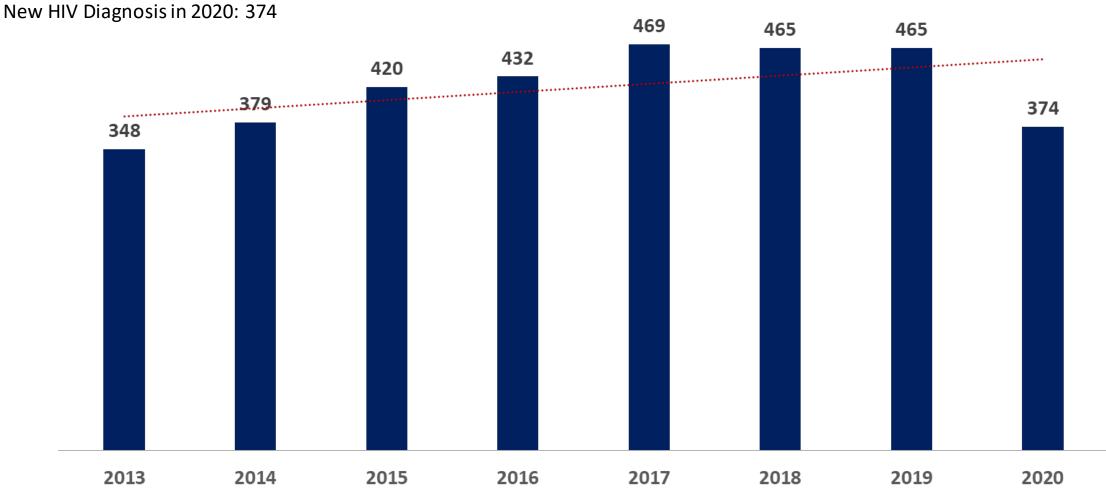


Orange County, FL



NEW HIV DIAGNOSIS, ORANGE COUNTY FL

People with HIV 2020: 9,336







Orange County Jail

- 76 -acre secure compound in Orlando, Florida
- Capacity to detain up to 4,100 inmates
- Average Length of Stay: 28 days
- Unduplicated Bookings (2020): 28,492
- Daily Average of Inmates on HIV Medications: 65 persons

Orange County Jail, 2020



Race

White: 51.57%

Black/African

American: 48.35%

Other: 0.08%

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic: 73.28%

Hispanic: 25.8%

Unknown: 0.92%

Gender

Male: 77.89%

Female: 22.11%

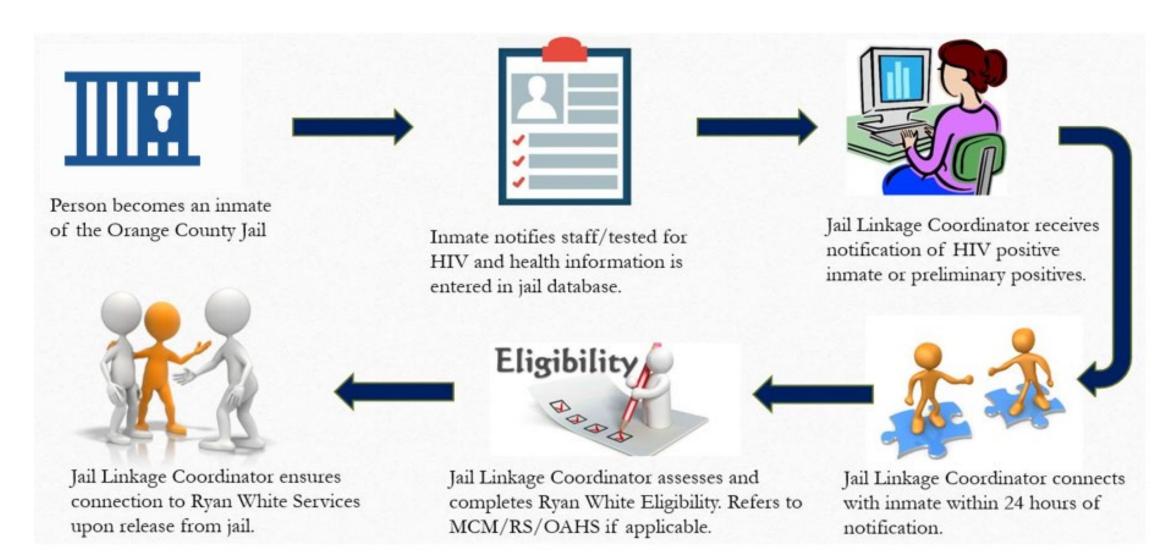
Average age: 35 with a

range of 15-89





Orange County Jail Linkage Program



TAP-In Technical Assistance-Objectives



Technical Assistance Provider innovation network

Strengthen systems to collect, report, and use data to improve rates of linkage to care for people with HIV who have recently been released from jail

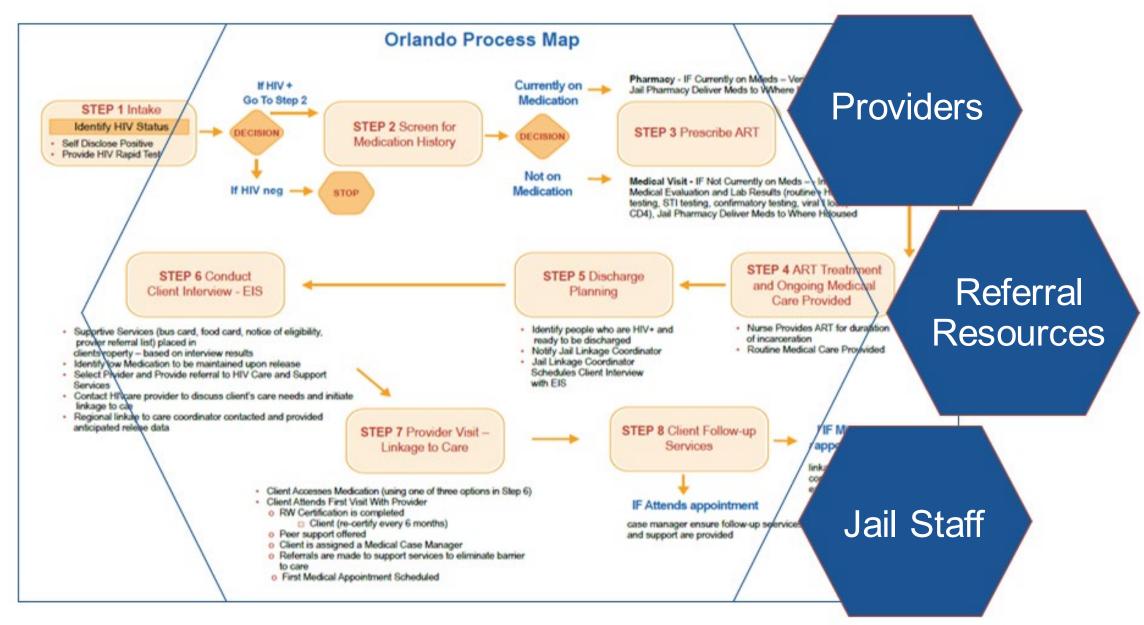
Conduct an exercise to map the process identifying and linking people with HIV released to the community to a regular source of HIV care and treatment

Identify and implement strategies to improve processes that result in improved rates of linkage to care





Getting to Outcomes-Process Mapping



Outcome Measures

Viral Suppression on Release

Number/percent of clients virally suppressed at most recent viral load test before release date

Linkage to Care

Number/percent of clients with a medical visit, viral load or CD4 test within [30, 60, 90] days of release

Linkage to Viral Load Test

Number/percent of clients with a viral load test within [30, 60, 90, 180] days of release

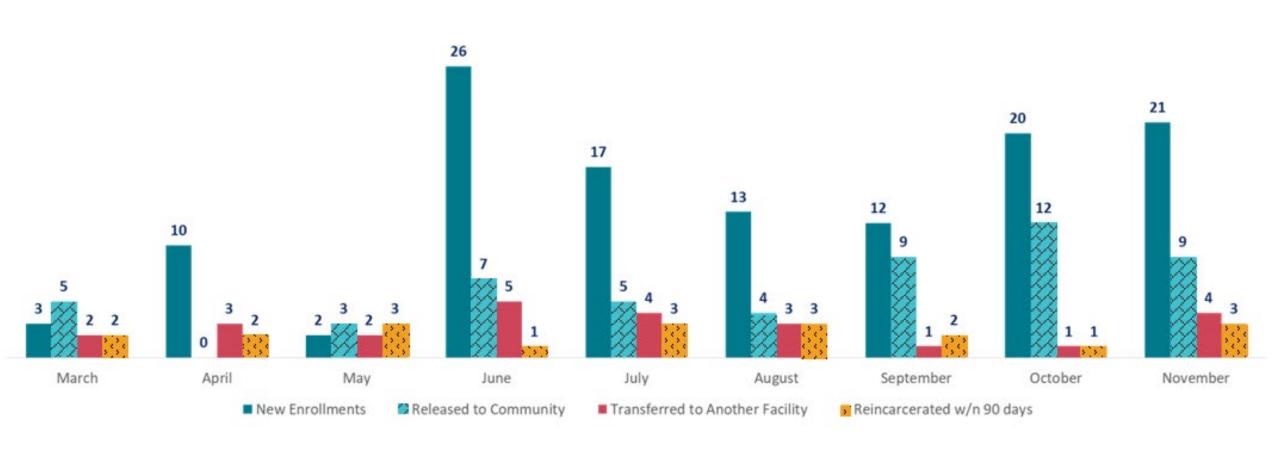
Viral Suppression

Number/percent of clients virally suppressed within [90, 180] days



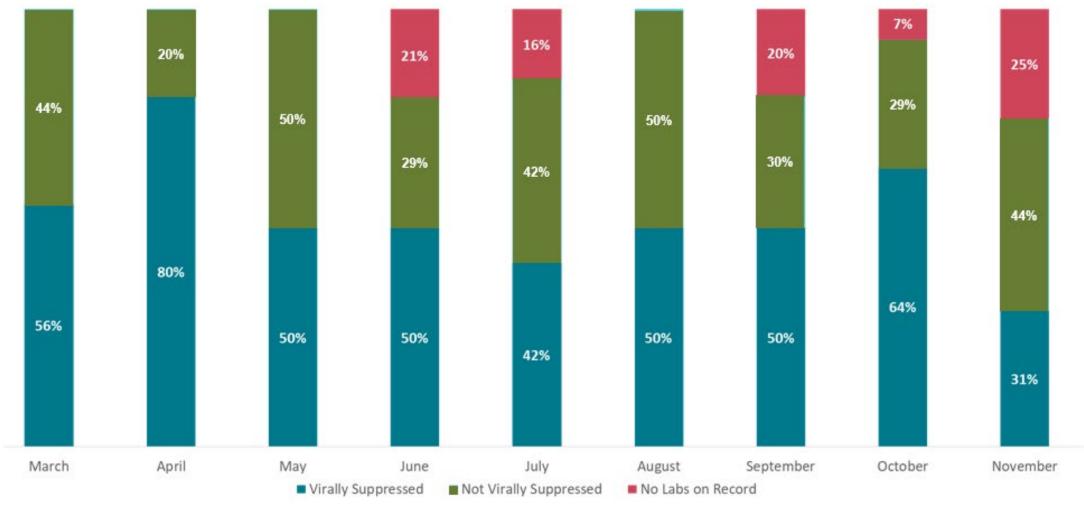


Jail Linkage Program Outcome Measures



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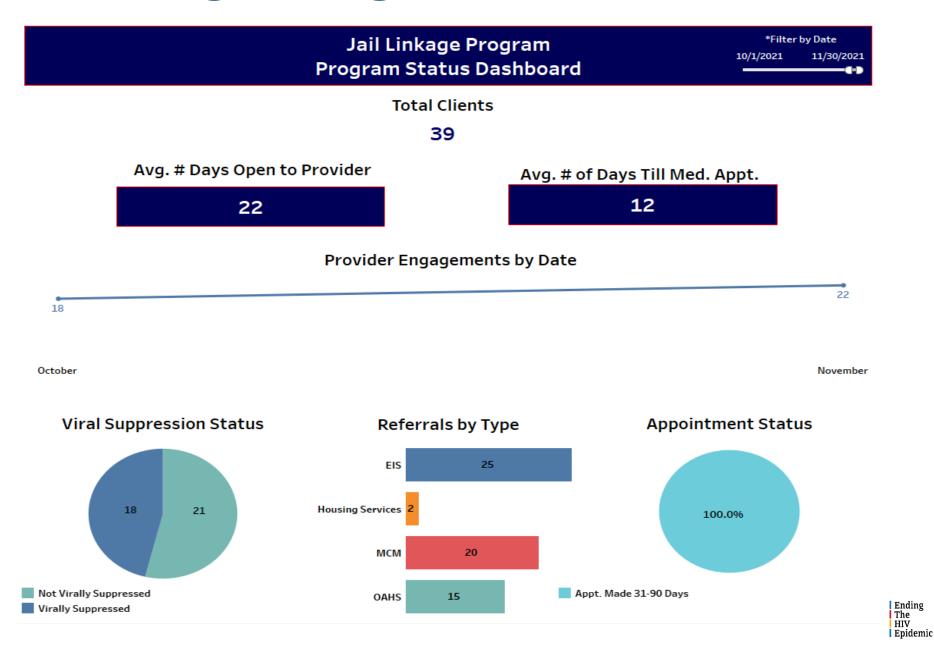








Jail Linkage Program Outcome Measures





Question and Answer

What challenges have you faced managing your jail linkage program?

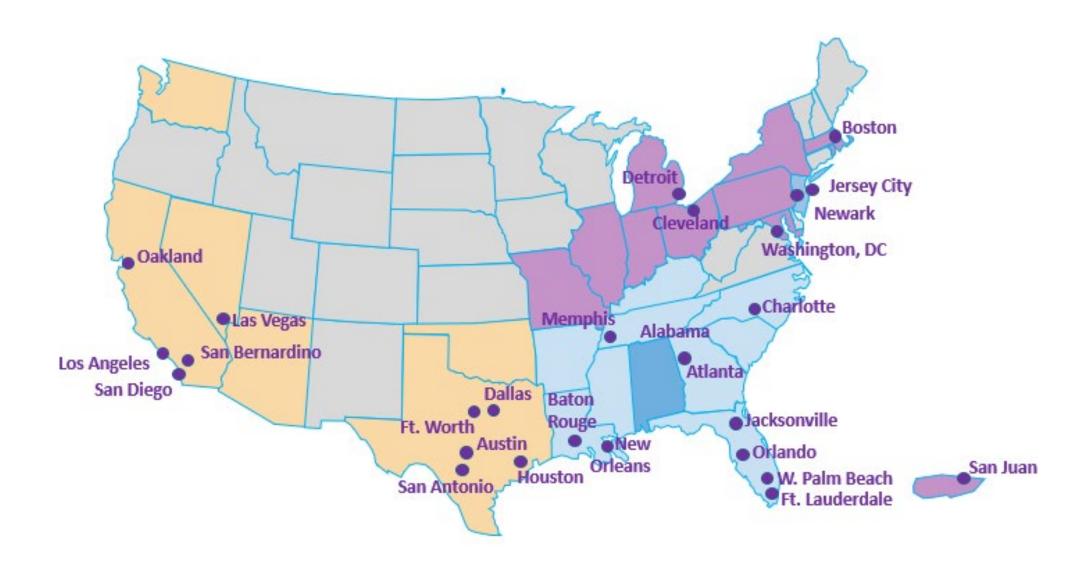
How have you leveraged opportunities to address challenges?

What's next for your work serving justice-involved people with HIV?





Addressing TA Needs in 27 Jurisdictions



TAP-in Provides TA to Enhance Post-Release Linkage

- TAP-in is working with 3 EHE jurisdictions on post-release linkage to care.
- TA is tailored to meet the needs and context of the jurisdiction.
- Our TA includes:
 - ✓ Process mapping to understand the current linkage system
 - ✓ Sharing evidence-based jail linkage programs
 - ✓ Strengthening data systems to identify clients lost to care







What We Can Do For You

- Develop a tailored jurisdictional TA plan
- Provide on demand technical assistance
- Assist in the development of a data dashboard
- Provide access to a pool TA providers
- Link to regional and national resources
- Facilitate peer to peer expert consultation
- Link you to additional training and resources

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