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Commissioner’s Update

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Asthma in Georgia

5-Year Program Accomplishments and Next Steps

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Asthma Control in Georgia

• Georgia has been awarded a new 5-year Cooperative Agreement from CDC, to start Sept 1, 2014
  – Total of approximate $3M over 5 years
  – Funding increase from $300k per year to $599k per year
  – New activities and increased emphasis on promoting evidence-based care

• In this presentation—
  – Summary of the Georgia Asthma Control Program’s 5 year accomplishments
  – Overview of the epidemiology of asthma in Georgia
  – Summary of asthma in the Medicaid population
  – Partnership with the Healthy Homes Program
  – Summary of the direction over the next 5 years
ASTHMA PROGRAM 5 YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
## 2013-2018 Strategic Plan

### Environmental Work Group
**Goal 1:** Decrease exposure to environmental triggers for people with asthma.

### Family Support Work Group
**Goal 2:** Promote/support self management in children ages 0-17 diagnosed with asthma and their families.

### Health Care Delivery Systems
**Goal 3:** Increase access to asthma services and resources.
**Goal 4:** Promote and increase implementation of National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) guidelines in standards of care for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of asthma.
**Goal 5:** Improve coverage and reimbursement rates for comprehensive asthma care.
**Goal 6:** Improve asthma health information exchange.

### Schools and Childcare Settings
**Goal 7:** Reduce the negative impact of asthma on the development and academic success of Georgia children.
**Goal 8:** Improve the integration of care management between health care providers and schools/childcare settings.
Sustainable Partnerships

Georgia Asthma Advisory Board

Who they Are:
Membership includes health professionals, CBOs, educators, asthma coalitions, academia, public health professionals from local, state, federal and private sector stakeholders.

Purpose:
Inform the development of Georgia's Asthma Strategic Plan, guide GACP's programmatic direction and contribute to the accomplishment of the strategic plan activities and objectives within their respective organizations.

While this is not a comprehensive list of participating partners, it is reflective of the cross-section of federal, state and local agencies that enriched our 2013-2018 Strategic Plan.

Members

- Georgia Head Start Association (GHSA)
- Environmental Protection Agency (Region IV) Asthma Program
- Mother's & Others for Clean Air
- DHHS Admin. for Children and Families
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Pediatric Health Improvement Coalition
- Three Rivers Area Health Education Center
- Healthcare Georgia Foundation
- Annie E. Casey Atlanta Civic Site
- Public Health Districts
- Georgia Association of School Nurses (GASN)
- Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
- Georgia Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP)
- Rite Aide
- Georgia Lead Hazard Control & Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
- American Lung Association – Georgia (ALA)
- Choice Healthcare Network (ACO)
- FQHCs-Southside Medical Center (SMC)
- Not One More Life

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Clinical Collaborations

Key Partners

• Not One More Life Inc.
• Dr. Leroy Graham
• Pediatric Health Care Improvement Coalition
• PHIC Practices
• CHOA

Accomplishments

• 150 clinicians completed Didactic session
• Positive change in clinician adherence for:
  ✓ Spirometry,
  ✓ Asthma Action Plans
  ✓ Allergy prescriptions
  ✓ Coaching on symptom recognition
  ✓ Identifying triggers at home and school
School Nurse Collaborations

Key Partners

Georgia Association of School Nurses (GASN)

Coastal Health District

Three Rivers AHEC

Accomplishments

• Development of an Asthma Task Force in GASN.
• 1st Annual Survey of School nurses by Asthma Task Force (250+ responses)
• 450+ attendees in course offerings for nursing credit
  – Understanding Asthma Triggers
  – Becoming an Asthma Educator and Care Manager
  – Prep course for Asthma Educator Exam
Childcare Collaborations

**Key Partners**

- GA Dept. of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
- East Central, Cobb Douglas, and Clayton Health Districts
- EPA Region IV
- Georgia Head Start Association

**Accomplishments**

- Development of asthma management curriculum for childcare providers
- Approved Entity status with DECAL to offer ECE credits
- Positive outcomes in knowledge and self efficacy among participating providers
- Over 100 participating centers across the state
National Recognition

- Georgia launched the National Care for Their Air as part of an Region IV EPA & DHHS ACF Collaborative
- GACP recognized as a model for its 2013-2018 Strategic Plan and invited to present at 2012 CHEST conference by Director of the CDC National Asthma Program
- Program Manager, elected to National Board of the Association of Asthma Educators.
- APHA accepted abstracts for Oral (GAME-CS) and Poster (School Policy Survey) presentation for 2014 conference.
- CSTE accepted poster presentation for Asthma Epi trends
EPIDEMIOLOGY
Overview of Asthma in Georgia

• An estimated 909,984 individuals in Georgia have current asthma; 605,186 (8.2%) adults, and 304,798 (12.0%) children
  • The prevalence of asthma among Georgia adult was consistently lower than the national median. However prevalence among Georgia’s children was higher than the national median

• An average of 11,000 asthma hospitalizations occurred in Georgia annually from 2002 to 2012

• An average of 51,400 asthma ER visits occurred annually in Georgia between 2002-2012 (555/100,000 per year). Highest ER visits was in 2012 (about 61,000)
  • Rate decreased with increasing age

• Between 2001 and 2011, there were 1,145 asthma deaths in Georgia (about 116/year from ‘01-’06; 90/year from ‘07-11)
Asthma ER and Hospitalizations Trend, 2002-2012

Asthma ER visits and Hospitalizations rate (per 100,000), Georgia, 2002-2012

Age-adjusted rate per 100,000

Year


ER Visits
Hospitalizations
Daily Asthma ER Visits among Georgia Children and Adults, 2010-2012

For 2012:
- 136% 0-3yrs
- 241% 4-10yrs
- 166% 11-17yrs
Repeat Asthma ER Visits, Child and Adults, 2012

Child (29,035 visits by 23,620 kids)

- **Individuals**: 16.3% (83.7%), 31.9% (68.1%), 39.4% (60.6%)

Adults (31,929 visits by 23,291 adults)

- **Individuals**: 17.4% (82.6%), 39.7% (51.1%), 51.1% (48.9%)

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ASTHMA AND MEDICAID
Data and Methods

• Data
  – Medicaid claims (obtained from CMS) for 2005 -2009 for Georgia and 13 other states
  – Contains ICD-9 codes, charges, personal information, provider ID (National ID 2009 and forward), etc.
  – Other data (Census, National Provider Index, etc.)
  – Research on protocol approved by GT-IRB and CMS

• Methods (to Understand, Predict, Optimize, or Evaluate)
  – Statistics
  – Optimization and other math models
  – Systems Engineering
  – Health Economics

• Goals: Efficiency (cost), Effectiveness (outcomes), Equity (fairness)
Access to Asthma Care across States

- Distances to asthma care estimated using population of children, prevalence of asthma, location of physicians, etc.
- Access varies greatly across and within states

Access to Care Varies Locally (GA & NC)

Distances are higher in rural areas and tend to be higher in GA than NC

- Primary care (max 25 miles)
- Specialist Care (max 50 miles)
Better Access → Better Outcomes

- Access is significant alone and in interactions with other factors
- Improvement opportunities impact youngest children the most in the study
- Improving access to specialists is key, especially in some locations
Pediatric Asthma Baseline

• Objective: develop a set of baseline metrics for pediatric asthma across populations, geography, and time to be used in designing and evaluating interventions to have the greatest impact with limited resources.
  – Utilization of services (ED, hospital, other)
  – Charges per visit or per patient
  – Treatment (adherence to medication, or ratio of controller to emergency use)

• Pilot Study: Children covered by Medicaid ages 4-17 in Georgia, 2009, with >= 1 visit with asthma ICD-9 code
Asthma Baseline: Utilization Metrics

- We generally find fewer patients who have a visit with an asthma diagnosis than expected given its prevalence
- We generally find fewer visits than needed to manage it well
Asthma Baseline: Cost Metrics

- Charges vary geographically
- Source of charges also varies (not pictured)
The African American population has a lower medication ratio than the other two populations, indicating a lower use of long term controller medication.

Youths also have lower medication ratios than younger ages.

Fulton county and the surrounding areas have the lowest medication ratio in the state.
Asthma Care Pathways: Utilization & Cost

**Objective:** To identify underlying care pathways and to visualize the utilization relational system for pediatric asthma care in the Medicaid system using large patient-level claims data.

**Pilot Study:** Children population with Medicaid insurance ages 4-17 in Georgia, 2009. Initial results (by Nicoleta Serban and co-authors) quantifies pathways for care in GA, probabilities pictured
Future Work

• **Ongoing or Future Work**
  – Asthma Baseline (multiple years, across states)
  – Cost profiling of children in Medicaid
    • Interventions to improve cost or outcomes (e.g., chronic diseases)
  – Projections (Pediatric Obesity in GA, Demand & Supply after ACA)
  – Understanding which interventions in which locations
    • Telemedicine, patient education, provider practices, policies

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HEALTHY HOMES
Georgia Healthy Homes Program (GHHP) Mission

The mission of the GHHP, keeping within the CDC’s Healthy People 2020 Objectives, is to promote a dynamic and coordinated effort to improve housing factors that affect health for all Georgians.
Healthy Homes Program

• Holistic approach to identifying a connection between health and housing
• Home is designed, built, and maintained to support health
  – 90% of time spent indoors
• Respiratory health
• Home safety
• IPM
• Indoor Air Quality
• Lead Poisoning Prevention
Georgia Healthy Homes Program

• State Staff:
  Director, Two Program Coordinators, Epidemiologist, Program Intern, Six Regional Healthy Homes Coordinators
• 50 NEHA certified Healthy Homes Specialists statewide
• 30 EPD certified Lead Inspectors/Risk Assessors statewide
• Capacity Building:
  ❑ National Centers for Healthy Housing trainer for the State of Georgia in partnership with the University of Georgia and Georgia Southern University
  ❑ Leadership for the Georgia Healthy Homes Coalition in conjunction with the EPA, EPD, CDC, HUD, and other strategic partners including the DPH Asthma Program
  ❑ Currently conducting an Emory Smoke Free Homes research project
  ❑ National leader in Lead Poisoning program activities and education
DPH Healthy Homes Program
Focus Areas

- Indoor air quality
  - Asthma triggers
  - Mold and moisture
  - Radon
  - Carbon monoxide
  - Secondhand smoke
  - Volatile organic compounds
- Lead based paint
- Toxins
- Pest management
- Emergency & disaster preparedness and response
- Unintentional injury & home safety
  - Falls
  - Burns
  - Accidental poisonings
  - Childhood injury and senior care
Asthma Triggers

• 40% of Asthma episodes are caused by triggers in the home
  – Mold
  – Mice and rats
  – Cockroaches
  – Dust Mites
  – Pet hair and dander
  – ETS
  – VOC and chemical odors
Partnership

• EH assistance with Asthma Strategic Plan

• Participate in cross departmental leadership meetings to focus on Asthma

• Local EH Inspection Staff will receive specific training to provide Asthma Management Training to clients
Key GHHP Activities

• Maintain accurate surveillance database
• Policy development & research
• Provide prevention and intervention programs
• Cooperate and partner with other stakeholders who share common goals
• Educate internal and external audiences
• Environmental investigations for in-home exposures
• Provide homeowners and tenants with appropriate home-based services
• Target at-risk housing, communities and populations to provide outreach services
• Work to eliminate home-hazard exposure as a public health problem
• Case management and environmental investigation of children with elevated blood lead.
• Implement statewide childhood blood lead screening policies
• Lead based paint enforcement activities as necessary
• Ensure a trained, competent statewide workforce of Healthy Homes and Lead credentialed Environmental Health Specialists for DPH
What are the five major public health issues related to healthy homes in your city, county, district, region? Please check five from the list below.

- Damp and mold growth and mildew
- Pest Infestation
- Sanitation and drainage
- Structurally unsafe home
- Drinking water related issue
- Waste and refuse management issue
- Poor Indoor Air Quality
- Lead Poisoning
- Asthma
- Radon
- All Other Responses
Healthy Homes Calls

Callers are:
- 70% renters
- 15% homeowners
- 10% other agencies
- 5% Other (home repair contractors, employees)
FOCUS OF 5-YEAR AWARD
New Funded Work

• **Goal:** Decrease rates of uncontrolled asthma, emergency room visits, and asthma-related hospitalizations by implementing health systems and services support strategies.

• **Target Population:** Low income children statewide and expand its target populations over the five-year project period.

• **During the first year of the award period, Georgia will build on its existing infrastructure and existing partnerships to—**
  1. Rapidly expand access to and reimbursement for evidence-based, multi-component environmental interventions such as Healthy Homes inspections;
  2. Establish a baseline and develop the tools necessary to increase the number of asthma-friendly environments; and,
  3. Increase linkages to guidelines-based care for persons with asthma through pediatric primary care quality improvement initiatives and school-based influenza immunization efforts.
Specific Outcomes

- Increase access to step-wise asthma care based on the Expert Panel Report 3: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma (2007) (EPR-3), particularly for Medicaid participants and children in order to—
  1. Decrease hospitalizations of children with asthma in the 0-9 range
  2. Increase the number of children with an asthma action plan
  3. Increase the percentage of persons with asthma who receive the seasonal flu vaccine
  4. Increase provider prescribing and patient uptake of controller pharmacotherapies statewide
  5. Increase the number of providers that offer and payors (including Medicaid) that cover in-home asthma education and interventions by Certified Asthma Educators and Health Home practitioners.

- Establish the policies and trained personnel necessary to expand access to home based multi-trigger, multicomponent interventions home-based asthma interventions (Healthy Homes, CAE)

- Increase the number of asthma-friendly environments, especially child and youth-centered environments such as schools and early care settings, to reduce asthma triggers and increase opportunities for asthma self-management
HIV Care Continua

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Objectives

• Review HIV Surveillance system in Georgia
• Describe demographics of HIV in Georgia
• Discuss the HIV Care Continuum
• Identify trends in HIV/AIDS
• Describe future directions
Georgia HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Flowchart

Healthcare Providers
- Paper-Based Case Reporting
  - Adult CRF
  - Pediatric CRF

Electronic Laboratory Reporting
- SENDSS (HL7)
  - Public Health Laboratories
  - LabCorp
  - Quest
  - MCG (GHSU)
- SENDSS (File Upload)
  - Emory
  - Grady
- ARUP (File Upload)

Certified Laboratories
- Paper-Based Laboratory Reporting
  - (12+ Laboratories & Facilities)

Surveillance Methods
- Active
- Passive
- Follow-Up
- Re-Abstraction

Cross-Match
- Death
- STD/TB/Hepatitis
- Cancer
- Department of Corrections

Dissemination
- Surveillance
  - Summary & Fact Sheet
  - Epi Profile
  - Geomaps
  - Ongoing Data Inquiries
- HIV Programs
  - Health Districts
  - CBO
  - CPG
  - Legislature
  - Policy
  - Funding
  - Allocation
  - General Public

Progress Reports
- Annual & Interim Progress Reports
- Performance Standards
  - Death Ascertainment
  - Intrastate Deduplication
  - Interstate Deduplication
  - COPHI
  - Data Quality
  - Completeness
  - Timeliness
  - Risk Factor Ascertainment
  - CD4 & Viral Load Reporting

Research
- Community Viral Load
- Electronic Laboratory Reporting
- Case Definition

HIV Programs
- ADAP
- Careware
- Counseling & Testing
- Partner Services (STD)

CDC
- Monthly Submission

Security & Confidentiality Framework

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Males living with HIV, by race/ethnicity, Georgia, 2011

Living with HIV

- Black/African American: 60%
- Hispanic/Latino: 24%
- White: 5%
- Other/Unknown: 11%

Georgia census

- Black/African American: 58%
- Hispanic/Latino: 9%
- White: 28%
- Other/Unknown: 5%

Adults >= age 13, diagnosed by 12/31/2010, living as of 12/31/2011, Georgia = 30,696
Females living with HIV, by race/ethnicity, Georgia, 2011

Living with HIV

- Black, non-Hispanic: 75%
- Hispanic/Latino: 11%
- White, non-Hispanic: 4%
- Other/Unknown: 10%

Georgia Census

- Black, non-Hispanic: 31%
- Hispanic/Latino: 5%
- White, non-Hispanic: 57%
- Other/Unknown: 7%

Adults >= age 13, diagnosed by 12/31/2010, living as of 12/31/2011, Georgia = 10,576
Persons with HIV Engaged in Selected Stages of the Continuum of Care, United States

- Diagnosed: 82%
- Linked to care: 66%
- Retained in care: 37%
- Prescribed ART: 33%
- Viral Suppression: 25%

Hall et al. XIX International AIDS Conference, 2012
ART, antiretroviral therapy
HIV Care Continuum Methodology, Georgia, 2012

• Adults and adolescents are those aged >= 13 years
• Diagnosed by 12/31/2011, living as of 12/31/2012, including those missing race, sex, and/or risk behavior
• Current address within Georgia
• Linked to care = CD4 or viral load (VL) within 3 months of diagnosis date including the day of diagnosis for those diagnosed between 01/01/2011 and 12/31/2011, inclusively
• Engaged in care >= 1 CD4 or VL in 2012
• Retained in care >= 2 CD4 or VL at least 3 months apart in 2012
• Proportion on ART estimated from the Medical Monitoring Program (MMP) 2009-2010 study for Georgia
• Viral suppression (VS) = VL<200 copies/ml in most recent VL in 2012
• Each bar in the continuum is independent of those preceding it; all percentages are of the total number of persons (N) diagnosed with HIV in each category
Adults and adolescents >= age 13, diagnosed by 12/31/2011, living as of 12/31/2012
Current address in Georgia
Linked to care = CD4 or VL within 3 months of diagnosis, among those diagnosed 01/01/11-12/31/11 (N=2964)
Engaged in care >= 1 CD4 or VL in 2012
Retained in care >= 2 CD4 or VL at least 3 months apart in 2012
ART = Antiretroviral therapy use estimated from the Medical Monitoring Project sample in Georgia
Viral suppression (VS) = VL<200 copies/ml on most recent viral load in 2012

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HIV Care Continuum Methodology, Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area, 2012

- Adults and adolescents are those aged >= 13 years
- Diagnosed by 12/31/2011, living as of 12/31/2012, including those missing race, sex, and/or risk behavior
- Current address within Cobb-Douglas, DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton, East Metro (Lawrenceville) Health Districts
- Linked to care = CD4 or viral load (VL) within 3 months of diagnosis date including the day of diagnosis for those diagnosed between 01/01/2011 and 12/31/2011, inclusively
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Current address within Cobb-Douglas, DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton, East Metro (Lawrenceville) Health Districts
Linked to care = CD4 or VL within 3 months of diagnosis, among those diagnosed 01/01/11-12/31/11 (N=1721)
Engaged in care >= 1 CD4 or VL in 2012
Retained in care >= 2 CD4 or VL at least 3 months apart in 2012
ART = Antiretroviral therapy use estimated from the Medical Monitoring Project sample in Georgia
Viral suppression (VS) = VL<200 copies/ml on most recent viral load in 2012
Adults and adolescents >= age 13, diagnosed by 12/31/2011, living as of 12/31/2012
Current address within Cobb-Douglas, DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton, East Metro (Lawrenceville) Health Districts, Excludes 160 persons for whom sex was not reported
Linked to care = CD4 or VL within 3 months of diagnosis, among those diagnosed 01/01/11-12/31/11 (N=1712)
Engaged in care = >= 1 CD4 or VL in 2012
Retained in care = >= 2 CD4 or VL at least 3 months apart in 2012
ART = Antiretroviral therapy use estimated from the Medical Monitoring Project sample in Georgia
Viral suppression (VS) = VL<200 copies/ml on most recent viral load in 2012
Adults and Adolescents Living with HIV, Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area, 2012, by Current Age (in Years)

- 13-24: 70% Linked, 56% Engaged, 48% Retained, 49% ART, 49% Virally Suppressed
- 25-34: 82% Linked, 67% Engaged, 52% Retained, 47% ART, 50% Virally Suppressed
- 35-44: 85% Linked, 53% Engaged, 48% Retained, 49% ART, 49% Virally Suppressed
- 45-54: 88% Linked, 55% Engaged, 52% Retained, 50% ART, 51% Virally Suppressed
- 55+: 92% Linked, 56% Engaged, 19% Retained, 14% ART, 51% Virally Suppressed

Adults and adolescents >= age 13, diagnosed by 12/31/2011, living as of 12/31/2012
Current address within Cobb-Douglas, DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton, East Metro (Lawrenceville) Health Districts
Linked to care = CD4 or VL within 3 months of diagnosis for those diagnosed 01/01/11 - 12/31/11 (N=1721)
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Retained in care >= 2 CD4 or VL at least 3 months apart in 2012
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Viral suppression (VS) = VL<200 copies/ml on most recent viral load in 2012
Adults and adolescents living with HIV, Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area, 2012 by Race/Ethnicity

Percent

Black
N= 14,782

Hispanic/Latino
N= 1,934

White
N= 4,198

Other/Unknown
N= 2,552

Linked
Engaged
Retained
ART
Virally Suppressed

79% 58% 42% 38% 39%
83% 69% 53% 48% 52%
83% 61% 49% 44% 51%
87% 64% 47% 42% 50%

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Transmission category definitions

• Multiple imputation was used to re-distribute transmission category where missing
• MSM = Male to male sexual contact
• IDU = Injection drug use
• MSM/IDU = Male to male sexual contact and injection drug use
• HET = Heterosexual contact with a person known to have, or to be at high risk for, HIV infection
• Other = hemophilia, blood transfusion, perinatal exposure, and risk factor not reported or not identified
Adult and Adolescent Males Living with HIV, District 3-2 Fulton, Georgia, 2012, by Transmission Category

- **MSM**: N= 5093
  - Linked: 73%
  - Engaged: 69%
  - Retained: 45%
  - ART: 43%
  - Virally Suppressed: 31%

- **IDU**: N= 407
  - Linked: 100%
  - Engaged: 100%
  - Retained: 34%
  - ART: 31%
  - Virally Suppressed: 32%

- **MSM/IDU**: N= 582
  - Linked: 100%
  - Engaged: 100%
  - Retained: 69%
  - ART: 41%
  - Virally Suppressed: 41%

- **HET**: N= 213
  - Linked: 51%
  - Engaged: 44%
  - Retained: 39%
  - ART: 47%
  - Virally Suppressed: 47%

- **Other/Unknown**: N= 2287
  - Linked: 89%
  - Engaged: 88%
  - Retained: 34%
  - ART: 38%
  - Virally Suppressed: 38%

Adults and adolescents >= age 13, diagnosed by 12/31/2011, living as of 12/31/2012
Current address in District 3-2 Fulton, Georgia, Excludes persons for whom sex is unknown
Linked to care= CD4 or VL within 3 months of diagnosis for those diagnosed 01/01/11 - 12/31/11 (N=)
Engaged in care >= 1 CD4 or VL in 2012
Retained in care >= 2 CD4 or VL at least 3 months apart in 2012
ART = Antiretroviral therapy use estimated from the Medical Monitoring Project sample in Georgia
Viral suppression (VS) = VL<200 copies/ml on most recent viral load in 2012
Adult and Adolescent Females Living with HIV, District 3-2 Fulton, Georgia, 2012, by Transmission Category

- **HET**
  - Linked: 85%
  - Engaged: 70%
  - Retained: 53%
  - ART: 48%
  - Virally Suppressed: 48%

- **IDU**
  - Linked: 100%
  - Engaged: 57%
  - Retained: 45%
  - ART: 40%
  - Virally Suppressed: 38%

- **Other/Unknown**
  - Linked: 83%
  - Engaged: 44%
  - Retained: 31%
  - ART: 28%
  - Virally Suppressed: 28%

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Current address in District 3-2 Fulton, Georgia, Excludes persons for whom sex is unknown
Linked to care = CD4 or VL within 3 months of diagnosis for those diagnosed 01/01/11 - 12/31/11 (N= 426)
Engaged in care >= 1 CD4 or VL in 2012
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Viral suppression (VS) among adult and adolescent males engaged and retained in care, by race/ethnicity, Georgia 2012

- **Black**: N* = 11,236
  - VS among engaged: 66%
  - VS among retained: 73%
- **Hispanic/Latino**: N* = 893
  - VS among engaged: 73%
  - VS among retained: 79%
- **White**: N* = 4,490
  - VS among engaged: 83%
  - VS among retained: 87%
- **Other*/Unknown**: N* = 2,078
  - VS among engaged: 77%
  - VS among retained: 83%

*American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander groups together constitute <2% of males living with HIV in Georgia and are grouped with those of mixed or unknown race/ethnicity.
The HIV Care Continuum can help us...

- Focus our efforts for linkage, retention and viral suppression.
- Identify groups at increased risk for dropping out of each step in the continuum.
- Monitor our progress in improvement of linkage, retention, and viral suppression.
- Identify disparities not only in prevalence but in care.
- Evaluate efforts addressing specific populations with low viral suppression.
- Monitor efforts in improving viral suppression in specific counties, census tracts, zip codes and some specific facilities.
- Encourage improvement in surveillance data completeness (race, sex, transmission category).
Limitations

• Incomplete reporting
• Missing data for race/ethnicity, sex, and current address
• Lack of transmission category information
• Multiple imputation use to redistribute risk when missing
• Definition of heterosexual transmission (sexual contact with a known HIV infected partner or person with increased risk, i.e., MSM or IDU)
• Missing laboratory reports may lead to underestimation of engagement, retention and viral suppression
• Cannot distinguish lack of prescription of ART, failure of ART adherence, or inappropriate medication choice
• Laboratory measures may be a poor proxy for engagement and retention in HIV care
Uncertainties

• Populations for which data are missing may be fundamentally different
• How to obtain data for transgender category
• How to improve completeness of reporting
• Data on ART use difficult to capture
• Understanding barriers to ART adherence
• Prioritizing further research
Future Directions

• Improve quality and timeliness of HIV case reporting and HIV-related laboratory data import
• Improve linkage to other databases (e.g. Ryan White CAREWare)
• Actively solicit stakeholder data needs
• Refine the Care Continuum
• Improve transgender data
• Monitor trends
• Estimate the undiagnosed in Georgia
• Estimate 5 and 10 year HIV prevalence projections
HIV/AIDS Profile, Georgia, 1995-2011

- Number of new HIV infections, AIDS diagnoses, late testers and AIDS deaths
- Stage 3, AIDS
- Late testers of HIV infection
- AIDS deaths
- Persons living with HIV infection
- New HIV infections

Calendar Year

- 1995
- 1996
- 1997
- 1998
- 1999
- 2000
- 2001
- 2002
- 2003
- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011

Number of persons living with HIV infection

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QUESTIONS?

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