



STRENGTHENING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT LINKAGES
PLUS: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF LINKAGES!

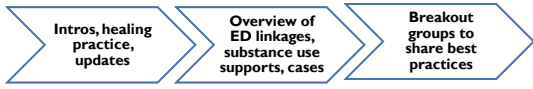
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Plan for our workshop

Intentions:

1. Share best practices in ED linkages and supporting people with active substance use.
2. Determine how we will strengthen ED and substance use linkages.




HIV STIGMA HEALTH DISPARITIES HIV TRANSMISSIONS
ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY & HEALING





EAST BAY HIV STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2021-2025)
 OUR MISSION IS ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY AND HEALING THROUGH:

- COMMUNITY MESSAGING
- IMPROVING COLLABORATIONS
- INNOVATIVE MODELS
- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
- HOUSING INITIATIVES

DOWNLOAD THE STRATEGIC PLAN: EBGTZ.ORG/STRATEGY


New and improved! SERVICE DIRECTORY!

IMPROVEMENTS MADE AS A RESULT OF THE APRIL WORKSHOP:
 * NEW GOOGLEMAPS AND DIRECTIONS * SIMPLIFIED SEARCH RESULTS * PRINT OPTIONS * LIVE LINKS * PHOTO OPTION



MAKE SURE YOUR LISTING IS UP-TO-DATE: EBGTZ.ORG/SERVICES
EMAIL JESSICA.PRICE@UCSF.EDU WITH CORRECTIONS AND/OR PHOTOS

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF LINKAGES!



- 2011-12:** First linkage meeting and data analysis
- 2013:** First network meeting; contact list, warm hand-offs
- 2014-16:** Universal testing and PrEP launched
- 2017:** EBGTZ, Rapid linkages and Rapid ART launched
- 2018-19:** Trainings on racial bias, sex positivity, MI, trauma

IMPROVEMENTS IN LINKAGES 2012 TO 2017:

- Alameda County 90-day linkages: 70% → **79% (+9%)**
- Contra Costa 90-day linkages: 82% → **92% (+10%)**

IMPROVEMENTS IN LINKAGES 2017 TO 2021:

- Community Health Center 30-day linkages: 93% → **94%**
- Highland Hospital ED 30-day linkages: 51% → **59%**

DISPARITIES IN HIGHLAND ED LINKAGES

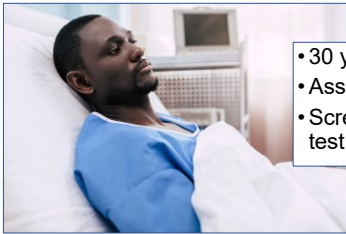
25 people not linked from the Highland ED, Jan-Sept 2020:

- 86% substance use disorder (SUD)
- 56% phoneless; 44% phoneless + SUD
- 24% mental health diagnosis
- 12% houseless

Alameda Health Systems Emergency Department (ED) HIV linkages

Case Example: A Successful Linkage

CASE PRESENTATION



- 30 y MSM
- Assault by partner
- Screening HIV Ag/Ab test “reactive”

COLLABORATION

- ED
 - Result disclosure
 - Consult w / ED HIV Linkage
 - ART prescription
 - Social services consult safe housing (declined)
 - Same day drop-in AIC

COLLABORATION

- AIC
 - Pt no shows to appointment
 - ART from pharmacy
 - AIC unsuccessful attempts contact (no phone)
 - Letter sent to address on file
 - Impression likely "LTFU"

COLLABORATION

- Same Day Clinic
 - 7d later presents Urgent Care for anxiety
- Pharmacist
 - Recognizes patient!
 - Direct hand-off to AIC

OUTCOME

- Rapid nurse intake AIC
- Successful engagement with clinic
- Completes detox program → sober living environment
- Employed
- Undetectable VL since 11/2020

Case Example: An Unsuccessful Linkage

CASE PRESENTATION

- 35 y male
- Agitated after meth use
- Screening HIV Ag/Ab test "reactive"



COLLABORATION

- ED
 - Result disclosure
 - ED HIV Linkage notified
 - Rapid ART start
- AIC
 - In-person ED counseling session
 - Appointment scheduling
- Substance Use Disorder
 - Counseling session

OUTCOME

- Clinic no show
- Alameda County Public Health Department notified
 - Contact with SF County jail
 - SFDPH referral

BREAKOUT GROUPS: ED LINKAGE STRATEGIES AND BEST PRACTICES

1. Introductions
2. Any ED linkage cases you'd like to share? (without identifiers)
3. How would you support this person with disclosure and linkage?
4. What if they don't pick up the phone? Don't show up?
5. What if they have active substance use or serious mental health condition that makes it hard for them to get to an appointment?
6. How do my biases get in the way?



SHARING BEST PRACTICES & NEXT STEPS:

- Try out these highlighted strategies:

- Resources:
- Direct line to the [Highland/AHS ED HIV team](#): 510-437-8368
- Direct line to the [Bridge Substance Use Navigator team](#): 510-545-2765
- [Housing linkages workshop](#): October 28 (Thursday), 11 am



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HIV
Epidemic

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETINGS!

- ★ Fri, September 24, 11 am: [PrEP and Prevention meeting](#)
- ★ Thurs, October 28, 11 am: [Housing linkages workshop](#)
- ★ Fri, December 3, 12 pm: [World AIDS Day commemoration](#)
- ★ Find updates online: [EBGTZ.org](#)
- ★ Join our email lists or working groups:
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