

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.*

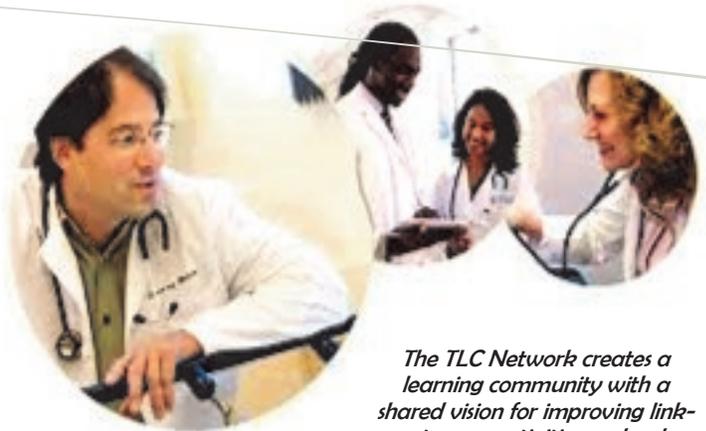
STRUCTURE

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;*
- ◆ *An HIV primary care provider;*
- ◆ *An Anti-Retroviral Treatment and Access to Services (ARTAS) linkage case manager (ACLM), 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.)*



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

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 assigned Test-Link-Care coordinator (usually the ACLM).
- ◆ 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 ARTAS linkage coordinator at your local health department.