

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

DEMONSTRATION SITE

Family Health Centers of San Diego
(FHCS) | San Diego, California

PROGRAM NAME

SPNS Coordinated Services Intervention (CSI)



GEOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPE

San Diego is a large urban area with rural outlying communities. The densely populated Central Region is the nexus of the CSI service area. Racial/ethnic minorities make up more than 70% of the population of this area.



THE CHALLENGE

Housing is the most prevalent need among racial/ethnic minority persons living with HIV (PLWH) in San Diego County.¹ Lack of available housing, poverty and the related lack of employment have interfered with our patient's ability to follow their HIV treatment plan and maintain HIV medical care.



FOCUS POPULATION

- Racial and ethnic minority PLWH in San Diego (age 18+)
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Not fully engaged in HIV medical care
- Homeless or unstably housed



THE MODEL

The innovative approach in this project will improve long-term outcomes of racial/minority PLWH through an active coordination of health care with both housing and employment services, which has not been provided in a coordinated way in the past. Specifically, these service providers will be at the table together in regular meetings and operate through formal agreements.



PARTNERS

- **Townpeople** – Housing provider (HOPWA)
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness** – Financial services
- **San Diego Workforce Partnership** – Employment services
- **Institute for Public Health, SDSU** – Local evaluation



IMPACTS

- **Impact 1** – Improve HIV retention in medical care and viral suppression
- **Impact 2** – Increase the % of PLWH receiving housing service; house 150 persons
- **Impact 3** – Increase the % of PLWH receiving employment services; help 30 Individuals enter or re-enter workforce (and retain employment)
- **Impact 4** – Sustain and integrate the CSI program into standard practice

1. San Diego County. (2014). *2014 HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment Survey of People Living with HIV/AIDS Report* Retrieved from <http://www.sdplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Total-Sample-Report-Care-and-Treatment-2014.pdf>