



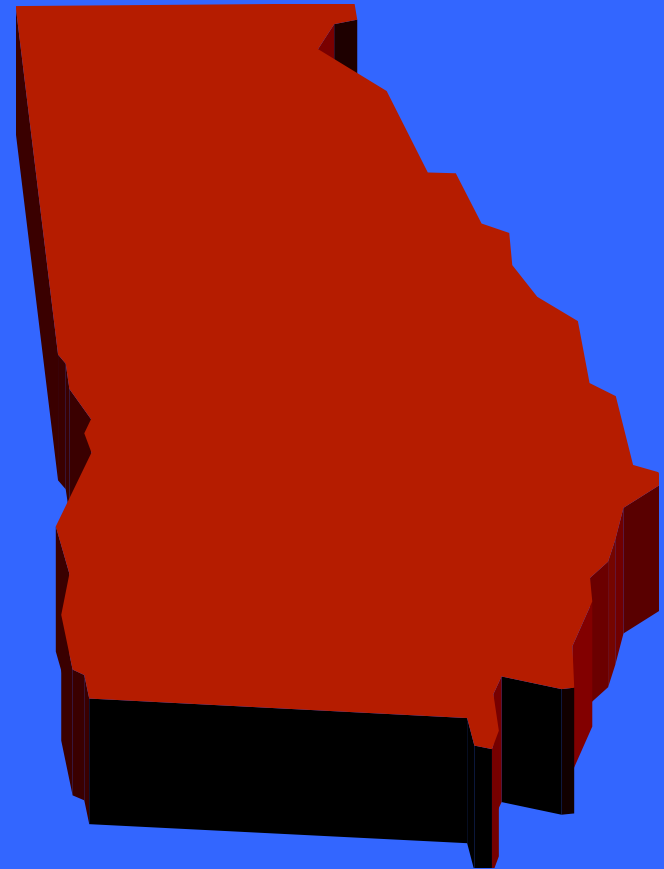
Georgia Department of Corrections' HIV Pre-Release Planning Program

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GEORGIA “at a glance”

- ✓ 8th most populated state
- ✓ 5th largest prison population. (2007)
- ✓ Over 19,000 inmates released each year.
- ✓ 1 in 15 Georgia adults is under correctional supervision.* (#1)

*(2009)





“Let’s Look at the Numbers...”

■ Racial Disparities in Prison

– Black Incarcerated	33,283
– Hispanic Incarcerated	2,319
– White Incarcerated	17,993
– <u>Others</u> (Asian, Native Am. Etc.)	<u>202</u>
– TOTAL as of April 2012 -	53,807



HIV/AIDS in Prison System

❖ HIV Testing in Prisons

- Intake (Mandatory)
- Exist (Mandatory)
- When Deemed Medically Necessary
- Upon Request and Disclosure of Risk Factor

❖ All HAART Meds are on Formulary

❖ Parole mandates disclosure to HoH



Let's Look at the Numbers ...HIV/AIDS Among GDC
Inmates in 2012 by GENDER

TOTAL # HIV in Prison = 935

– Male - 843

– Female – 92

- Transgender – (PRPP self identified) – 3



HIV Racial Disparities in Prison

■ Known as of April 2013

– Black HIV+	722
– Hispanic HIV+	21
– White HIV+	156
– <u>Other HIV+</u> (Asian, NA, etc.)	<u>0</u>
– TOTAL HIV	899
– UNKNOWN STATUS - NONE	



HIV/AIDS and GDC cont.

- Approx. 80% of HIV+ Inmates are on HAART (Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy)
 - Current as of August 2012 = 745
- GDC does not segregate by disease in prisons system
- Medication regime under medical supervision of prison medical director and/or Dr. Ganapathy (UHS/MCG)

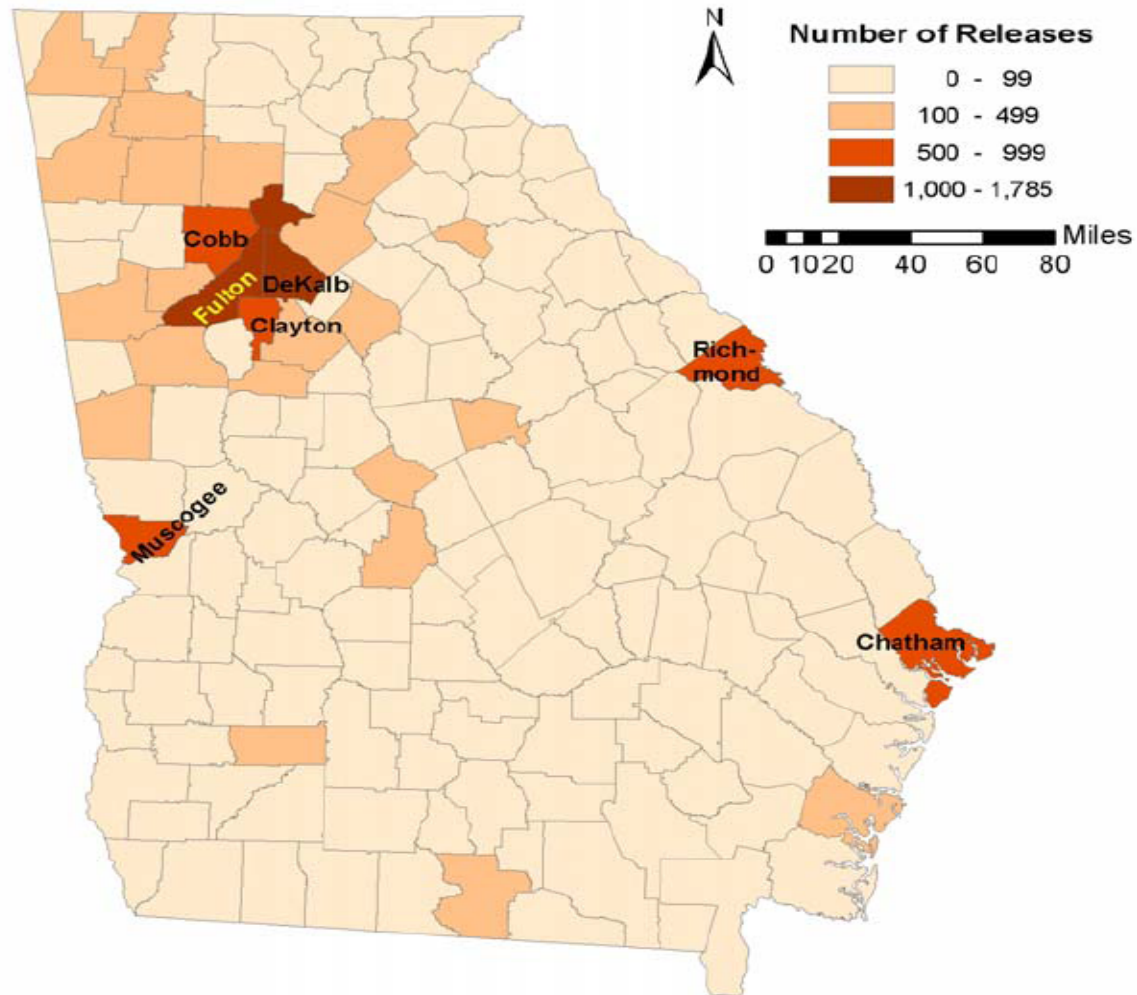


HIV-Positive Inmates Released from GDC

- Approximately 19,500* inmates released from prison every year
- Approximately 300* are HIV+
Estimated that 50% will return to the metro-Atlanta area
- The other 50% will go to other large cities like Macon and Augusta and also to more rural areas
- **INMATES ARE BEING RELEASED TO AREAS ALL OVER GEORGIA AND TO OTHER STATES.**

*as of 04-2009

Figure 25. Number of Prisoner Releases by Georgia County, 2002



Sources: Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS), Georgia Department of Corrections, provided by Office of Planning and Analysis, GDC. Address level data provided by the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles

Note: Total releases to GA = 15,227; 434 (or 2.9%) are not shown on the map because of incomplete addresses.



Pre-Release Planning Program for HIV+ Inmates

- Coordinator currently works with inmates in the following institutions.
 - Baldwin SP
 - Dooly SP
 - Central SP
 - Hancock SP
 - Washington SP
 - Pulaski SP (W)
 - **Burris CTC**
 - Hays SP
 - Johnson SP
 - Dodge SP
 - Arrendale SP (W)
 - Walker SP
 - Wilcox SP
 - **GDCP**
 - Phillips SP
- These are fifteen institutions out of 40 (+3) run by the Dept. of Corrections in Georgia.



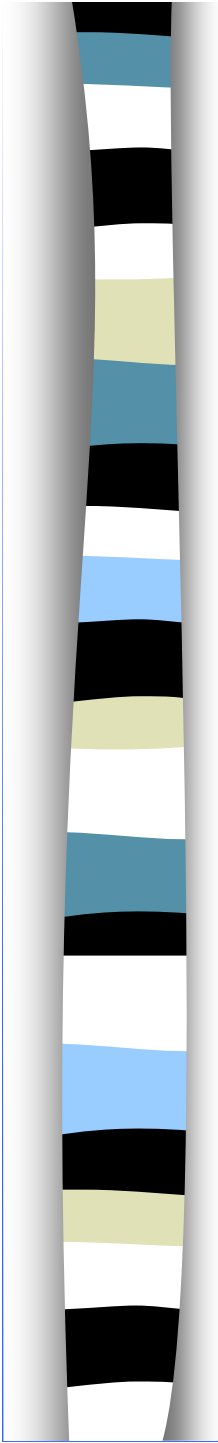
Expansion of PRPP via CAPUS

- Assistant Pre-Release Coordinator
 - Michelle Downey
- Goal of becoming active in statewide FACILITIES
- Training and workshops to medical and counseling staff in all institutional settings (Facilities, Detention Centers, TC, etc,)
- More community (state, CBO, ASO) connections and support and partnerships



Facility Expansion of PRPP

- Institutions to be ADDED to Program
 - GSP
 - Coastal SP
 - Calhoun SP
 - Rogers SP
 - Smith SP
 - Telfair SP
 - ASMP (medical facility)
 - Valdosta SP



Mandatory (or should be) Discharge Needs for HIV Offenders

- HIV Community Discharge Form
 - Medical REFERRAL to local RW Provider
- Western Blot
- Most recent labs
 - Any indicating CD4 below 400
- Current medication list
- Immunization Record
- AT LEAST a two week supply of HIV meds



PRPP Linkage Goals

- Medical APPOINTMENT with a funded clinic
- Copy of medical records to clinic and client
- Case Management linkage appointment with CBO/ASO or RW CM
- Food Stamp assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Clothing Assistance
- Social Security linkage and pre-release linkage
- ADAP and PAP Assistance pre/post release
- Mental Health Linkage
- Extensive Health Education and Risk Reduction
- ANYTHING ELSE NEEDED !



BARRIERS AND ISSUES

Offender Releases

■ HOUSING

- Crime
 - Sex Offender Laws/Arson
- Legal Regulations (Section 8 Housing)
- Deposits

■ Medical Requirements

- Medication – HIV and other (Diabetes, HTN, Hepatitis, etc.)

■ Familial and Relationship Support

- Lost Support
- Family History of “the prison norm”

■ Income Disparities

- SSI/SSDI Delays
- Employability

■ Educational Disparities



BARRIERS and ISSUES

Offender Release cont.

- **Parole and Probation Restrictions**
 - Electronic Monitoring
 - Direct from Prison
 - Tentative release date - “holding a bed”
 - Detainers
- **Substance Abuse History**
- **Mental Health Issues**
- **Transportation**
- **Food and Clothing Needs**
- **Time and Technology Vacuum**



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