

Improving HIV Health Outcomes through the Coordination of Supportive Employment and Housing Services

DEMONSTRATION SITE PROGRAM NAME

AIDS Foundation of Chicago | Chicago, IL Safe and Sound Return Partnership (SSRP)

	GEOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPE	The urban Chicago metropolitan area, which is concentrated in segregated black and Hispanic communities with high rates of poverty, substance use, unemployment, and crime.
	THE CHALLENGE	There is a lack of available and affordable housing units as well as employment opportunities and trainings, especially for registered sex offenders. Travel and client readiness are barriers to care, case management and other social services.
	FOCUS POPULATION	People living with HIV (PLWH) recently released from Chicago's Cook County Jail and the Illinois Department of Corrections who are reentering Chicago's South and Westside neighborhoods and may encounter difficulties accessing community HIV treatment and care services.
Ø ₀	THE MODEL	SSRP is a three-pronged intervention that works at the client, provider, and system levels to rapidly connect PLWH recently released from Cook County Jail and Illinois state prisons to medical, housing, and employment services using a Peer Community Reengagement Specialist model.
¢	PARTNERS	Partners include Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center, Austin Community Health Center, Christian Community Health Center, the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago, HIV Housing Taskforce and the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership. We also partner with 30 community agencies that provide healthcare, mental health, substance use, legal and supportive services.
Ø	IMPACTS	 Impact 1: Connect PLWH to healthcare, employment and housing Impact 2: Build capacity through training and education to improve the provider system Impact 3: Convene a multi-sector coalition to create structural interventions that will address the reentry population's barriers to care
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