



Georgia Department of Public Health

Metro Atlanta Testing & Linkage Consortium (MATLC)

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We Protect Lives.

What is the purpose of the MATLC?

To coordinate, target, and expand HIV testing to link more individuals to care in high prevalence areas across five-counties in metro Atlanta.

Agenda

- Break out sessions

Through break out sessions we will discuss:

- Specific challenges and successes related to HIV counseling and testing
 - Testing trends
 - Specific challenges and successes related to linkage to care
- The MATLC newsletter
 - Monthly MATLC Highlights
 - MATLC Surveys

Challenges Associated with HIV Counseling and Testing & Linkage

Instructions

1. In your groups, designate a writer and a speaker
2. Discuss your group's questions in the allotted timeframe
3. Present on your group's results

Break Out Sessions



HIV TESTING & COUNSELING

Group 1

1. What types of data would be useful to help plan testing events?
2. How would your agency like for this information to be disseminated?
3. How are testing locations identified?
4. How does funding impact where testing takes place?

HIV TESTING & COUNSELING

Group 2

1. What are the current challenges associated with HIV testing and counseling?
2. What is being done to address these challenges?
3. Does your agency collaborate with partner organizations? If so, how are partners identified?

HIV TESTING & COUNSELING

Group 3

1. Where are HIV testing campaigns currently located in the community?
2. Where and how would your agency like to see HIV testing campaigns advertised in the community?
3. What are your agency's suggestions for increasing community awareness about HIV testing?
4. How frequently does testing occur at your agency? How frequently should testing occur?

HIV TESTING & COUNSELING

Group 4

1. What are your agency's thoughts on the average positivity rate?
2. What are your successes/strategies to achieve your agency's positivity rates?
3. Targeted testing may lead to higher positivity rates, what challenges does your agency anticipate/currently face?

LINKAGE TO CARE

Group 5

1. What are the current challenges associated with linkage to care?
2. Describe challenges your agency encounters when collaborating with public vs. private providers?
3. What can be done to address these challenges?

LINKAGE TO CARE

Group 6

1. How does your agency tailor testing and linkage activities in order to reach diverse populations?
2. What challenges does your agency face when tailoring your efforts?
3. What are some of your agency's linkage to care successes/strategies?

MATLC Newsletter

The newsletter is a venue for MATLC members to share their planned testing and linkage activities and to highlight program successes.

Featured components of newsletter include:

- Planned testing and linkage events
- A “Featured Agency” section
- Links to peer reviewed articles related to HIV testing and linkage
- Any upcoming training/continuing education opportunities
- Latest care continuums

The newsletter will be distributed during the months when MATLC does not convene.

Monthly MATLC Highlights

- At the end of each month, I will request your program information in bullet form by the **5th of the upcoming month**.
- Include information such as the previous month's testing and linkage activities/program successes, planned onsite or outreach testing events, and any upcoming trainings.
- All information will be consolidated and shared with the group as a PDF by the 10th of the month.
- Once the Resource Hub is live in the spring, you will be able to submit your information through the Hub.

SURVEY

The CAPUS team would like MATLC member's feedback in order to help guide the focus of future meetings. Please complete the brief survey located on each table.

****Please note that the survey is two-sided.*

The Next MATLC Meeting

Meetings will take place every other month

October 28, 2013

10:00 am-12:00pm

American Red Cross
1955 Monroe Drive
Atlanta, GA 30324

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