



## A partnership for access to HIV treatment, mental health/substance use treatment, and housing in Jacksonville, Florida

### The Partnership for Access to Treatment and Housing (PATH Home) University of Florida Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education and Service (UF CARES), Jacksonville, Florida

#### GEOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPE

In 2010, Jacksonville had more than 4,000 individuals who were experiencing homelessness, an almost 20% increase over the 2008 point-in-time count<sup>1</sup>

#### THE CHALLENGE

- People living with HIV who are experiencing homelessness present complex demands on the HIV care continuum.
- Stigma in accessing services, lack of knowledge of available services, mental health and substance use comorbidities all interfere with HIV care treatment adherence.

#### FOCUS POPULATION

People who are unstably housed or experiencing homelessness and living with HIV/AIDS, located in Jacksonville, Florida

#### THE MODEL

- UF CARES staff provided HIV primary care twice a month at a clinic held at River Region Human Services, an agency that provides housing, substance use treatment services, and mental health care.
- Peer navigators served as an extension of case management services, providing intensive case management and linking clients to the services at both River Region and the clinical care provided by UF CARES.

#### PARTNERS and LINKAGES

- **River Region Human Services, Inc.** – housing, substance use treatment, mental health care
- **Ability Housing** – Housing services
- **Gateway Community Services** – Substance use treatment

#### IMPACTS

**167** clients served

Strengthened partnerships with River Region Human Services and Gateway Community Services.

Learn more: <http://cahpp.org/project/medheart>

<sup>1</sup><https://www.unf.edu/uploadedFiles/aa/coas/cci/projects/2010%20Homeless%20Report.pdf>

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