

Test-Link-Care Network

THROUGH INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION, THE TLC NETWORK STRIVES TO INCREASE THE COMMUNITY'S CAPACITY TO PROVIDE HIV SERVICES TO GEORGIA'S HIGH PREVALENCE AREAS

PURPOSE

- The Test-Link-Care Network model, utilizes inter-organizational collaborations aimed to coordinate HIV testing, HIV primary care, and supportive services by:
 - Identifying and promptly linking to care persons newly diagnosed or living with HIV but not receiving care (aware and unaware of their HIV status).
 - Improving patient retention in HIV primary care.



The TLC Network creates a learning community with a shared vision for improving linkage to care activities and reducing disparities.

STRUCTURE

• The collaborative network model will incorporate strategies to help achieve enhanced linkage to and retention in care for persons newly and previously diagnosed with HIV, based on features of a structured quality improvement process. The

Test-Link-Care network model will consist of 3 core components:

- A community based HIV testing site;
- A HIV primary care provider;
- A Linkage Case Manager assigned to work directly with clients in need of HIV care services.

Additional components also serve as critical aspects of the network as they are available

- Health department representation;
- Client/consumer representation to include the perspective of an individual living with HIV; and
- Other organizations that offer support services (such as housing, foodbanks, mental health, employment, etc.)

PARTNERSHIP

- Partnering of such organizations will be based in the geographic service area of need with the intent to increase access of target populations to HIV care and support services.

- The TLC network encourages participation of organizations from and collaboration with traditional as well as non-tradition HIV service providers.
- Partnering organizations will participate in collaborative meetings coordinated by their district Test-Link-Care coordinator.
- Network meetings will bring together partnering organizations to use plan-do-study-act cycles to implement quality management strategies and develop improvements that can be applied at a system level for identification, linkage, and retention of clients in need of HIV care.

For more information, please contact the Linkage Coordinator at your local health department.