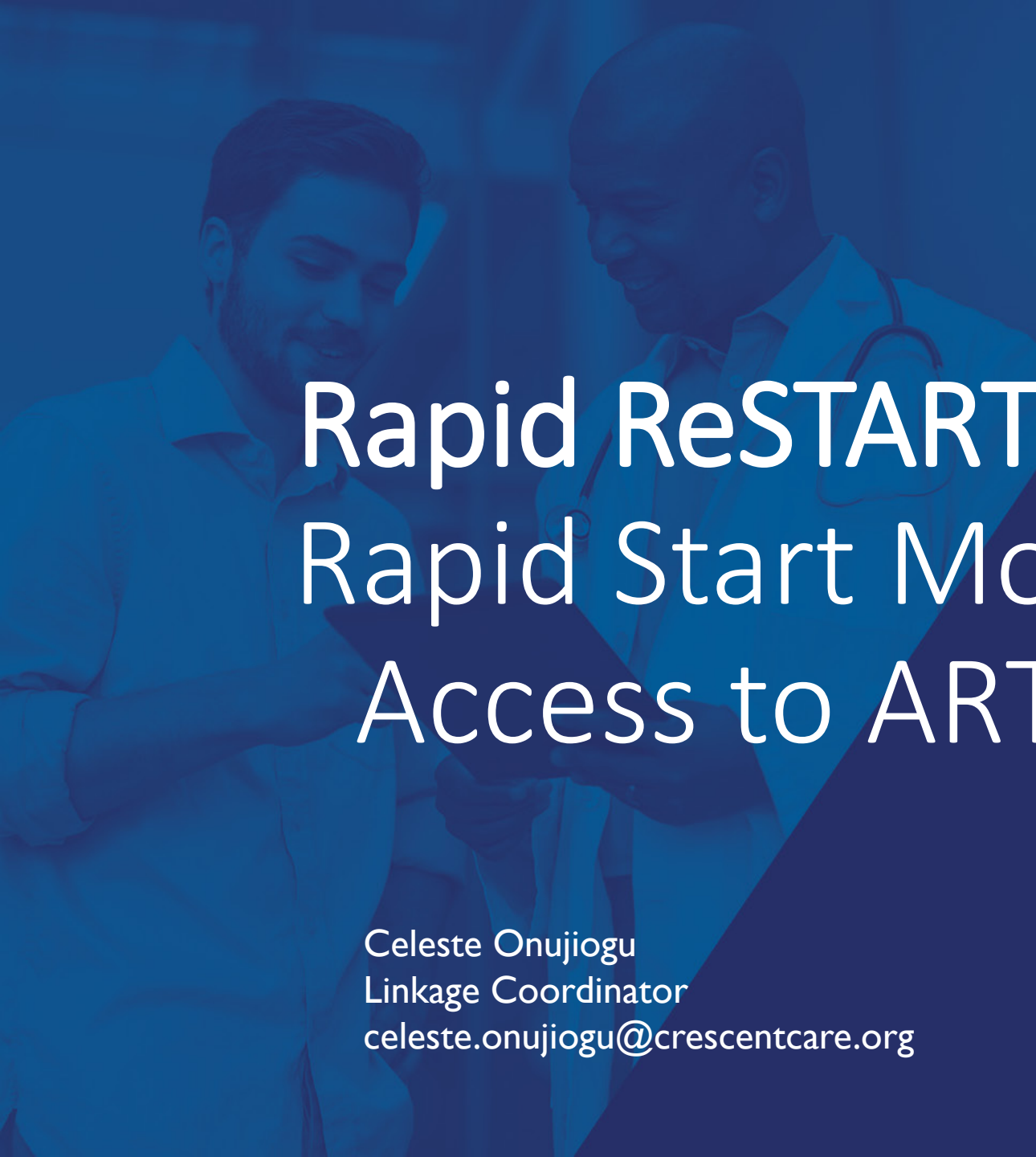

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Rapid ReSTART: Building on a Rapid Start Model to Expand Access to ART in Louisiana

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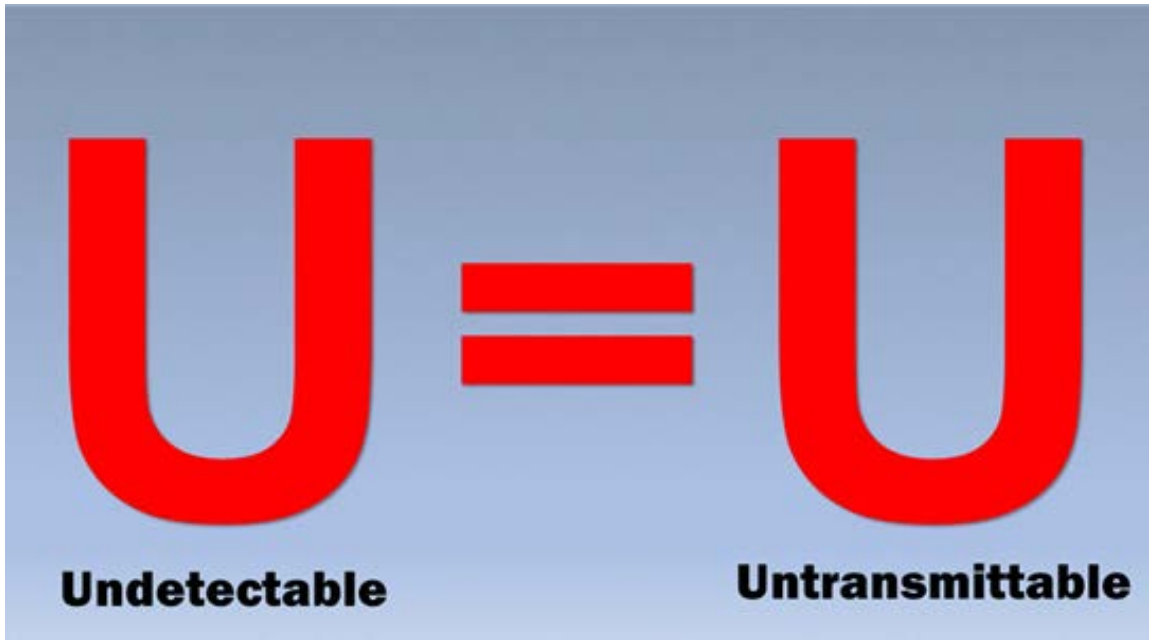

In 2016, the CrescentCare Start Initiative (CCSI) was created with the purpose of providing newly diagnosed HIV+ individuals with access to medical care within 72 hours of diagnosis, and access to antiretroviral treatment (ART) at their first provider visit.

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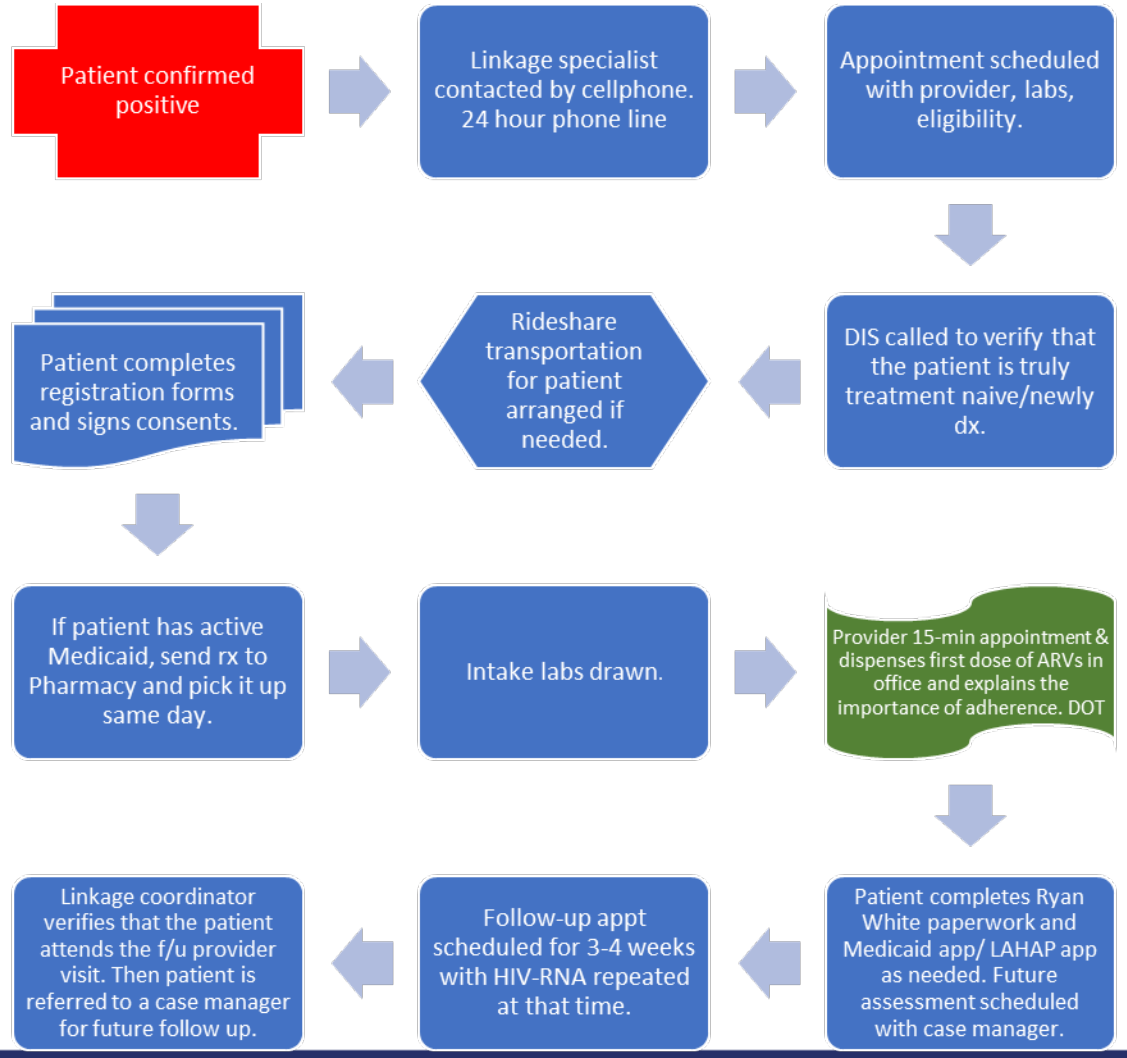


Rapid Start Success

- From December 2016 through December 2018, the CCSI program linked 291 individuals to care.
- 97.3% linkage to care rate
- 95% virally suppressed
- Average of 28 days to viral suppression for all individuals

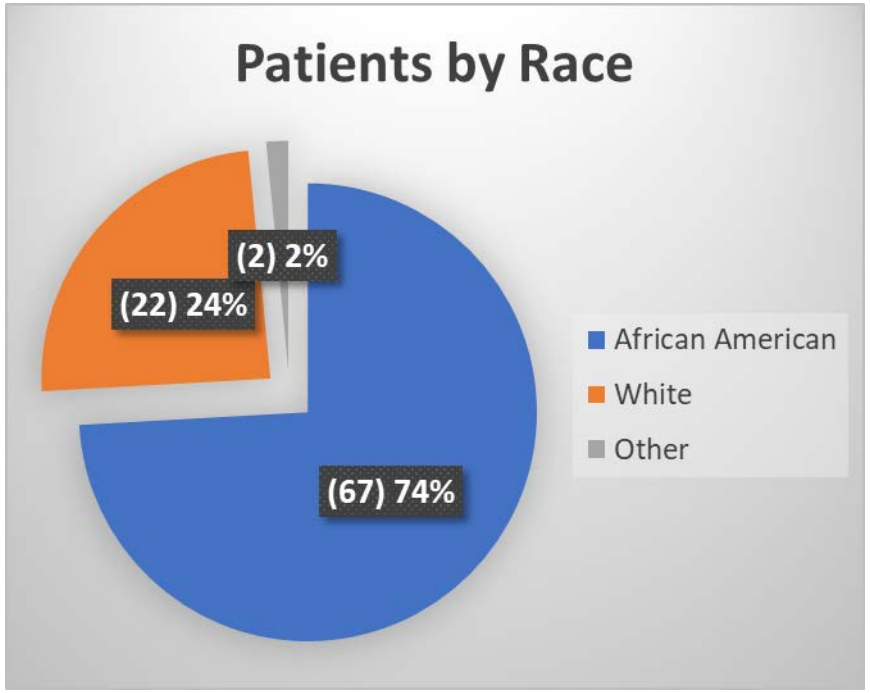
Out of Care Individuals

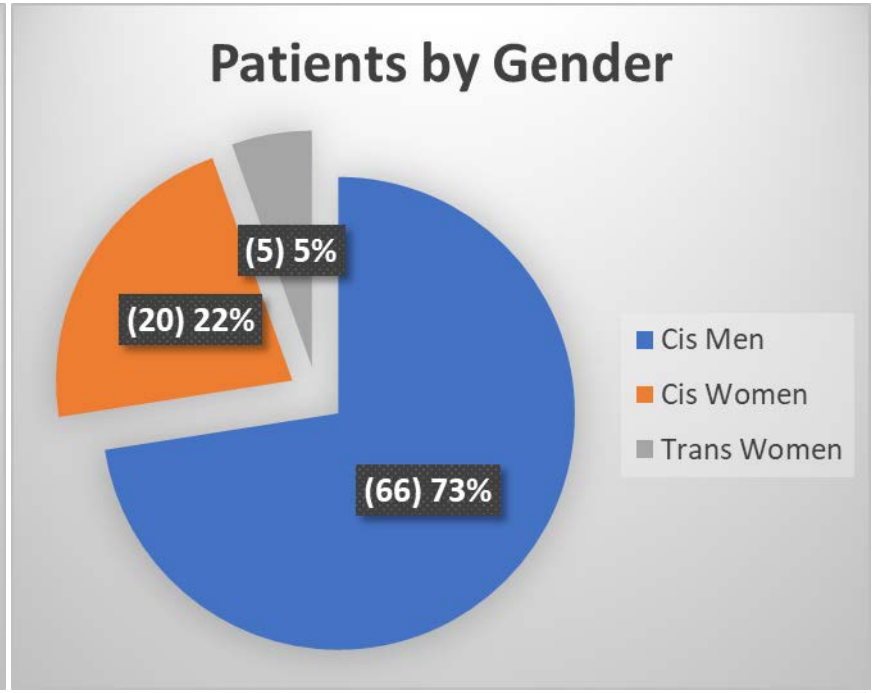
- Linkage coordinators use spreadsheets to track follow up visits, viral loads, and viral suppression; allowing the linkage team to reengage as needed.
- Out of care (OOC) clients within CrescentCare presented a need for expedited access to medications and providers.
- July 2019, the CCSI model was adapted to service OOC individuals and the Rapid ReSTART program was formed.
- Clients were defined as eligible for Rapid ReSTART (RRE) if they had been out of care more than 9 months and out of medication, or out of medication and a new patient to CrescentCare.

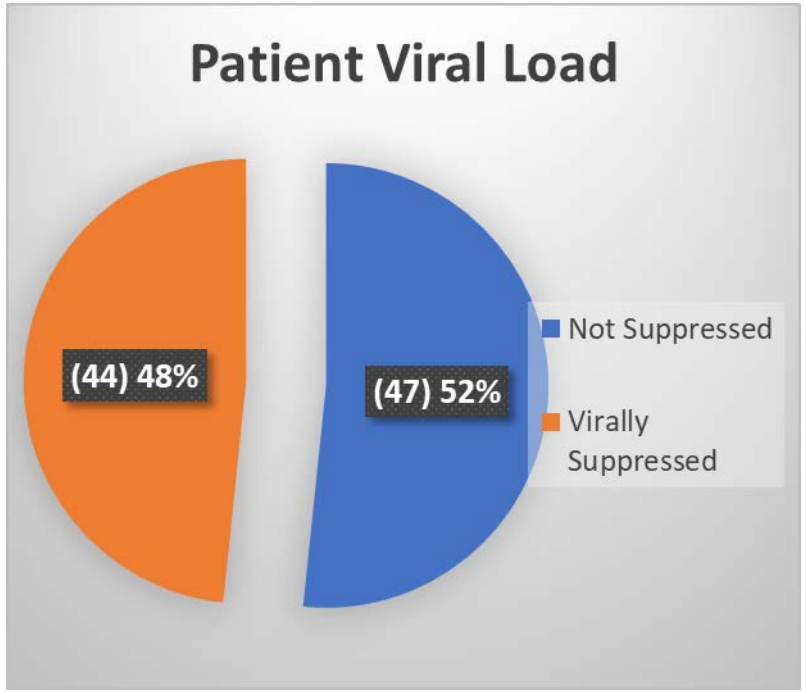
Rapid ReSTART

RRE: The Numbers

Between July 2019-March 2020, the Rapid Re-Entry Program saw **91** people linked back to care.







Barriers

Between July 2019-March 2020, **72** of our **91** patients reported that they experience one or more barriers to care.

Barriers to Care:

- 24% have a history of substance abuse
- 25% experience homelessness or housing instability
- 44% experience mental health issues.

RRE Success Indeed!

Expanding our Rapid Start model to include patients who have fallen out of care provided our linkage team with a unique set of challenges in rather uncharted territory but through departmental teamwork, patient advocacy, and much needed grant funding we have been able to navigate those challenges and reengage numerous clients who would otherwise be lost to the healthcare system.

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