



Georgia Department of Public Health

Metro Atlanta Testing & Linkage Consortium (MATLC)

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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.

MATLC Objectives

MATLC strives to:

- 1) Develop strategies to hold complimentary services and events to reach target populations, and identify potential venues in areas of high prevalence using geospatial maps and aggregate data;
- 2) provide updates on testing and linkage to care activities, share program successes, evaluate challenges, and identify opportunities for collaboration;
- 3) create strategies to focus existing HIV/STD resources on underserved, predominantly minority populations in high-prevalence census tracts, thus avoiding duplication of efforts.

Successfully Transitioning Newly Released HIV Positive Inmates

Meeting Objectives

During this meeting members will:

- Learn about HIV testing initiatives within Georgia prison and jail systems
- Learn about the linkage to care and access issues for inmates
- Discuss strategies to improve linkage to care for persons that are released from jail/prison

Discussion Questions

- 1) If the full time medical staff of a healthcare entity (such as nurses in a jail) has the capacity to perform HIV testing on their clients/patients, what role should community based organizations play?
- 2) What innovative strategies has your agency/CBO used to transition persons into community HIV medical care after release from a jail or prison? How have you helped transfer medical information?
- 3) What innovative strategies has your agency/CBO adopted to engage low-income African American MSM into HIV care?
- 4) For African American MSM who are not open about their orientation, where would you refer a newly diagnosed person for health care? How close to home, on a bus line or not, in their county or not?
- 5) What strategies does your agency use in order to contact a person whose household is unaware of their positive status?

The Next MATLC Meeting

Theme:

Linkage to Care for Adolescents & Atlanta HIV FOCUS Programs

April 21, 2014

10:00 am-12:00 pm

American Red Cross
1955 Monroe Drive
Atlanta, GA 30324

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For questions or comments, please contact:

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Thank you for attending the meeting today!