How can we Help

Identification, Linkage and Retention in Care of Adolescents with HIV

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Rates of Diagnoses of HIV Infection among Adolescents Aged 13–19 Years, 2011—United States and 6 Dependent Areas

N = 2,316  Total Rate = 7.6

Note. Data include persons with a diagnosis of HIV infection regardless of stage of disease at diagnosis. All displayed data have been statistically adjusted to account for reporting delays, but not for incomplete reporting.
Rates of Diagnoses of HIV Infection among Young Adults Aged 20–24 Years, 2011—United States and 6 Dependent Areas

N = 8,140  Total Rate = 36.3

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Overall: of the 1.1 million Americans living with HIV, only 25% are virally suppressed.
HIV Treatment Cascade in Georgia

Adult and adolescent males living with HIV by current age (years), Georgia 2012

- Diagnosed
- Engaged
- Retained
- Viral suppression

Adult and adolescent females living with HIV by current age (years), Georgia 2012
IDP Family & Youth Clinic

- Population we serve
  - Children, adolescent and young adults: 0-24 years of age
  - Perinatal HIV Exposure or HIV Infected
  - No insurance to Private insurance
  - Regardless of T-Cell count: **BIG DIFFERENCE FROM THE ADULT CLINIC**

- Multidisciplinary approach
  - Physician or Physician Assistant (3 pediatricians with HIV specialization, 2 PAs)
    - Primary Care/Specialized HIV management
  - Psychologist & Psychiatry
  - Social workers (3 medical social workers)
  - Nutrition (1 nutritionist)
  - Clinical Support Staff: Nurse Educator, Team Nurses
Ponce Family and Youth Clinic

Pediatric Clinic Patient Age Distribution

- <2: 160 (29%)
- 2-4: 14 (3%)
- 5-12: 55 (10%)
- 13-16: 48 (9%)
- 16-19: 84 (15%)
- 20-23: 146 (27%)
- >24: 38 (7%)
Antiretroviral Treatment and Access to Services (ARTAS)

- Linkage for newly diagnosed HIV+ individuals
- Linkage for those lost to follow up (out of care >1 year)
- Once patient sees a medical provider, intervention ends
IDP-Pediatric Clinic Outreach effort

- MACARTI Initiative
  - High Risk Population
  - Non-Traditional Testing
  - Multidisciplinary approach
  - Intervention that specifically targets adolescents and young adults: Motivational Interviewing
  - 1 year follow-up to secure retention

- Serve as a bridge between different organizations and the IDP
MACARTI - Community partnerships

- Aids Healthcare Foundation
- AID Atlanta
- LGBTQ Unit of the Atlanta Police Department
- Covenant House Georgia
- Mercy Care Services

Work in progress: DeKalb/Fulton Health Departments, Positive Impact, Georgia State, T-Gates Production
MACARTI Role

- Accompany organizations in testing events
  - Actual testing/Supporting Personnel
  - Starting Linkage process in the venue
  - One to one physician/social worker/nurse interactions in venues

- Coordinating referrals with partner organizations
  - Working with patients from the time of referral until effective enrollment into the clinic (Linkage)

- Follow-up of clients for 1 year to secure retention
  - Motivational Interviewing
  - Home visits if necessary
ARTAS-MACARTI Role
Supporting Each Other
Paperwork needed to enroll at Ponce Family and Youth Clinic

- Proof of Status: Documentation of positive HIV test (result from 2 rapid tests)
- Proof of Income: If no income, Income Verification Summary (Dept. of Labor)
- Proof of Residence: Lease, shelter letter, voter registration card, current utility bill, bank statement
- Current Georgia ID
Procedure and Time to First Medical Appointment

1. Financial Counseling/Education
2. PPD Placement
3. PPD reading/Initial Laboratory tests
4. 1st Medical Appointment - Social Worker, Nutritionist, Psychologist

- Day 1
- Day 3
- Within 1-2 Weeks
Increasing Capacity

- The IDP will hire an outreach social worker in the near future through the ARTAS program who will support outreach efforts linkage and retention.

- Increase retention efforts through specific programs
  - Use of technology: HealthySteps app
  - YAN Group
  - Peer Mentoring Program
  - Intensive social work and case management support