

Fact Sheet:

Metro Atlanta Testing & Linkage Consortium (MATLC)

Background

At present, HIV testing efforts in the metropolitan Atlanta area are fragmented without a systematic mechanism to focus resources and share outcomes. In spite of the many organizations providing HIV testing in metro Atlanta, there is no formal coordination among agencies regarding targeted populations; geographic areas served; or timing of testing events or services, which leads to duplication and gaps in services, as well as inefficient targeting of resources. To address these deficiencies, the Metro Atlanta Testing and Linkage Consortium (MATLC) was created.

Purpose

MATLC strives to coordinate, target, and expand HIV testing to link more individuals to care in high prevalence areas across five-counties in metro Atlanta. The MATLC is composed of entities funded for HIV/STD testing and prevention efforts by the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH) and the Fulton/DeKalb jurisdiction, as well as other groups that provide HIV/STD testing services, including county health departments, academic institutions, federally qualified health centers, and privately funded projects. MATLC leadership is shared by GDPH and Fulton/DeKalb jurisdictions.

Objectives

MATLC meetings are conducted on a quarterly basis to enable providers to work together in order to improve testing, linkage, and retention

efforts. MATLC provides a forum by which members can:

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.

If you would like become a member of MATLC, please fill out the new member registration form on the following webpage:

<http://dph.georgia.gov/CAPUSProject>

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